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Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): April 2024

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Declines to 4.1%

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.1% in April, edging down from its revised rate of 4.2% in March. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in April was 4.2%, matching its revised March rate of 4.2%.

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in April were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 1,700 jobs, when an employment increase of 800 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was up 900 between March and April. With April's gains, employment is up 6.9% or 12,100 jobs above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Overall, the private sector added 1,600 jobs in April. The largest private-sector job gains in April were reported in construction (+400 jobs, +3.1%); retail trade (+400 jobs, +2.2%); and health care and social assistance (+400 jobs, +1.3%).

The public sector added 100 jobs in April. Local government was down 200 jobs in April. State government employment was up 300 and federal government employment was unchanged in April.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 25 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Thursday, June 20.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024	April 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	217,383	217,429	209,218	-46	8,165
Unemployed	7,768	9,476	6,497	-1,708	1,271
Unemployment rate	3.6%	4.4%	3.1%	-0.8	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.2%	3.5%	-0.1	0.6
Employed	209,615	207,953	202,721	1,662	6,894
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	186,000	184,300	181,400	1,700	4,600
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	186,700	185,800	180,800	900	5,900
Total private	140,200	138,600	136,600	1,600	3,600
Mining, logging, and construction	13,800	13,400	13,900	400	-100
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	13,200	12,800	13,300	400	-100
Manufacturing	11,400	11,300	11,800	100	-400
Durable goods	5,900	5,800	6,000	100	-100
Nondurable goods	5,500	5,500	5,800	0	-300
Food manufacturing	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,900	29,500	29,800	400	100
Wholesale trade	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Retail trade	18,700	18,300	18,800	400	-100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	7,100	7,100	6,800	0	300
Information	1,800	1,800	1,700	0	100
Financial activities	6,400	6,400	6,700	0	-300
Professional and business services	19,800	19,500	17,700	300	2,100
Administrative and support services	10,700	10,700	9,400	0	1,300
Private education and health services	35,800	35,500	33,600	300	2,200
Health care and social assistance	31,200	30,800	29,500	400	1,700
Leisure and hospitality	15,800	15,700	15,800	100	0
Accommodation and food services	14,100	14,000	14,100	100	0
Other services	5,500	5,500	5,600	0	-100
Government	45,800	45,700	44,800	100	1,000
Federal government	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
State government	23,200	22,900	22,400	300	800
State education	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0
Local government	21,100	21,300	20,900	-200	200
Indian tribal	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	100
Local education	12,300	12,600	12,300	-300	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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