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Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): June 2025

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Increased to 4.6%

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.6% in June, up from its May rate of 4.5%. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in June was 4.9%, up from its May rate of 4.8%.

Employment losses in the Salem MSA in June were slightly more than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 1,400 jobs, when an employment decrease of 1,200 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was down 200 between May and June. With June's losses, employment is up 7.5% or 13,100 jobs above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Overall, the private sector lost 1,800 jobs in June. The largest private-sector job gains in June were reported in leisure and hospitality (+300 jobs, +1.8%). Private education and health services lost 2,100 jobs (-5.4%) in June.

The public sector added 200 jobs in June. Local government was up 200 jobs in June. State and federal government employment were unchanged.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Aug. 19, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Wednesday, Aug. 13.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	May 2025	June 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	228,876	226,495	221,614	2,381	7,262
Unemployed	11,609	10,016	8,817	1,593	2,792
Unemployment rate	5.1%	4.4%	4.0%	0.7	1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>4.5%</i>	<i>4.0%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Employed	217,267	216,479	212,797	788	4,470
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	188,800	190,200	186,200	-1,400	2,600
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>187,600</i>	<i>187,800</i>	<i>184,400</i>	<i>-200</i>	<i>3,200</i>
Total private	141,800	143,600	140,100	-1,800	1,700
Mining, logging, and construction	13,700	13,600	14,300	100	-600
Mining and logging	600	600	700	0	-100
Construction	13,100	13,000	13,600	100	-500
Manufacturing	11,500	11,500	12,100	0	-600
Durable goods	5,800	5,900	6,200	-100	-400
Nondurable goods	5,700	5,600	5,900	100	-200
Food manufacturing	3,700	3,600	3,900	100	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,700	29,600	29,900	100	-200
Wholesale trade	4,200	4,100	4,200	100	0
Retail trade	18,300	18,300	18,600	0	-300
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	7,200	7,200	7,100	0	100
Information	2,100	2,100	1,700	0	400
Financial activities	6,000	6,000	6,200	0	-200
Professional and business services	19,700	19,800	18,600	-100	1,100
Administrative and support services	10,200	10,200	10,000	0	200
Private education and health services	36,700	38,800	34,800	-2,100	1,900
Health care and social assistance	34,400	34,400	31,700	0	2,700
Leisure and hospitality	16,800	16,500	16,700	300	100
Accommodation and food services	15,100	14,900	14,700	200	400
Other services	5,600	5,700	5,800	-100	-200
Government	47,000	46,600	46,100	400	900
Federal government	1,500	1,500	1,600	0	-100
State government	23,800	23,700	23,200	100	600
State education	1,100	1,100	1,000	0	100
Local government	21,700	21,400	21,300	300	400
Indian tribal	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
Local education	12,700	12,500	12,500	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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