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## **Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): November 2017**

### **Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate drops to 4.2 Percent**

The Salem metropolitan statistical area's (MSA) unemployment rate declined to 4.2 percent in November from 4.6 percent in October. Over the past 12 months Salem's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has declined 0.6 percentage point. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in November was 4.2 percent, essentially unchanged from its revised October rate of 4.3 percent. The national unemployment rate was 4.1 percent in November.

Salem's November employment gains were more than normal. Total nonfarm employment increased 200 jobs in November when a decrease of 700 jobs would be expected, meaning seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased 900. Salem's employment was 11,340, or 7.4 percent, above its pre-recession employment peak, which occurred in February 2008.

Employment in the Salem MSA grew 3,200 over the past year, a 1.9 percent increase. Salem's growth outpaced the state and the nation. Oregon's employment grew 1.7 percent over the past year. Nationally, employment was up 1.4 percent over the past 12 months. Salem's private sector added 3,200 jobs over the past year, growing 2.6 percent. The public sector's employment level was unchanged over the year.

The fastest-growing major private-sector industries over the past year included: construction (+1,100 jobs, or 11.2%); manufacturing (+600 jobs, or 4.5%); and education and health services (+900 jobs, or 3.4%).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, January 23 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, January 17.

**Current Labor Force and Industry Employment**  
**Salem MSA LABOR FORCE SUMMARY**  
 (by place of residence)

	Nov. 2017	Oct. 2017	Nov. 2016	-Change from-	
				Oct. 2017	Nov. 2016
Civilian Labor Force	206,900	206,300	198,906	600	7,994
Unemployment	8,166	8,647	8,895	-481	-729
Percent of Labor Force	3.9%	4.2%	4.5%	XX	XX
Total Employment	198,734	197,653	190,011	1,081	8,723
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.6%	4.8%	XX	XX

**Salem MSA NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT**  
 (by place of work)

	Nov. 2017	Oct. 2017	Nov. 2016	-Change from-	
				Oct. 2017	Nov. 2016
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	168,300	168,100	165,100	200	3,200
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	165,200	164,300	163,700	900	1,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	124,000	124,100	120,800	-100	3,200
Mining and Logging	700	700	800	0	-100
Construction	10,900	11,100	9,800	-200	1,100
Manufacturing Total	13,800	14,100	13,200	-300	600
Durable Goods	6,500	6,500	6,300	0	200
Nondurable Goods	7,300	7,600	6,900	-300	400
Food Products Manufacturing	4,900	5,400	4,800	-500	100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	28,500	28,200	28,100	300	400
Wholesale Trade	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Retail Trade	19,500	19,200	19,400	300	100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	5,000	5,000	4,700	0	300
Information	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	-100
Financial Activities	6,900	6,900	7,000	0	-100
Professional and Business Services	14,200	14,300	14,100	-100	100
Administrative and Support Services	7,300	7,600	7,300	-300	0
Education and Health Services	27,300	27,000	26,400	300	900
Health Care and Social Assistance	23,000	22,800	22,700	200	300
Leisure and Hospitality	15,000	15,200	14,600	-200	400
Accommodation and Food Services	13,300	13,500	12,900	-200	400
Other Services	5,600	5,500	5,600	100	0
Government	44,300	44,000	44,300	300	0
Federal Government	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
State Government	21,100	21,000	21,500	100	-400
State Government Educational Services	600	700	700	-100	-100
Local Government	21,800	21,600	21,400	200	400
Tribal Government	1,500	1,500	1,600	0	-100
Local Government Educational Services	13,500	13,300	13,300	200	200
LABOR-MANAGEMENT DISPUTES	0	0	0	0	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.

Labor Force Status: Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm 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: 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. "Natural resources" includes only Logging (NAICS 1133).

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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