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## **Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): January 2023**

### **Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Edges Up to 4.6%**

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.6% in January, up from its revised rate of 4.5% in December. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in January was 4.8%, unchanged from its revised December rate of 4.8%.

Employment losses in the Salem MSA in January were smaller than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 1,700 jobs, when an employment decrease of 3,100 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 1,400 between December and January. With January's gains, employment is up 3.4% or 6,000 jobs above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Overall the private sector shed 1,500 jobs in January. The largest private-sector job losses in January were reported in trade, transportation, and utilities (-900 jobs, -2.9%); private education and health services (-400 jobs, -1.2%); and professional and business services (-300 jobs, -1.7%).

The only private-sector job gains in January were reported in leisure and hospitality (+300 jobs, +1.9%).

The public sector shed 200 jobs in January. Local government employment was down 300 jobs in January while state government added 100 jobs.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 28 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data will be released on Tuesday, March 21.



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## Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	January 2023	December 2022	January 2022	December 2022	January 2022
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	211,414	213,415	208,352	-2,001	3,062
Unemployed	10,421	9,659	9,088	762	1,333
Unemployment rate	4.9%	4.5%	4.4%	0.4	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.5%	4.2%	0.1	0.4
Employed	200,993	203,756	199,264	-2,763	1,729
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	178,500	180,200	171,500	-1,700	7,000
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	180,600	179,200	174,200	1,400	6,400
Total private	134,500	136,000	129,900	-1,500	4,600
Mining, logging, and construction	13,500	13,700	13,000	-200	500
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	12,900	13,100	12,400	-200	500
Manufacturing	12,000	12,000	11,700	0	300
Durable goods	6,200	6,200	6,000	0	200
Nondurable goods	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	100
Food manufacturing	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	30,400	31,300	30,400	-900	0
Wholesale trade	4,100	4,200	4,100	-100	0
Retail trade	19,200	19,800	19,200	-600	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	7,100	7,300	7,100	-200	0
Information	1,700	1,700	1,500	0	200
Financial activities	6,800	6,800	7,000	0	-200
Professional and business services	16,900	17,200	16,000	-300	900
Administrative and support services	8,500	8,900	8,300	-400	200
Private education and health services	31,600	32,000	30,500	-400	1,100
Health care and social assistance	27,900	27,900	26,900	0	1,000
Leisure and hospitality	16,200	15,900	14,500	300	1,700
Accommodation and food services	14,200	14,000	13,200	200	1,000
Other services	5,400	5,400	5,300	0	100
Government	44,000	44,200	41,600	-200	2,400
Federal government	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	100
State government	21,800	21,700	20,700	100	1,100
State education	1,100	1,100	900	0	200
Local government	20,700	21,000	19,500	-300	1,200
Indian tribal	1,500	1,600	1,500	-100	0
Local education	12,200	12,400	11,700	-200	500

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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