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Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): January 2019

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Sits at 4.6 Percent

The Salem metropolitan statistical area's (MSA) unemployment rate was 4.6 percent in January, essentially unchanged from its revised December rate of 4.5 percent. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate was 4.3 percent in January, matching its revised rate in December of 4.3 percent.

Salem's January employment declines were smaller than normal. Salem shed an estimated 2,800 jobs in January when a decrease of roughly 3,000 would be expected, meaning seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased 200. Salem's employment was 15,500, or 10.1 percent, above its pre-recession employment peak, which occurred in April 2008.

Employment in the Salem MSA grew 1,300 over the past year, a 0.8 percent increase. Salem's growth was outpaced by the state and the nation. Oregon's employment grew 1.5 percent over the past year. Nationally, employment was up 1.9 percent over the past 12 months.

Salem's private sector added 1,200 jobs over the past year, growing 1.0 percent. The public sector added 600 jobs, growing 1.5 percent.

The fastest-growing major private-sector industries over the past year included: construction (+800 jobs, or 7.8%) and information (+100 jobs, or 8.3%).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 26 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 19.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	January 2019	December 2018	January 2018	December 2018	January 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	198,948	199,988	197,528	-1,040	1,420
Unemployed	10,160	8,913	9,457	1,247	703
Unemployment rate	5.1%	4.5%	4.8%	0.6	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.5%	3.9%	0.1	0.7
Employed	188,788	191,075	188,071	-2,287	717
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	166,400	169,200	164,600	-2,800	1,800
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>169,400</i>	<i>169,200</i>	<i>168,100</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>1,300</i>
Total private	124,500	127,100	123,300	-2,600	1,200
Mining, logging, and construction	11,600	11,800	10,800	-200	800
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	11,000	11,200	10,200	-200	800
Manufacturing	12,000	12,800	12,400	-800	-400
Durable goods	6,000	6,500	6,300	-500	-300
Nondurable goods	6,000	6,300	6,100	-300	-100
Food manufacturing	4,100	4,300	4,000	-200	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	28,400	29,400	28,200	-1,000	200
Wholesale trade	4,100	4,200	4,100	-100	0
Retail trade	19,000	19,700	19,000	-700	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	5,300	5,500	5,100	-200	200
Information	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	100
Financial activities	7,200	7,200	7,300	0	-100
Professional and business services	14,800	14,900	14,500	-100	300
Administrative and support services	7,600	7,800	7,500	-200	100
Education and health services	28,600	28,800	28,400	-200	200
Health care and social assistance	25,700	25,700	25,000	0	700
Leisure and hospitality	15,200	15,400	15,100	-200	100
Accommodation and food services	13,400	13,600	13,400	-200	0
Other services	5,400	5,500	5,400	-100	0
Government	41,900	42,100	41,300	-200	600
Federal government	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
State government	20,000	19,900	19,200	100	800
State education	800	800	700	0	100
Local government	20,500	20,800	20,700	-300	-200
Indian tribal	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Local education	12,300	12,600	12,600	-300	-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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