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

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Declines to 5.2%

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.2% in July, down from its revised rate of 5.5% in June. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in July was 5.2%, down from its revised June rate of 5.6%.

Employment losses in the Salem MSA in July were smaller than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 900 jobs, when an employment decline of 2,300 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 1,400 jobs, or 0.8%, between June and July. With July's gains, employment is 1.0% or 1,700 jobs below the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Industries in the private sector that showed the largest employment gains in July include: leisure and hospitality (+900, 6.2%); manufacturing (+600 jobs, 4.9%); and construction (+400, 3.1%).

Private-sector job losses in July were concentrated in trade, transportation, and utilities (-400 jobs, -1.3%).

State government shed 300 jobs in July. Local government employment declined 2,700 in July with the beginning of summer break. Federal government employment declined 100 in July.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Sep. 21 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, Sep. 14.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2021	July 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	216,766	213,828	200,067	2,938	16,699
Unemployed	10,053	10,708	17,175	-655	-7,122
Unemployment rate	4.6%	5.0%	8.6%	-0.4	-4.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.2%	5.5%	8.1%	-0.3	-2.9
Employed	206,713	203,120	182,892	3,593	23,821
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	171,100	172,000	161,900	-900	9,200
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	172,700	171,300	163,100	1,400	9,600
Total private	132,600	130,400	124,600	2,200	8,000
Mining, logging, and construction	14,000	13,600	13,800	400	200
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	13,400	13,000	13,200	400	200
Manufacturing	12,900	12,300	12,600	600	300
Durable goods	5,900	5,800	5,900	100	0
Nondurable goods	7,000	6,500	6,700	500	300
Food manufacturing	4,400	4,000	4,500	400	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	30,000	30,400	28,900	-400	1,100
Wholesale trade	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	200
Retail trade	19,000	19,200	18,200	-200	800
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	6,800	7,000	6,700	-200	100
Information	1,400	1,400	1,300	0	100
Financial activities	7,000	6,800	6,800	200	200
Professional and business services	16,100	15,800	14,300	300	1,800
Administrative and support services	8,400	8,400	7,400	0	1,000
Education and health services	30,200	30,000	28,700	200	1,500
Health care and social assistance	27,000	27,000	26,500	0	500
Leisure and hospitality	15,500	14,600	13,400	900	2,100
Accommodation and food services	13,800	13,300	11,900	500	1,900
Other services	5,500	5,500	4,800	0	700
Government	38,500	41,600	37,300	-3,100	1,200
Federal government	1,400	1,500	1,500	-100	-100
State government	20,600	20,900	20,500	-300	100
State education	900	900	800	0	100
Local government	16,500	19,200	15,300	-2,700	1,200
Indian tribal	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	-100
Local education	8,100	10,900	7,300	-2,800	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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