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## **Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): March 2022**

### **Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Drops to 3.8%**

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.8% in March, down from its revised rate of 4.0% in February. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in March was also 3.8%, down from its revised February rate of 4.0%.

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in March were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 1,900 jobs, when an employment increase of 1,100 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 800 between February and March. With March's gains, employment is -0.3% or 500 jobs below the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Private-sector job losses in March were seen in professional and business services (-300 jobs, -1.9%) and information (-100, -6.7%).

Education and health services employment grew 1,000 or 3.3% in March. Leisure and hospitality employment grew 300 or 1.9%. Construction and retail trade each added 200 jobs in March.

State government added 100 jobs in March. Local government employment added 300. Federal government employment was unchanged in March.

### **Next Press Releases**

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



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## Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2022	February 2022	March 2021	February 2022	March 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	212,683	209,752	208,316	2,931	4,367
Unemployed	8,386	8,093	12,845	293	-4,459
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.9%	6.2%	0.0	-2.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.8%	4.0%	5.8%	-0.2	-2.0
Employed	204,297	201,659	195,471	2,638	8,826
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	173,600	171,700	168,000	1,900	5,600
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>174,600</i>	<i>173,800</i>	<i>169,100</i>	<i>800</i>	<i>5,500</i>
Total private	131,500	130,000	126,800	1,500	4,700
Mining, logging, and construction	13,500	13,300	12,800	200	700
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	12,900	12,700	12,200	200	700
Manufacturing	11,700	11,700	11,900	0	-200
Durable goods	5,900	5,900	6,000	0	-100
Nondurable goods	5,800	5,800	5,900	0	-100
Food manufacturing	3,500	3,400	3,600	100	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	30,200	30,000	30,000	200	200
Wholesale trade	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Retail trade	19,000	18,800	18,700	200	300
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	7,200	7,200	7,300	0	-100
Information	1,400	1,500	1,400	-100	0
Financial activities	7,000	6,900	6,800	100	200
Professional and business services	15,600	15,900	15,400	-300	200
Administrative and support services	7,900	8,100	8,100	-200	-200
Education and health services	31,000	30,000	30,500	1,000	500
Health care and social assistance	27,000	26,200	27,000	800	0
Leisure and hospitality	15,700	15,400	12,800	300	2,900
Accommodation and food services	14,100	13,800	11,600	300	2,500
Other services	5,400	5,300	5,200	100	200
Government	42,100	41,700	41,200	400	900
Federal government	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	-100
State government	20,700	20,600	20,700	100	0
State education	900	900	900	0	0
Local government	20,000	19,700	19,000	300	1,000
Indian tribal	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Local education	12,100	11,800	10,800	300	1,300

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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