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

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Increases to 4.0%

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.0% in September, up slightly from its revised rate of 3.9% in August. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in September was 4.0%, unchanged from its revised August rate of 4.0%.

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in September were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 3,400 jobs, when an employment increase of 1,800 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was up 1,600 between August and September. With September's gains, employment is up 6.5% or 11,300 jobs above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Overall, the private sector added 900 jobs in September. The largest private-sector job gains in September were reported in private education and health services (+1,300 jobs, +3.7%); and professional and business services (+200 jobs, +1.1%).

The public sector added 2,500 jobs in September. Local government education was up 2,300 jobs in September with the beginning of the school year. Federal government employment was unchanged and state government gained 200 jobs in September.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Nov. 19 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Thursday, Nov. 14.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	September 2024	August 2024	September 2023	August 2024	September 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	220,761	220,344	215,804	417	4,957
Unemployed	8,427	9,016	7,521	-589	906
Unemployment rate	3.8%	4.1%	3.5%	-0.3	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	3.9%	3.8%	0.1	0.2
Employed	212,334	211,328	208,283	1,006	4,051
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	186,300	182,900	183,100	3,400	3,200
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	185,900	184,300	182,300	1,600	3,600
Total private	141,200	140,300	138,800	900	2,400
Mining, logging, and construction	14,500	14,900	14,700	-400	-200
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	13,900	14,300	14,100	-400	-200
Manufacturing	12,200	12,300	12,400	-100	-200
Durable goods	6,200	6,300	6,100	-100	100
Nondurable goods	6,000	6,000	6,300	0	-300
Food manufacturing	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	30,000	30,200	29,800	-200	200
Wholesale trade	4,300	4,300	4,100	0	200
Retail trade	18,500	18,700	18,800	-200	-300
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	7,200	7,200	6,900	0	300
Information	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	-100
Financial activities	6,100	6,100	6,500	0	-400
Professional and business services	18,000	17,800	17,100	200	900
Administrative and support services	9,700	9,600	8,600	100	1,100
Private education and health services	36,600	35,300	34,200	1,300	2,400
Health care and social assistance	33,600	33,200	30,200	400	3,400
Leisure and hospitality	16,300	16,300	16,600	0	-300
Accommodation and food services	14,900	14,800	14,700	100	200
Other services	5,800	5,700	5,700	100	100
Government	45,100	42,600	44,300	2,500	800
Federal government	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	100
State government	23,700	23,500	22,600	200	1,100
State education	1,400	1,400	1,300	0	100
Local government	19,800	17,500	20,200	2,300	-400
Indian tribal	1,800	1,800	1,600	0	200
Local education	10,900	8,600	11,400	2,300	-500

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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