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

### **Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Declines to 9.6 Percent**

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.6 percent in July, down from its revised rate of 10.7 percent in June. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in July was 10.4 percent, down from its revised June rate of 11.6 percent.

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in July were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased 1,900 jobs, when an employment loss of 2,400 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 500 jobs, or 0.3 percent, between June and July. Employment remains 10 percent or 18,000 jobs below the level in February, after sharp job losses in March and April.

Nearly all industries in the private sector showed employment growth in July. Leisure and hospitality added 700 jobs for a 6.9 percent increase over the month. Food manufacturing employment increased 300 in July, a monthly gain of 7.9 percent. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities added 400 jobs, a 6.6 percent increase. Other services had a monthly employment gain of 300, or 6.4 percent in July. Other services includes many businesses like salons, gyms and more that offer personal services that were temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

Government shed 3,600 jobs in July. Local government education accounted for 3,500 of those jobs.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, September 22 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, September 15.



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## Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	June 2020	July 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	197,009	205,578	205,343	-8,569	-8,334
Unemployed	18,476	21,352	8,961	-2,876	9,515
Unemployment rate	9.4%	10.4%	4.4%	-1.0	5.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	9.6%	10.7%	4.1%	-1.1	5.5
Employed	178,533	184,226	196,382	-5,693	-17,849
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	153,700	155,600	168,900	-1,900	-15,200
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>155,600</i>	<i>155,100</i>	<i>171,000</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>-15,400</i>
Total private	117,000	115,300	130,800	1,700	-13,800
Mining, logging, and construction	13,100	12,900	13,200	200	-100
Mining and logging	500	500	600	0	-100
Construction	12,600	12,400	12,600	200	0
Manufacturing	12,700	12,400	14,400	300	-1,700
Durable goods	6,100	6,000	6,500	100	-400
Nondurable goods	6,600	6,400	7,900	200	-1,300
Food manufacturing	4,100	3,800	5,500	300	-1,400
Trade, transportation, and utilities	28,500	28,200	28,500	300	0
Wholesale trade	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Retail trade	17,900	18,000	19,000	-100	-1,100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	6,500	6,100	5,300	400	1,200
Information	1,300	1,300	1,400	0	-100
Financial activities	6,400	6,700	7,200	-300	-800
Professional and business services	13,000	12,800	15,500	200	-2,500
Administrative and support services	8,100	7,900	8,400	200	-300
Education and health services	26,100	26,100	28,900	0	-2,800
Health care and social assistance	24,800	24,700	26,600	100	-1,800
Leisure and hospitality	10,900	10,200	16,300	700	-5,400
Accommodation and food services	10,000	9,400	13,800	600	-3,800
Other services	5,000	4,700	5,400	300	-400
Government	36,700	40,300	38,100	-3,600	-1,400
Federal government	1,500	1,600	1,500	-100	0
State government	20,000	20,100	20,300	-100	-300
State education	800	900	800	-100	0
Local government	15,200	18,600	16,300	-3,400	-1,100
Indian tribal	1,300	1,500	1,600	-200	-300
Local education	7,100	10,600	8,200	-3,500	-1,100

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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