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Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): May 2024

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Remains at 4.1%

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.1% in May, unchanged from its revised rate of 4.1% in April. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in May was 4.2%, matching its revised April rate of 4.2%.

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in May were slightly less than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 900 jobs, when an employment increase of 1,000 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was down 100 between April and May. With May's losses, employment is up 6.9% or 12,000 jobs above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Overall, the private sector added 700 jobs in May. The largest private-sector job gains in May were reported in leisure and hospitality (+300 jobs, +1.9%); and health care and social assistance (+300 jobs, +1.0%).

The public sector added 200 jobs in May. Local government was up 200 jobs in May. State government employment was down 100 and federal government employment was up 100 in May.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, July 23 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, July 17.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024	May 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	217,761	217,108	211,070	653	6,691
Unemployed	8,012	7,690	6,844	322	1,168
Unemployment rate	3.7%	3.5%	3.2%	0.2	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.1%	3.5%	0.0	0.6
Employed	209,749	209,418	204,226	331	5,523
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	186,900	186,000	182,900	900	4,000
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	186,600	186,700	181,600	-100	5,000
Total private	140,900	140,200	138,000	700	2,900
Mining, logging, and construction	13,900	13,800	14,100	100	-200
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	13,300	13,200	13,500	100	-200
Manufacturing	11,500	11,400	11,900	100	-400
Durable goods	5,900	5,900	6,100	0	-200
Nondurable goods	5,600	5,500	5,800	100	-200
Food manufacturing	3,600	3,500	3,500	100	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,900	29,800	30,000	100	-100
Wholesale trade	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Retail trade	18,700	18,600	18,900	100	-200
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	7,100	7,100	6,900	0	200
Information	1,800	1,800	1,700	0	100
Financial activities	6,400	6,400	6,600	0	-200
Professional and business services	19,800	19,900	17,900	-100	1,900
Administrative and support services	10,800	10,800	9,700	0	1,100
Private education and health services	36,000	35,800	33,900	200	2,100
Health care and social assistance	31,500	31,200	29,800	300	1,700
Leisure and hospitality	16,100	15,800	16,200	300	-100
Accommodation and food services	14,400	14,100	14,300	300	100
Other services	5,500	5,500	5,700	0	-200
Government	46,000	45,800	44,900	200	1,100
Federal government	1,600	1,500	1,500	100	100
State government	23,100	23,200	22,300	-100	800
State education	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0
Local government	21,300	21,100	21,100	200	200
Indian tribal	1,700	1,600	1,500	100	200
Local education	12,400	12,300	12,500	100	-100

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence.

Employed includes payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants.

Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Official Oregon Series. Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics.

The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly payroll employment and labor force data for Oregon's metropolitan areas and counties. The estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other sources.

The Oregon Employment Department payroll employment estimates are revised quarterly using information from unemployment insurance tax records. All department publications use data from this *official Oregon series* unless noted.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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