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## **Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): June 2020**

### **Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Declines to 10.3 Percent**

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 10.3 percent in June, down from its revised rate of 13.0 percent in May. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in June was 11.2 percent, down from its revised May rate of 14.3 percent.

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in June were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 2,300 jobs, when an employment loss of 400 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 2,700 jobs, or 1.8 percent, between May and June. Employment remains 11 percent below the level in February, after sharp job losses in March and April.

Nearly all industries in the private sector showed employment growth in June. Leisure and hospitality showed the sharpest increase, adding 1,700 jobs for a 19.5 percent increase over the month. Food manufacturing employment increased 400 in June, a monthly gain of 11.8 percent. Retail trade added 800 jobs, a 4.5 percent increase. Other services had a monthly employment gain of 200, or 4.3 percent in June. Other services includes many businesses that offer personal services that were temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

State government shed 1,200 jobs in June and local government education dropped 100 jobs.

### **Next Press Releases**

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



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### Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

|   | --Change From-- |                |                |              |                |
|---|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
|   | June<br>2020    | May<br>2020    | June<br>2019   | May<br>2020  | June<br>2019   |
| <b>Labor Force Status</b>                             |                 |                |                |              |                |
| Civilian labor force                                  | 203,711         | 200,442        | 203,756        | 3,269        | -45            |
| Unemployed  | 20,401          | 24,713         | 8,591          | -4,312       | 11,810         |
| Unemployment rate                                     | 10.0%           | 12.3%          | 4.2%           | -2.3         | 5.8            |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>        | 10.3%           | 13.0%          | 4.1%           | -2.7         | 6.2            |
| Employed  | 183,310         | 175,729        | 195,165        | 7,581        | -11,855        |
| <b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>                     |                 |                |                |              |                |
| Total nonfarm employment                              | 155,200         | 152,900        | 172,300        | 2,300        | -17,100        |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | <i>154,600</i>  | <i>151,900</i> | <i>170,800</i> | <i>2,700</i> | <i>-16,200</i> |
| Total private   | 115,800         | 112,300        | 129,500        | 3,500        | -13,700        |
| Mining, logging, and construction                     | 12,300          | 12,000         | 12,800         | 300          | -500           |
| Mining and logging                                    | 500             | 500            | 600            | 0            | -100           |
| Construction  | 11,800          | 11,500         | 12,200         | 300          | -400           |
| Manufacturing   | 12,200          | 11,400         | 13,500         | 800          | -1,300         |
| Durable goods   | 6,100           | 5,900          | 6,500          | 200          | -400           |
| Nondurable goods                                      | 6,100           | 5,500          | 7,000          | 600          | -900           |
| Food manufacturing                                    | 3,800           | 3,400          | 4,600          | 400          | -800           |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities                  | 28,900          | 28,200         | 28,500         | 700          | 400            |
| Wholesale trade                                       | 4,100           | 4,200          | 4,100          | -100         | 0              |
| Retail trade  | 18,600          | 17,800         | 19,000         | 800          | -400           |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities            | 6,200           | 6,200          | 5,400          | 0            | 800            |
| Information   | 1,300           | 1,200          | 1,300          | 100          | 0              |
| Financial activities                                  | 6,800           | 6,600          | 7,000          | 200          | -200           |
| Professional and business services                    | 12,700          | 12,900         | 15,600         | -200         | -2,900         |
| Administrative and support services                   | 7,200           | 7,100          | 8,700          | 100          | -1,500         |
| Education and health services                         | 26,300          | 26,600         | 29,100         | -300         | -2,800         |
| Health care and social assistance                     | 24,900          | 24,900         | 26,500         | 0            | -1,600         |
| Leisure and hospitality                               | 10,400          | 8,700          | 16,200         | 1,700        | -5,800         |
| Accommodation and food services                       | 8,700           | 7,500          | 14,000         | 1,200        | -5,300         |
| Other services  | 4,900           | 4,700          | 5,500          | 200          | -600           |
| Government  | 39,400          | 40,600         | 42,800         | -1,200       | -3,400         |
| Federal government                                    | 1,600           | 1,500          | 1,500          | 100          | 100            |
| State government                                      | 19,100          | 20,300         | 20,300         | -1,200       | -1,200         |
| State education                                       | 800             | 900            | 800            | -100         | 0              |
| Local government                                      | 18,700          | 18,800         | 21,000         | -100         | -2,300         |
| Indian tribal   | 1,500           | 1,500          | 1,500          | 0            | 0              |
| Local education                                       | 10,700          | 10,800         | 12,500         | -100         | -1,800         |

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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