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Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): June 2021

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Declines to 5.5%

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.5% in June, down from its revised rate of 5.8% in May. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in June was 5.6%, down from its revised May rate of 5.8%.

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in June were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 1,800 jobs, when an employment gain of 200 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 1,600 jobs, or 1.0%, between May and June. Employment is still 3.3% or 5,800 jobs below the level in February 2020, after sharp job losses in the spring of 2020.

Industries in the private sector that showed the largest employment gains in June include: leisure and hospitality (+1,300, 9.7%); manufacturing (+600 jobs, 5.3%); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+500, 1.7%).

Private-sector job losses in June were concentrated in private education and health services (-100 jobs, -0.3%).

State government shed 800 jobs in June. Local government employment declined 100 in June. Federal government employment was unchanged in June.

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



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2021	May 2021	June 2020	May 2021	June 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	214,062	210,255	207,000	3,807	7,062
Unemployed	10,955	10,641	18,659	314	-7,704
Unemployment rate	5.1%	5.1%	9.0%	0.0	-3.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.5%	5.8%	8.9%	-0.3	-3.4
Employed	203,107	199,614	188,341	3,493	14,766
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	170,900	169,100	161,100	1,800	9,800
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>168,600</i>	<i>167,000</i>	<i>159,600</i>	<i>1,600</i>	<i>9,000</i>
Total private	130,400	127,700	120,500	2,700	9,900
Mining, logging, and construction	13,900	13,700	13,100	200	800
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	13,300	13,100	12,500	200	800
Manufacturing	12,000	11,400	12,000	600	0
Durable goods	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	-100
Nondurable goods	6,300	5,700	6,200	600	100
Food manufacturing	3,900	3,700	4,100	200	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	30,300	29,800	28,100	500	2,200
Wholesale trade	4,100	4,000	4,000	100	100
Retail trade	19,300	19,000	17,600	300	1,700
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	6,900	6,800	6,500	100	400
Information	1,500	1,500	1,200	0	300
Financial activities	6,900	6,900	6,800	0	100
Professional and business services	15,300	15,200	13,600	100	1,700
Administrative and support services	8,200	8,200	7,000	0	1,200
Education and health services	30,400	30,500	28,600	-100	1,800
Health care and social assistance	27,200	26,900	26,200	300	1,000
Leisure and hospitality	14,700	13,400	12,400	1,300	2,300
Accommodation and food services	13,500	12,300	11,200	1,200	2,300
Other services	5,400	5,300	4,700	100	700
Government	40,500	41,400	40,600	-900	-100
Federal government	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
State government	19,900	20,700	20,300	-800	-400
State education	800	900	800	-100	0
Local government	19,100	19,200	18,800	-100	300
Indian tribal	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	-100
Local education	10,900	11,100	10,700	-200	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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