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

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate at 4.3 Percent

The Salem metropolitan statistical area's (MSA) unemployment rate was 4.3 percent in May, essentially unchanged from its revised April rate of 4.4 percent. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate was 4.2 percent in May, essentially unchanged from its revised rate in April of 4.3 percent.

Salem's May employment gains were larger than normal. Salem added an estimated 1,800 jobs in May when an increase of roughly 900 would be expected, meaning seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased 900. Salem's employment was 20,200, or 13.1 percent, above its pre-recession employment peak, which occurred in February 2008.

Employment in the Salem MSA grew 5,900 over the past year, a 3.5 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 1.6 percent.

Salem's private sector added 5,400 jobs over the past year, growing 4.3 percent. The public sector added 500 jobs, growing 1.2 percent.

The fastest-growing major private-sector industries over the past year included: construction (+1,300 jobs, or 11.7%) and professional and business services (+1,200 jobs, or 7.9%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, July 23 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, July 16.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	May 2019	April 2019	May 2018	April 2019	May 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	201,994	201,314	199,959	680	2,035
Unemployed	7,184	8,414	7,403	-1,230	-219
Unemployment rate	3.6%	4.2%	3.7%	-0.6	-0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.3%	4.4%	4.2%	-0.1	0.1
Employed	194,810	192,900	192,556	1,910	2,254
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	175,200	173,400	169,300	1,800	5,900
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	174,100	173,200	168,100	900	6,000
Total private	132,200	130,800	126,800	1,400	5,400
Mining, logging, and construction	13,000	12,700	11,800	300	1,200
Mining and logging	600	600	700	0	-100
Construction	12,400	12,100	11,100	300	1,300
Manufacturing	12,700	12,400	12,800	300	-100
Durable goods	6,200	6,300	6,400	-100	-200
Nondurable goods	6,500	6,100	6,400	400	100
Food manufacturing	4,300	4,200	4,200	100	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,600	29,700	28,300	-100	1,300
Wholesale trade	4,400	4,400	4,200	0	200
Retail trade	18,900	19,000	18,900	-100	0
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	7,300	0	100
Professional and business services	16,300	16,100	15,100	200	1,200
Administrative and support services	8,600	8,400	8,100	200	500
Education and health services	29,800	29,500	28,800	300	1,000
Health care and social assistance	26,400	26,100	25,500	300	900
Leisure and hospitality	16,600	16,200	15,900	400	700
Accommodation and food services	14,600	14,300	14,000	300	600
Other services	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0
Government	43,000	42,600	42,500	400	500
Federal government	1,500	1,400	1,400	100	100
State government	20,400	20,200	19,700	200	700
State education	900	900	800	0	100
Local government	21,100	21,000	21,400	100	-300
Indian tribal	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Local education	12,700	12,700	13,100	0	-400

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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