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## **Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): April 2022**

### **Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Declines to 3.7%**

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.7% in April, down from its revised rate of 3.8% in March. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in April was 3.7%, down from its revised March rate of 3.8%.

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in April were slightly smaller than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 800 jobs, when an employment increase of 900 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment decreased 100 between March and April. With April's losses, employment is down 1.1% or 2,000 jobs from the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Private-sector job losses in April were seen in professional and business services (-100 jobs, -0.6%) and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-100 jobs, -1.4%).

Leisure and hospitality employment grew 500 or 3.5% in April. Construction added 300 jobs in April, growing 2.4%.

State government added 100 jobs in April. Local government and federal government employment were both unchanged in April.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Wednesday, June 22 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, June 15.



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## Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2022	March 2022	April 2021	March 2022	April 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	212,567	212,190	209,105	377	3,462
Unemployed	7,741	8,280	11,632	-539	-3,891
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.9%	5.6%	-0.3	-2.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.7%	3.8%	5.6%	-0.1	-1.9
Employed	204,826	203,910	197,473	916	7,353
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	173,300	172,500	169,800	800	3,500
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	173,100	173,200	169,400	-100	3,700
Total private	130,900	130,200	128,400	700	2,500
Mining, logging, and construction	13,600	13,300	13,100	300	500
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	13,000	12,700	12,500	300	500
Manufacturing	11,700	11,600	11,700	100	0
Durable goods	6,000	5,900	5,900	100	100
Nondurable goods	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	-100
Food manufacturing	3,400	3,400	3,500	0	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,700	29,800	30,000	-100	-300
Wholesale trade	4,100	4,100	3,900	0	200
Retail trade	18,800	18,800	18,900	0	-100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	6,800	6,900	7,200	-100	-400
Information	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Financial activities	7,100	7,100	6,900	0	200
Professional and business services	16,400	16,500	15,700	-100	700
Administrative and support services	9,100	9,100	8,400	0	700
Education and health services	30,900	30,900	30,600	0	300
Health care and social assistance	27,400	27,400	27,100	0	300
Leisure and hospitality	14,600	14,100	13,700	500	900
Accommodation and food services	13,400	13,000	12,400	400	1,000
Other services	5,400	5,400	5,200	0	200
Government	42,400	42,300	41,400	100	1,000
Federal government	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	-100
State government	21,100	21,000	20,800	100	300
State education	1,000	1,000	900	0	100
Local government	19,900	19,900	19,100	0	800
Indian tribal	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	-100
Local education	12,000	12,000	11,000	0	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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