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

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Remains at 4.4 Percent

The Salem metropolitan statistical area's (MSA) unemployment rate was 4.4 percent in April, matching its revised March rate of 4.4 percent. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate was 4.3 percent in April, essentially unchanged from its revised rate in March of 4.4 percent.

Salem's April employment gains were smaller than normal. Salem added an estimated 500 jobs in April when an increase of roughly 600 would be expected, meaning seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment decreased 100. Salem's employment was 18,900, or 12.3 percent, above its pre-recession employment peak, which occurred in April 2008.

Employment in the Salem MSA grew 5,000 over the past year, a 3.0 percent increase. Salem outpaced the state and the nation. Oregon's job growth over the past year was 2.5 percent and the U.S. grew 1.8 percent.

Salem's private sector added 4,500 jobs over the past year, growing 3.6 percent. The public sector added 500 jobs, growing 1.2 percent.

The fastest-growing major private-sector industries over the past year included: construction (+1,100 jobs, or 10.2%) and professional and business services (+1,000 jobs, or 6.7%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 25 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 18.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2019	March 2019	April 2018	March 2019	April 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	200,940	201,866	199,027	-926	1,913
Unemployed	8,464	9,662	8,208	-1,198	256
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.8%	4.1%	-0.6	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.4%	4.4%	4.1%	0.0	0.3
Employed	192,476	192,204	190,819	272	1,657
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	173,000	172,500	168,000	500	5,000
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	172,800	172,900	167,700	-100	5,100
Total private	130,300	130,000	125,800	300	4,500
Mining, logging, and construction	12,500	12,100	11,400	400	1,100
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	11,900	11,500	10,800	400	1,100
Manufacturing	12,500	12,400	12,600	100	-100
Durable goods	6,300	6,300	6,400	0	-100
Nondurable goods	6,200	6,100	6,200	100	0
Food manufacturing	4,200	4,100	4,100	100	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,400	29,700	28,200	-300	1,200
Wholesale trade	4,400	4,400	4,200	0	200
Retail trade	18,700	19,000	18,800	-300	-100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	6,300	6,300	5,200	0	1,100
Information	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0
Financial activities	7,400	7,400	7,200	0	200
Professional and business services	16,000	15,900	15,000	100	1,000
Administrative and support services	8,400	8,300	7,900	100	500
Education and health services	29,400	29,800	29,000	-400	400
Health care and social assistance	26,100	26,300	25,400	-200	700
Leisure and hospitality	16,300	15,900	15,600	400	700
Accommodation and food services	14,300	14,000	13,800	300	500
Other services	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0
Government	42,700	42,500	42,200	200	500
Federal government	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
State government	20,200	20,100	19,600	100	600
State education	900	800	800	100	100
Local government	21,100	21,000	21,200	100	-100
Indian tribal	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Local education	12,800	12,800	13,000	0	-200

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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