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

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Declines to 4.4%

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4% in October, down from its revised rate of 4.7% in September. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in October was also 4.4%, down from its revised September rate of 4.7%.

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in October were normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 1,400 jobs, when an employment increase of 1,400 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was unchanged between September and October. With October's gains, employment is 2.2% or 3,800 jobs below the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Industries in the private sector that showed the largest employment gains in October include: professional and business services (+500 jobs, +3.0%); private education and health services (+800, +2.6%); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+500, +1.7%).

Private-sector job losses in October were concentrated in manufacturing (-200 jobs, -1.6%); leisure and hospitality (-900, -6.2%); and financial activities (-100, -1.5%).

State government added 300 jobs in October. Local government employment gained 500 jobs. Federal government employment was unchanged in October.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Dec. 21 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, Dec. 14.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2021	October 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	209,917	211,184	207,387	-1,267	2,530
Unemployed	7,053	8,588	12,078	-1,535	-5,025
Unemployment rate	3.4%	4.1%	5.8%	-0.7	-2.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.4%	4.7%	6.2%	-0.3	-1.8
Employed	202,864	202,596	195,309	268	7,555
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	173,800	172,400	168,000	1,400	5,800
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	170,600	170,600	166,400	0	4,200
Total private	131,900	131,300	127,200	600	4,700
Mining, logging, and construction	13,800	13,800	13,700	0	100
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	13,200	13,200	13,100	0	100
Manufacturing	12,400	12,600	12,100	-200	300
Durable goods	6,100	6,000	5,800	100	300
Nondurable goods	6,300	6,600	6,300	-300	0
Food manufacturing	4,100	4,200	3,900	-100	200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	30,500	30,000	29,500	500	1,000
Wholesale trade	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Retail trade	19,300	18,900	18,500	400	800
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	7,200	7,100	7,000	100	200
Information	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	100
Financial activities	6,600	6,700	6,800	-100	-200
Professional and business services	16,900	16,400	14,800	500	2,100
Administrative and support services	9,200	8,700	7,900	500	1,300
Education and health services	31,100	30,300	30,200	800	900
Health care and social assistance	27,400	27,300	26,700	100	700
Leisure and hospitality	13,700	14,600	13,700	-900	0
Accommodation and food services	12,400	13,300	12,400	-900	0
Other services	5,400	5,400	5,000	0	400
Government	41,900	41,100	40,800	800	1,100
Federal government	1,400	1,400	1,600	0	-200
State government	21,100	20,800	20,500	300	600
State education	900	900	900	0	0
Local government	19,400	18,900	18,700	500	700
Indian tribal	1,400	1,500	1,500	-100	-100
Local education	11,300	10,700	10,500	600	800

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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