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

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Remains at 4.0%

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.0% in July, unchanged from its revised rate of 4.0% in June. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in July was 4.1%, unchanged from its revised June rate of 4.1%.

Employment losses in the Salem MSA in July were more than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 4,500 jobs, when an employment decrease of 4,400 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was down 100 between June and July. With July's losses, employment is up 5.2% or 9,100 jobs above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Overall, the private sector added 200 jobs in July. The largest private-sector job gains in July were reported in private education and health services (+600 jobs, +1.8%); and manufacturing (+500 jobs, +4.2%).

The public sector shed 4,700 jobs in July. Local government education was down 4,600 jobs in July. Federal government employment was down 100 and state government employment was unchanged in July.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, September 24 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, September 18.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	June 2024	July 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	218,817	218,000	213,856	817	4,961
Unemployed	9,641	8,469	8,191	1,172	1,450
Unemployment rate	4.4%	3.9%	3.8%	0.5	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.0%	3.6%	0.0	0.4
Employed	209,176	209,531	205,665	-355	3,511
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	181,100	185,600	179,200	-4,500	1,900
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	183,700	183,800	181,000	-100	2,700
Total private	139,500	139,300	138,000	200	1,500
Mining, logging, and construction	14,800	14,400	14,700	400	100
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	14,200	13,800	14,100	400	100
Manufacturing	12,400	11,900	12,900	500	-500
Durable goods	6,300	6,200	6,200	100	100
Nondurable goods	6,100	5,700	6,700	400	-600
Food manufacturing	4,000	3,700	4,400	300	-400
Trade, transportation, and utilities	30,000	30,100	30,000	-100	0
Wholesale trade	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0
Retail trade	18,600	18,700	18,900	-100	-300
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	7,200	7,200	6,900	0	300
Information	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	-100
Financial activities	6,200	6,200	6,700	0	-500
Professional and business services	17,100	18,500	16,600	-1,400	500
Administrative and support services	9,800	9,900	8,100	-100	1,700
Private education and health services	34,700	34,100	32,800	600	1,900
Health care and social assistance	32,700	32,100	29,900	600	2,800
Leisure and hospitality	16,800	16,700	16,800	100	0
Accommodation and food services	15,000	14,900	14,700	100	300
Other services	5,800	5,700	5,700	100	100
Government	41,600	46,300	41,200	-4,700	400
Federal government	1,500	1,600	1,500	-100	0
State government	23,400	23,400	22,600	0	800
State education	1,400	1,400	1,300	0	100
Local government	16,700	21,300	17,100	-4,600	-400
Indian tribal	1,800	1,800	1,700	0	100
Local education	7,800	12,400	8,500	-4,600	-700

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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