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Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): June 2024

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Edges Down to 4.0%

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.0% in June, edging down from its revised rate of 4.1% in May. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in June was 4.1%, down from its revised May rate of 4.2%.

Employment losses in the Salem MSA in June were more than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 1,600 jobs, when an employment increase of 100 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was down 1,500 between May and June. With June's losses, employment is up 6.1% or 10,600 jobs above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Overall, the private sector shed 1,800 jobs in June. The largest private-sector job losses in June were reported in private education and health services (-2,200 jobs, -6.1%); and retail trade (-200 jobs, -1.1%).

The public sector added 200 jobs in June. Local government was up 100 jobs in June. State government employment was up 100 and 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, August 20 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, August 14.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024	June 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	217,791	217,761	213,296	30	4,495
Unemployed	8,561	7,943	8,024	618	537
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.6%	3.8%	0.3	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.1%	3.5%	-0.1	0.5
Employed	209,230	209,818	205,272	-588	3,958
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	185,700	187,300	183,200	-1,600	2,500
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	185,200	186,700	181,700	-1,500	3,500
Total private	139,500	141,300	137,900	-1,800	1,600
Mining, logging, and construction	14,000	13,900	14,300	100	-300
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	13,400	13,300	13,700	100	-300
Manufacturing	11,600	11,500	12,100	100	-500
Durable goods	5,900	5,900	6,100	0	-200
Nondurable goods	5,700	5,600	6,000	100	-300
Food manufacturing	3,700	3,600	3,700	100	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,800	29,900	30,200	-100	-400
Wholesale trade	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Retail trade	18,500	18,700	18,900	-200	-400
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	7,200	7,100	7,100	100	100
Information	1,800	1,800	1,700	0	100
Financial activities	6,400	6,400	6,500	0	-100
Professional and business services	19,900	19,900	17,900	0	2,000
Administrative and support services	10,700	10,800	9,700	-100	1,000
Private education and health services	33,800	36,000	33,000	-2,200	800
Health care and social assistance	31,900	31,500	29,700	400	2,200
Leisure and hospitality	16,600	16,300	16,500	300	100
Accommodation and food services	14,700	14,400	14,500	300	200
Other services	5,600	5,600	5,700	0	-100
Government	46,200	46,000	45,300	200	900
Federal government	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	100
State government	23,200	23,100	22,400	100	800
State education	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0
Local government	21,400	21,300	21,400	100	0
Indian tribal	1,700	1,700	1,600	0	100
Local education	12,400	12,400	12,600	0	-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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