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Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): June 2022

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Declines to 3.5%

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.5% in June, down from its revised rate of 3.6% in May. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in June was 3.6%, up from its revised May rate of 3.5%.

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in June were smaller than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 400 jobs, when an employment increase of 500 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment decreased 100 between May and June. With June's losses, employment is down 1.0% or 1,800 jobs from the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

The largest private-sector job losses in June were reported in private education and health services (-300 jobs, -1.0%) and professional and business services (-300 jobs, -1.8%).

Construction employment gained 600 jobs or 4.5% in June. Manufacturing employment increased 400 in June, up 3.4%.

State government added 100 jobs in June. Local government and federal government employment were both unchanged.

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



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2022	May 2022	June 2021	May 2022	June 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	212,855	212,526	210,508	329	2,347
Unemployed	8,093	6,484	11,980	1,609	-3,887
Unemployment rate	3.8%	3.1%	5.7%	0.7	-1.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.5%	3.6%	5.2%	-0.1	-1.7
Employed	204,762	206,042	198,528	-1,280	6,234
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	174,500	174,100	171,000	400	3,500
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>173,300</i>	<i>173,400</i>	<i>169,300</i>	<i>-100</i>	<i>4,000</i>
Total private	131,800	131,500	129,100	300	2,700
Mining, logging, and construction	14,400	13,800	13,100	600	1,300
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	13,800	13,200	12,500	600	1,300
Manufacturing	12,300	11,900	12,200	400	100
Durable goods	6,000	6,100	6,000	-100	0
Nondurable goods	6,300	5,800	6,200	500	100
Food manufacturing	3,800	3,400	3,900	400	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,900	29,900	30,200	0	-300
Wholesale trade	4,100	4,200	3,900	-100	200
Retail trade	18,900	18,800	19,200	100	-300
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	6,900	6,900	7,100	0	-200
Information	1,500	1,500	1,600	0	-100
Financial activities	7,000	7,100	6,800	-100	200
Professional and business services	16,200	16,500	15,700	-300	500
Administrative and support services	9,200	9,200	8,400	0	800
Education and health services	30,500	30,800	29,800	-300	700
Health care and social assistance	27,500	27,400	27,100	100	400
Leisure and hospitality	14,500	14,600	14,400	-100	100
Accommodation and food services	13,100	13,300	12,800	-200	300
Other services	5,500	5,400	5,300	100	200
Government	42,700	42,600	41,900	100	800
Federal government	1,500	1,500	1,600	0	-100
State government	21,200	21,100	21,000	100	200
State education	1,000	1,000	900	0	100
Local government	20,000	20,000	19,300	0	700
Indian tribal	1,400	1,500	1,500	-100	-100
Local education	11,900	12,000	11,000	-100	900

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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