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## **Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): August 2023**

### **Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Remains at 3.5%**

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.5% in August, unchanged from its revised rate of 3.5% in July. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in August was 3.4%, unchanged from its revised July rate of 3.4%.

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in August were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 1,100 jobs, when an employment increase of 700 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 400 between July and August. With August's gains, employment is up 2.6% or 4,500 jobs above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Overall the private sector added 400 jobs in August. The largest private-sector job gains in August were reported in health care and social assistance (+1,100 jobs, +3.8%) and construction (+200 jobs, +1.4%).

Private-sector job losses in August were reported in professional and business services (-300 jobs, -1.8%); retail trade (-200 jobs, -0.6%); and manufacturing (-100 jobs, -0.8%).

The public sector added 700 jobs in August. Local government was up 500 jobs in August. State government added 100 jobs. Federal government employment also added 100 jobs.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Oct. 24 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data will be released on Wednesday, Oct. 18.



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## Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2023	July 2023	August 2022	July 2023	August 2022
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	212,609	212,058	216,064	551	-3,455
Unemployed	8,141	8,180	10,400	-39	-2,259
Unemployment rate	3.8%	3.9%	4.8%	-0.1	-1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.5%	3.5%	4.5%	0.0	-1.0
Employed	204,468	203,878	205,664	590	-1,196
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	177,900	176,800	175,100	1,100	2,800
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	179,100	178,700	176,600	400	2,500
Total private	137,000	136,600	134,700	400	2,300
Mining and logging	700	700	600	0	100
Mining, logging, and construction	14,900	14,700	14,600	200	300
Construction	14,200	14,000	14,000	200	200
Manufacturing	12,400	12,500	12,800	-100	-400
Durable goods	6,000	6,100	6,200	-100	-200
Nondurable goods	6,400	6,400	6,600	0	-200
Food manufacturing	4,000	4,000	4,100	0	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,400	29,600	30,500	-200	-1,100
Wholesale trade	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	100
Retail trade	18,700	18,900	19,400	-200	-700
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	6,500	6,500	7,000	0	-500
Information	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
Financial activities	6,700	6,800	6,900	-100	-200
Professional and business services	16,300	16,600	15,500	-300	800
Administrative and support services	9,000	9,100	7,700	-100	1,300
Private education and health services	33,500	32,300	30,900	1,200	2,600
Health care and social assistance	30,300	29,200	28,000	1,100	2,300
Leisure and hospitality	16,600	16,800	16,400	-200	200
Accommodation and food services	14,900	15,100	14,400	-200	500
Other services	5,500	5,600	5,400	-100	100
Government	40,900	40,200	40,400	700	500
Federal government	1,500	1,400	1,400	100	100
State government	21,500	21,400	21,700	100	-200
State education	1,100	1,100	1,000	0	100
Local government	17,900	17,400	17,300	500	600
Indian tribal	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Local education	8,900	8,500	8,900	400	0

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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