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

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate at 4.4 Percent

The Salem metropolitan statistical area's (MSA) unemployment rate was 4.4 percent in October, unchanged from its revised September rate of 4.4 percent. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate was 4.1 percent in October, unchanged from its revised rate in September of 4.1 percent.

Salem's October employment gains were more than normal. Salem added an estimated 1,800 jobs in October when an increase of roughly 1,300 would be expected, meaning seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment added 500 jobs in October. Salem's employment was 16,900, or 11.0 percent, above its pre-recession employment peak, which occurred in February 2008.

Employment in the Salem MSA grew 3,000 over the past year, a 1.8 percent increase. Salem outpaced the nation and the state. Oregon's job growth over the past year was 1.4 percent and the U.S. also grew 1.4 percent.

Salem's private sector added 2,900 jobs over the past year, growing 2.2 percent. The public sector added 100 jobs, growing 0.2 percent.

The fastest-growing major private-sector industries over the past year included: construction (+800 jobs, or 6.8%); education and health services (+1,700 jobs, or 5.8%); and other services (+200 jobs, or 3.6%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, December 24 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, December 17.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2019	September 2019	October 2018	September 2019	October 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	202,273	203,540	203,005	-1,267	-732
Unemployed	7,553	8,426	8,332	-873	-779
Unemployment rate	3.7%	4.1%	4.1%	-0.4	-0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.4%	4.4%	4.5%	0.0	-0.1
Employed	194,720	195,114	194,673	-394	47
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	174,000	172,200	171,000	1,800	3,000
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	170,800	170,300	169,300	500	1,500
Total private	131,900	131,500	129,000	400	2,900
Mining, logging, and construction	13,000	13,100	12,400	-100	600
Mining and logging	500	600	700	-100	-200
Construction	12,500	12,500	11,700	0	800
Manufacturing	13,200	13,900	13,500	-700	-300
Durable goods	6,500	6,600	6,400	-100	100
Nondurable goods	6,700	7,300	7,100	-600	-400
Food manufacturing	4,800	5,000	4,800	-200	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,000	28,800	28,600	200	400
Wholesale trade	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Retail trade	19,300	19,200	19,000	100	300
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	5,600	5,500	5,400	100	200
Information	1,300	1,300	1,500	0	-200
Financial activities	7,100	7,100	7,300	0	-200
Professional and business services	16,000	15,500	15,400	500	600
Administrative and support services	8,700	8,700	8,400	0	300
Education and health services	31,000	30,100	29,300	900	1,700
Health care and social assistance	26,900	26,600	25,900	300	1,000
Leisure and hospitality	15,600	16,100	15,500	-500	100
Accommodation and food services	13,700	14,000	13,700	-300	0
Other services	5,700	5,600	5,500	100	200
Government	42,100	40,700	42,000	1,400	100
Federal government	1,500	1,600	1,400	-100	100
State government	19,700	19,700	19,800	0	-100
State education	800	800	800	0	0
Local government	20,900	19,400	20,800	1,500	100
Indian tribal	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	100
Local education	12,500	10,900	12,600	1,600	-100

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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