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## **Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): June 2019**

### **Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate at 4.2 Percent**

The Salem metropolitan statistical area's (MSA) unemployment rate was 4.2 percent in June, essentially unchanged from its revised May rate of 4.3 percent. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in June was 4.1 percent, essentially unchanged from its revised May rate of 4.2 percent.

Salem's June employment gains were larger than normal. Salem gained an estimated 600 jobs in June when an increase of roughly 500 would be expected, meaning seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased 100. Salem's employment was 19,600, or 12.7 percent, above its pre-recession employment peak, which occurred in February 2008.

Employment in the Salem MSA grew 5,300 over the past year, a 3.1 percent increase. Salem's growth outpaced the state and the nation. Oregon's employment grew 2.4 percent over the past year. Nationally, employment was up 1.5 percent over the past 12 months.

Salem's private sector added 5,200 jobs over the past year, growing 4.1 percent. The public sector added 100 jobs, an increase of 0.2 percent.

The fastest-growing private-sector industries over the past year included: transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+1,100 jobs, or 21.2%); mining and logging (+100 jobs, or 16.7%); and construction (+1,300 jobs, or 11.5%).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, August 20 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, August 13.



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## Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019	June 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	204,146	201,327	203,198	2,819	948
Unemployed	8,645	7,106	8,759	1,539	-114
Unemployment rate	4.2%	3.5%	4.3%	0.7	-0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.2%	4.3%	4.2%	-0.1	0.0
Employed	195,501	194,221	194,439	1,280	1,062
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	174,900	174,300	169,600	600	5,300
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	173,500	173,400	167,600	100	5,900
Total private	132,300	131,600	127,100	700	5,200
Mining, logging, and construction	13,300	13,000	11,900	300	1,400
Mining and logging	700	600	600	100	100
Construction	12,600	12,400	11,300	200	1,300
Manufacturing	13,200	12,600	13,300	600	-100
Durable goods	6,300	6,300	6,500	0	-200
Nondurable goods	6,900	6,300	6,800	600	100
Food manufacturing	4,600	4,300	4,600	300	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,600	29,700	28,200	-100	1,400
Wholesale trade	4,400	4,400	4,200	0	200
Retail trade	18,900	19,000	18,800	-100	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	7,300	0	100
Professional and business services	16,200	16,200	15,200	0	1,000
Administrative and support services	8,700	8,600	8,200	100	500
Education and health services	28,900	29,300	28,100	-400	800
Health care and social assistance	26,200	26,000	25,500	200	700
Leisure and hospitality	16,900	16,600	16,200	300	700
Accommodation and food services	14,700	14,500	14,100	200	600
Other services	5,500	5,500	5,600	0	-100
Government	42,600	42,700	42,500	-100	100
Federal government	1,600	1,500	1,500	100	100
State government	20,000	20,100	19,700	-100	300
State education	900	900	800	0	100
Local government	21,000	21,100	21,300	-100	-300
Indian tribal	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Local education	12,600	12,700	13,000	-100	-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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