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

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Declines to 4.1%

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.1% in November, down from its revised rate of 4.4% in October. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in November was 4.2%, down from its revised October rate of 4.4%.

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in November were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 100 jobs, when an employment decrease of 600 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 500 between October and November. With November's gains, employment is 1.9% or 3,300 jobs below the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Industries in the private sector that showed the largest employment gains in November include: trade, transportation, and utilities (+200, +0.7%); professional and business services (+100 jobs, +0.6%); and leisure and hospitality (+100, +0.7%).

Private-sector job losses in November were concentrated in manufacturing (-300 jobs, -2.4%); construction (-200, -1.5%); and health care and social assistance (-200, -0.7%).

State government added 100 jobs in November. Local government employment gained 200 jobs. Federal government employment was unchanged in November.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Jan. 25 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, Jan. 19.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	November 2021	October 2021	November 2020	October 2021	November 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	208,710	209,849	206,869	-1,139	1,841
Unemployed	6,822	7,054	11,501	-232	-4,679
Unemployment rate	3.3%	3.4%	5.6%	-0.1	-2.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.4%	5.9%	-0.3	-1.8
Employed	201,888	202,795	195,368	-907	6,520
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	173,700	173,600	167,800	100	5,900
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>171,100</i>	<i>170,600</i>	<i>165,600</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>5,500</i>
Total private	131,800	132,000	126,900	-200	4,900
Mining, logging, and construction	13,600	13,800	13,000	-200	600
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	13,000	13,200	12,400	-200	600
Manufacturing	12,300	12,600	11,900	-300	400
Durable goods	6,100	6,100	5,900	0	200
Nondurable goods	6,200	6,500	6,000	-300	200
Food manufacturing	3,800	4,100	3,800	-300	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	30,700	30,500	30,100	200	600
Wholesale trade	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Retail trade	19,400	19,300	19,000	100	400
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	7,300	7,200	7,100	100	200
Information	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	100
Financial activities	6,600	6,600	6,800	0	-200
Professional and business services	17,100	17,000	14,900	100	2,200
Administrative and support services	9,300	9,100	8,000	200	1,300
Education and health services	30,800	30,900	30,300	-100	500
Health care and social assistance	27,100	27,300	26,800	-200	300
Leisure and hospitality	13,800	13,700	13,400	100	400
Accommodation and food services	12,700	12,600	12,200	100	500
Other services	5,400	5,400	5,100	0	300
Government	41,900	41,600	40,900	300	1,000
Federal government	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	-100
State government	20,900	20,800	20,700	100	200
State education	900	900	900	0	0
Local government	19,600	19,400	18,700	200	900
Indian tribal	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	-100
Local education	11,500	11,300	10,500	200	1,000

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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