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Employment in Jackson County: August 2022 **Leisure and Hospitality, and Construction Add Most Jobs over the Year**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 1,280 jobs over the month. Local government education added 650 jobs in August, comprising about one-half of the monthly increase. Job gains in August were broad-based with most published sectors picking up jobs. Retail trade had the largest private-sector gain, up by 220 jobs. Other industries gaining jobs included private education and health services (+170); construction (+110); and leisure and hospitality (+110). Smaller job gains were estimated in professional and business services (+40), and mining and logging (+20). Manufacturing lost 30 jobs, the only notable decline in August.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) added 1,560, a gain of 1.8%. Jackson County is now 870 jobs above the August 2019 pre-pandemic total. Since August 2021, industries adding jobs included leisure and hospitality (+800); construction (+680); health care and social assistance (+360); wholesale trade (+90); other services (+90); and financial activities (+50). Retail trade (-260) and professional and business services (-210) lost jobs over the year.

Government employment fell by 80 jobs over the year. Local government education (-90) posted a decrease while federal government employment fell by 70 jobs. These are preliminary numbers and will be revised when more complete data are available next month.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Oct. 25th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 19th.

Notes:

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. These preliminary estimates of jobs and other labor force data are produced in cooperation with the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, are based largely on a survey of businesses and a survey of households, and are subject to later revision.

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Medford-Ashland MSA (Jackson County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July 2022	August 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	109,868	107,783	108,699	2,085	1,169
Unemployed	5,377	4,811	5,849	566	-472
Unemployment rate	4.9%	4.5%	5.4%	0.4	-0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.9%	3.7%	5.2%	0.2	-1.3
Employed	104,491	102,972	102,850	1,519	1,641
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	90,150	88,870	88,590	1,280	1,560
Total private	79,310	78,700	77,670	610	1,640
Mining, logging, and construction	6,180	6,050	5,490	130	690
Mining and logging	500	480	490	20	10
Construction	5,680	5,570	5,000	110	680
Manufacturing	7,690	7,720	7,700	-30	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,730	19,510	19,860	220	-130
Wholesale trade	2,550	2,550	2,460	0	90
Retail trade	13,790	13,560	14,050	230	-260
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,390	3,400	3,350	-10	40
Information	980	990	1,010	-10	-30
Financial activities	4,650	4,660	4,600	-10	50
Professional and business services	8,080	8,040	8,290	40	-210
Education and health services	18,270	18,100	17,880	170	390
Health care and social assistance	17,430	17,330	17,070	100	360
Leisure and hospitality	11,050	10,940	10,250	110	800
Accommodation and food services	9,300	9,250	9,010	50	290
Other services	2,680	2,690	2,590	-10	90
Government	10,840	10,170	10,920	670	-80
Federal government	1,830	1,830	1,900	0	-70
State government	1,070	1,080	1,070	-10	0
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	7,940	7,260	7,950	680	-10
Local education	4,900	4,250	4,990	650	-90

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.

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