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Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): April 2018

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Remains at 4.1 Percent

The Salem metropolitan statistical area's (MSA) unemployment rate was 4.1 percent in April, unchanged from its revised March rate of 4.1 percent. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate was 4.1 percent in April, matching its revised rate in March of 4.1 percent.

Salem's April employment gains were slightly larger than normal. Salem added an estimated 1,100 jobs in April when an increase of roughly 900 would be expected, meaning seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased 200. Salem's employment was 13,600, or 8.8 percent, above its pre-recession employment peak, which occurred in February 2008.

Employment in the Salem MSA grew 3,600 over the past year, a 2.2 percent increase. Salem's growth outpaced the state and the nation. Oregon's employment grew 1.5 percent over the past year. Nationally, employment was up 1.6 percent over the past 12 months. Salem's private sector added 6,300 jobs over the past year, growing 5.3 percent. The public sector shed 2,700 jobs, declining 6.1 percent.

Much of the drop in public sector jobs is caused by the reclassification of approximately 1,700 home care workers from state government to private-sector health care and social assistance. The reclassification affects private sector and government monthly change figures for January 2018 and will affect over-the-year change figures through December 2018. It does not affect total payroll employment levels.

The fastest-growing major private-sector industries over the past year included: construction (+1,300 jobs, or 13.4%); and trade, transportation and warehousing (+1,600 jobs, or 5.8%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 19 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 12.

**Current Labor Force and Industry Employment
Salem MSA LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
(by place of residence)**

	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017	-Change from-	
				Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017
Civilian Labor Force	198,797	200,271	199,496	-1,474	-699
Unemployment	7,983	8,966	7,917	-983	66
Percent of Labor Force	4.0%	4.5%	4.0%	XX	XX
Total Employment	190,814	191,305	191,579	-491	-765
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	XX	XX

**Salem MSA NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT
(by place of work)**

	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017	-Change from-	
				Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	167,600	166,500	164,000	1,100	3,600
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	167,500	167,300	163,700	200	3,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	126,000	124,800	119,700	1,200	6,300
Mining and Logging	600	500	600	100	0
Construction	11,000	10,500	9,700	500	1,300
Manufacturing Total	13,000	12,800	12,800	200	200
Durable Goods	6,500	6,400	6,400	100	100
Nondurable Goods	6,500	6,400	6,400	100	100
Food Products Manufacturing	4,700	4,500	4,400	200	300
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	29,100	29,000	27,500	100	1,600
Wholesale Trade	4,200	4,100	4,100	100	100
Retail Trade	19,700	19,700	18,600	0	1,100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	5,200	5,200	4,800	0	400
Information	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0
Financial Activities	7,200	7,100	7,000	100	200
Professional and Business Services	14,600	14,400	14,200	200	400
Administrative and Support Services	7,300	7,200	7,200	100	100
Education and Health Services	28,000	28,300	26,300	-300	1,700
Health Care and Social Assistance	25,100	25,300	22,700	-200	2,400
Leisure and Hospitality	15,800	15,500	15,000	300	800
Accommodation and Food Services	13,900	13,700	13,200	200	700
Other Services	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	100
Government	41,600	41,700	44,300	-100	-2,700
Federal Government	1,400	1,400	1,300	0	100
State Government	19,400	19,500	21,600	-100	-2,200
State Government Educational Services	800	800	800	0	0
Local Government	20,800	20,800	21,400	0	-600
Tribal Government	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Local Government Educational Services	12,800	12,800	13,300	0	-500
LABOR-MANAGEMENT DISPUTES	0	0	0	0	0

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.

Labor Force Status: Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm 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: 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. "Natural resources" includes only Logging (NAICS 1133).

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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