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Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): September 2020

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Declines to 7.8 Percent

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.8 percent in September, down from its revised rate of 7.9 percent in August. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in September was 8.0 percent, down from its revised August rate of 8.5 percent.

Employment losses in the Salem MSA in September were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased 300 jobs, when an employment gain of 2,200 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment decreased 2,500 jobs, or 1.6 percent, between August and September. Employment is more than 11 percent or 19,500 jobs below the level in February, after sharp job losses in the spring.

Most industries in the private sector showed employment losses in September. Health care and social assistance employment declined 400. Manufacturing employment declined 400 as well. The construction sector shed 300 jobs in September.

Retail trade employment added 100 in September. Leisure and hospitality's employment was unchanged in September; the sector remains down 5,600 jobs or 34 percent compared with September 2019.

Government added 700 jobs, or 1.9 percent in September. Local government education employment added 800 in September.

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



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	September 2020	August 2020	September 2019	August 2020	September 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	193,805	197,885	203,390	-4,080	-9,585
Unemployed	13,086	14,898	6,637	-1,812	6,449
Unemployment rate	6.8%	7.5%	3.3%	-0.7	3.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.8%	7.9%	3.8%	-0.1	4.0
Employed	180,719	182,987	196,753	-2,268	-16,034
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	155,200	155,500	173,000	-300	-17,800
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	154,100	156,600	171,800	-2,500	-17,700
Total private	116,700	117,700	131,800	-1,000	-15,100
Mining, logging, and construction	13,100	13,400	13,300	-300	-200
Mining and logging	500	500	600	0	-100
Construction	12,600	12,900	12,700	-300	-100
Manufacturing	12,400	12,800	13,700	-400	-1,300
Durable goods	6,000	6,100	6,400	-100	-400
Nondurable goods	6,400	6,700	7,300	-300	-900
Food manufacturing	3,600	3,800	4,900	-200	-1,300
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,000	28,900	29,400	100	-400
Wholesale trade	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Retail trade	18,500	18,400	18,900	100	-400
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	6,400	6,400	6,300	0	100
Information	1,200	1,200	1,400	0	-200
Financial activities	6,800	6,800	7,000	0	-200
Professional and business services	12,800	12,900	15,300	-100	-2,500
Administrative and support services	8,000	8,000	8,200	0	-200
Education and health services	25,700	25,900	29,800	-200	-4,100
Health care and social assistance	24,300	24,700	26,700	-400	-2,400
Leisure and hospitality	10,900	10,900	16,500	0	-5,600
Accommodation and food services	10,100	10,000	14,300	100	-4,200
Other services	4,800	4,900	5,400	-100	-600
Government	38,500	37,800	41,200	700	-2,700
Federal government	1,800	1,800	1,600	0	200
State government	20,100	20,200	20,200	-100	-100
State education	900	900	800	0	100
Local government	16,600	15,800	19,400	800	-2,800
Indian tribal	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Local education	8,500	7,700	11,100	800	-2,600

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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