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

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Declines to 5.8%

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.8% in November, down from its revised rate of 6.7% in October. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in November was 6.0%, down from its revised October rate of 6.8%.

Employment losses in the Salem MSA in November were smaller than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased 400 jobs, when an employment decline of 600 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 200 jobs, or 0.1%, between October and November. Employment is more than 7% or 12,800 jobs below the level in February, after sharp job losses in the spring.

Industries in the private sector that showed employment gains in November include: professional and business services (+200 jobs, 1.4%); health care and social assistance (+300, 1.2%); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+200, 2.9%).

Private-sector job losses occurred in: food manufacturing: (-400 jobs, -11.1%); retail trade (-200, -1.1%); construction (-400, -3.1%); and leisure and hospitality (-200, -1.5%).

Government added 100 jobs in November. Local government added 200 jobs in November. Those gains were offset by the loss of 100 jobs in federal government.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Jan. 26 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, Jan. 20.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	November 2020	October 2020	November 2019	October 2020	November 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	197,900	201,794	201,777	-3,894	-3,877
Unemployed	10,210	11,895	6,149	-1,685	4,061
Unemployment rate	5.2%	5.9%	3.0%	-0.7	2.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.8%	6.7%	3.5%	-0.9	2.3
Employed	187,690	189,899	195,628	-2,209	-7,938
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	163,300	163,700	175,600	-400	-12,300
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>160,900</i>	<i>160,700</i>	<i>173,700</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>-12,800</i>
Total private	122,700	123,200	132,600	-500	-9,900
Mining, logging, and construction	13,200	13,600	13,700	-400	-500
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	12,600	13,000	13,100	-400	-500
Manufacturing	11,700	12,000	12,800	-300	-1,100
Durable goods	6,000	5,900	6,300	100	-300
Nondurable goods	5,700	6,100	6,500	-400	-800
Food manufacturing	3,200	3,600	4,200	-400	-1,000
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,100	29,100	30,300	0	-1,200
Wholesale trade	4,000	4,000	4,200	0	-200
Retail trade	18,100	18,300	19,500	-200	-1,400
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	7,000	6,800	6,600	200	400
Information	1,100	1,100	1,400	0	-300
Financial activities	6,800	6,800	7,100	0	-300
Professional and business services	14,600	14,400	15,700	200	-1,100
Administrative and support services	7,500	7,500	8,500	0	-1,000
Education and health services	28,100	27,900	30,300	200	-2,200
Health care and social assistance	25,400	25,100	26,800	300	-1,400
Leisure and hospitality	13,000	13,200	15,700	-200	-2,700
Accommodation and food services	12,000	12,100	13,800	-100	-1,800
Other services	5,100	5,100	5,600	0	-500
Government	40,600	40,500	43,000	100	-2,400
Federal government	1,300	1,400	1,500	-100	-200
State government	20,500	20,500	20,600	0	-100
State education	800	800	900	0	-100
Local government	18,800	18,600	20,900	200	-2,100
Indian tribal	1,400	1,500	1,500	-100	-100
Local education	10,500	10,500	12,700	0	-2,200

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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