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## **Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): April 2025**

### **Salem MSA's Employment Gains 400 Jobs**

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in April were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 900 jobs, when an employment increase of 500 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was up 400 between March and April. With April's gains, employment is up 8.0% or 13,900 jobs above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Overall, private-sector employment was up 1,100 in April. The largest private-sector job gains in April were reported in health care and social assistance (+500 jobs, +1.5%) and leisure and hospitality (+400 jobs, +2.6%).

The public sector shed 200 jobs in April. Local government was down 200 jobs in April. State and federal government employment were both unchanged.

The Salem MSA's unadjusted unemployment rate was 4.0% in April, down from its revised rate of 4.9% in March. Oregon's statewide unadjusted unemployment rate in April was 4.1%, down from its revised March rate of 5.2%.

Labor force statistics for Oregon metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) are produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Through June 2025, seasonally adjusted data are not available for Oregon MSAs or other MSAs around the country. New MSA definitions resulting from the 2020 Census are being incorporated into the history of the data series back to 1990, as well as other updates to the processing of labor force estimates for substate areas. Read more on this pause in seasonally adjusted metro area data [here](#).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 24 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, June 18.



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### Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2025	March 2025	April 2024	March 2025	April 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	224,744	225,860	219,735	-1,116	5,009
Unemployed	9,007	11,127	7,863	-2,120	1,144
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.9%	3.6%	-0.9	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	215,737	214,733	211,872	1,004	3,865
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	188,800	187,900	185,100	900	3,700
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>188,400</i>	<i>188,000</i>	<i>184,200</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>4,200</i>
Total private	142,500	141,400	139,800	1,100	2,700
Mining, logging, and construction	13,600	13,400	13,900	200	-300
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	13,000	12,800	13,300	200	-300
Manufacturing	11,500	11,400	11,600	100	-100
Durable goods	5,900	5,900	6,100	0	-200
Nondurable goods	5,600	5,500	5,500	100	100
Food manufacturing	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,500	29,500	29,900	0	-400
Wholesale trade	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0
Retail trade	18,100	18,000	18,600	100	-500
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	7,200	7,300	7,100	-100	100
Information	2,100	2,100	1,700	0	400
Financial activities	5,900	5,900	6,300	0	-400
Professional and business services	19,400	19,400	18,600	0	800
Administrative and support services	10,100	10,000	9,900	100	200
Private education and health services	38,800	38,400	36,000	400	2,800
Health care and social assistance	34,400	33,900	31,800	500	2,600
Leisure and hospitality	16,000	15,600	16,100	400	-100
Accommodation and food services	14,400	14,100	14,400	300	0
Other services	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0
Government	46,300	46,500	45,300	-200	1,000
Federal government	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
State government	23,600	23,600	22,800	0	800
State education	1,100	1,200	1,100	-100	0
Local government	21,200	21,400	21,000	-200	200
Indian tribal	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
Local education	12,300	12,600	12,400	-300	-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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