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## **Salem MSA (Marion and Polk counties) Jobless Rate and Employment: January 2009**

In the Salem Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) the seasonally adjusted jobless rate increased in January to 9.3 percent from December's revised rate of 8.7 percent. The Salem MSA's unemployment rate was lower than the statewide seasonally adjusted rate of 9.9 percent in January. The unemployment rate for the Salem MSA in January was 4.1 percentage points higher than the rate 12 months earlier in January 2008.

In the Salem MSA, nonfarm employment has declined 2,800 over the past 12 months.

### **Labor Force Summary**

There were an estimated 20,765 Marion and Polk County residents unemployed in a civilian labor force of 194,962 for the month, and there were 174,197 residents employed including payroll employees, self-employed, farm workers, and residents commuting outside of the counties for work. Overall, there were 9,512 more people unemployed in the Salem MSA than in January 2008.

### **Nonfarm Payroll Employment**

Nonfarm payroll employment statistics are by place of work, and estimate how many jobs have been added or lost in an area. They measure an area's economic health, and are based on a survey of employers. Nonfarm payroll employment shows how many people were employed in a given area, on average, during the month.

In the Salem MSA, January total nonfarm employment was 146,700, a loss of 2,800 jobs since January 2008. Private nonfarm employment lost 4,600 over the past 12 months, while public sector employment grew 1,800 over that period. Educational and health services gained 500 jobs over the past 12 months.

From December to January, the Salem MSA's total nonfarm employment decreased 4,200 jobs; the private sector shed 3,800 jobs during the month while government employment decreased 400. January's employment decline was larger than is typical for the Salem MSA which normally sheds 3,900 jobs between December and January. Seasonally adjusted employment decreased 300 between December and January.

The construction sector shed 600 jobs in January. Over the past 12 months construction employment has dropped 1,600. Manufacturing declined 400 jobs in January. Leisure and hospitality employment declined 200 in January. In the public sector, federal government was unchanged in January and state government shed 100 jobs. Local government dropped 100 jobs; the decline was largely due to local government educational services declining 200.

## **Outlook**

The Salem MSA economy has been slowing over the past year and has shown strong contractions over the past six months. Construction, manufacturing and professional and business services employment decline over the past 12 months. As the national recession deepens, job loss in Salem will likely spread to other sectors outside of manufacturing, construction, and professional and business services.

These preliminary estimates will be revised as new data from businesses becomes available.

**Equal Opportunity program**—auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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

	Jan. 2009	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2008	-Change from-	
				Dec. 2008	Jan. 2008
Civilian Labor Force	194,962	194,415	188,956	547	6,006
Unemployment	20,765	16,985	11,253	3,780	9,512
Percent of Labor Force	10.7%	8.7%	6.0%	XX	XX
Total Employment	174,197	177,430	177,703	-3,233	-3,506
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate	9.3%	8.7%	5.2%	XX	XX

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

	Jan. 2009	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2008	-Change from-	
				Dec. 2008	Jan. 2008
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	146,700	150,900	149,500	-4,200	-2,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	103,500	107,300	108,100	-3,800	-4,600
Natural Resources and Mining	1,100	1,200	1,200	-100	-100
Construction	7,700	8,300	9,300	-600	-1,600
Manufacturing Total	12,000	12,400	13,500	-400	-1,500
Durable Goods	6,100	6,300	7,000	-200	-900
Nondurable Goods	5,900	6,100	6,500	-200	-600
Food Products Manufacturing	3,900	4,100	4,100	-200	-200
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	25,100	26,200	25,700	-1,100	-600
Wholesale Trade	3,800	3,900	4,000	-100	-200
Retail Trade	17,500	18,400	17,900	-900	-400
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	3,800	3,900	3,800	-100	0
Information	1,300	1,400	1,400	-100	-100
Financial Activities	7,300	7,400	7,600	-100	-300
Professional and Business Services	11,700	12,300	12,600	-600	-900
Administrative and Support Services	6,000	6,400	6,300	-400	-300
Educational and Health Services	20,000	20,400	19,500	-400	500
Health Care and Social Assistance	17,500	17,600	16,900	-100	600
Health Care	14,600	14,600	14,200	0	400
Leisure and Hospitality	12,100	12,300	12,000	-200	100
Accommodation and Food Services	10,800	11,000	10,800	-200	0
Other Services	5,200	5,400	5,300	-200	-100
Government	43,200	43,600	41,400	-400	1,800
Federal Government	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
State Government	21,100	21,200	20,200	-100	900
State Government Educational Services	2,100	2,300	2,100	-200	0
Local Government	20,500	20,800	19,600	-300	900
Tribal Government	2,000	2,000	1,900	0	100
Local Government Educational Services	10,500	10,700	10,000	-200	500
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).