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

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Edges up to 4.1%

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.1% in November, edging up from its revised rate of 4.0% in October. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in November was 4.1%, up from its revised October rate of 4.0%.

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in November were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 300 jobs, when an employment increase of 100 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was up 200 between October and November. With November's gains, employment is up 7.5% or 13,100 jobs above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Overall, private sector employment was unchanged in November. The largest private-sector job gains in November were reported in private education and health services (+500 jobs, +1.3%); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+500 jobs, +1.7%).

The public sector added 300 jobs in November. Local government was up 300 jobs in November. Federal government and state government employment were both unchanged in November.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Jan. 28 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Thursday, Jan. 23.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	November 2024	October 2024	November 2023	October 2024	November 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	218,812	220,264	214,979	-1,452	3,833
Unemployed	8,201	8,461	7,741	-260	460
Unemployment rate	3.7%	3.8%	3.6%	-0.1	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.0%	3.9%	0.1	0.2
Employed	210,611	211,803	207,238	-1,192	3,373
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	189,300	189,000	184,400	300	4,900
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	187,700	187,500	183,000	200	4,700
Total private	143,100	143,100	139,300	0	3,800
Mining, logging, and construction	14,100	14,200	14,000	-100	100
Mining and logging	700	700	600	0	100
Construction	13,400	13,500	13,400	-100	0
Manufacturing	11,900	12,300	11,700	-400	200
Durable goods	6,100	6,200	6,000	-100	100
Nondurable goods	5,800	6,100	5,700	-300	100
Food manufacturing	3,800	4,000	3,700	-200	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	30,700	30,200	30,800	500	-100
Wholesale trade	4,300	4,300	4,100	0	200
Retail trade	19,100	18,700	19,400	400	-300
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	7,300	7,200	7,300	100	0
Information	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	-100
Financial activities	6,300	6,400	6,400	-100	-100
Professional and business services	18,800	18,900	18,100	-100	700
Administrative and support services	9,700	9,800	9,600	-100	100
Private education and health services	38,100	37,600	34,800	500	3,300
Health care and social assistance	33,800	33,400	30,700	400	3,100
Leisure and hospitality	15,600	15,900	15,900	-300	-300
Accommodation and food services	14,100	14,400	14,400	-300	-300
Other services	5,900	5,900	5,800	0	100
Government	46,200	45,900	45,100	300	1,100
Federal government	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	100
State government	23,700	23,700	22,800	0	900
State education	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	-100
Local government	20,900	20,600	20,800	300	100
Indian tribal	1,700	1,700	1,600	0	100
Local education	12,000	11,800	12,300	200	-300

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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