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

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Declines to 4.0%

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

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in December were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 200 jobs, when an employment decrease of 1,600 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 1,800 between November and December. With December's gains, employment is 0.7% or 1,300 jobs below the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Industries in the private sector that showed the largest employment gains in December were leisure and hospitality (+700 jobs, +5.1%) and trade, transportation, and utilities (+400, +1.3%).

Private-sector job losses in December were concentrated in private education and health services (-600 jobs, -2.0%); manufacturing (-100 jobs, -0.8%); and construction (-100, -0.8%).

State government declined 200 jobs in December. Local government employment gained 100 jobs. Federal government employment was down 100 in December.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Mar. 8 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, Mar. 8.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2021	November 2021	December 2020	November 2021	December 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	208,368	208,949	205,749	-581	2,619
Unemployed	7,387	6,982	11,975	405	-4,588
Unemployment rate	3.5%	3.3%	5.8%	0.2	-2.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.2%	5.7%	-0.2	-1.7
Employed	200,981	201,967	193,774	-986	7,207
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	174,000	173,800	165,000	200	9,000
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	173,100	171,300	164,100	1,800	9,000
Total private	132,500	132,100	124,500	400	8,000
Mining, logging, and construction	13,600	13,700	12,800	-100	800
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	13,000	13,100	12,200	-100	800
Manufacturing	12,400	12,500	11,800	-100	600
Durable goods	6,000	6,100	5,900	-100	100
Nondurable goods	6,400	6,400	5,900	0	500
Food manufacturing	3,700	3,800	3,700	-100	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	31,100	30,700	30,400	400	700
Wholesale trade	4,100	4,000	4,000	100	100
Retail trade	19,600	19,400	19,100	200	500
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	7,400	7,300	7,300	100	100
Information	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	100
Financial activities	6,700	6,600	6,800	100	-100
Professional and business services	17,300	17,300	15,000	0	2,300
Administrative and support services	9,400	9,300	8,000	100	1,400
Education and health services	30,000	30,600	29,800	-600	200
Health care and social assistance	26,500	26,700	27,100	-200	-600
Leisure and hospitality	14,500	13,800	11,400	700	3,100
Accommodation and food services	13,400	12,700	10,400	700	3,000
Other services	5,400	5,400	5,100	0	300
Government	41,500	41,700	40,500	-200	1,000
Federal government	1,300	1,400	1,500	-100	-200
State government	20,500	20,700	20,400	-200	100
State education	900	900	900	0	0
Local government	19,700	19,600	18,600	100	1,100
Indian tribal	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	-100
Local education	11,600	11,500	10,600	100	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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