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Employment in Jackson County: November 2018

Leisure and Hospitality, and Construction Losses Offset by Gains in Retail Trade and Local Education

Total payroll employment rose by 190 jobs in November, according to preliminary estimates produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Retail trade had the largest over-the-month gain, up by 310 jobs. Local government education job gains accounted for 250 jobs added over the month. Smaller gains were estimated in private education and health services (+120) and professional and business services (+80). There were also seasonally typical losses in leisure and hospitality (-430) and in construction (-100). Federal government employment fell by 40 jobs in November.

Over the past year, the Medford MSA (Jackson County) gained 870 payroll jobs, a growth rate of 1.0 percent. Industries adding notable jobs over the year were private education and health services (+1,500), with a large portion due to the change in home health workers; construction (+330); leisure and hospitality (+310); wholesale trade (+150); and financial activities (+140). Smaller gains were estimated in other services (+60); manufacturing (+30); and mining and logging (+30). Retail trade (-1,010) and information (-50) were the only private-sector industries with over-the-year job losses in Jackson County, according to preliminary employment estimates.

Since November 2017, government employment fell by 710 jobs. Local government education lost 140 jobs. State government employment dropped by 680 over the year, mostly due to the shift in where home care worker jobs are counted. Federal government employment rose by 50 jobs in the past 12 months.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, January 22 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Tuesday, January 15.

Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted.

The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly Oregon payroll employment and labor force data. 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. This press release incorporates, for the first time, the annual revisions to the data for 2016 and prior years.

Effective with the January 2018 data, employment of Oregon's approximately 17,000 home care workers are counted in private health care and social assistance instead of state government. The change was due to legislative action clarifying that for purposes of workforce and labor market information, home care workers are not employees of state government. The reclassification affects private sector and government monthly change figures for January 2018 and will affect over-the-year change figures through December 2018. It does not affect total payroll employment levels.

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--				
	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	October 2018	November 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	106,409	106,846	106,271	-437	138
Unemployed	4,762	4,797	4,527	-35	235
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.5%	4.3%	0.0	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	4.8%	4.7%	0.0	0.1
Employed	101,647	102,049	101,744	-402	-97
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	90,200	90,010	89,330	190	870
Total private	78,710	78,720	77,130	-10	1,580
Mining, logging, and construction	5,410	5,540	5,050	-130	360
Mining and logging	490	520	460	-30	30
Construction	4,920	5,020	4,590	-100	330
Manufacturing	7,920	7,890	7,890	30	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	20,630	20,280	21,480	350	-850
Wholesale trade	2,620	2,630	2,470	-10	150
Retail trade	14,630	14,320	15,640	310	-1,010
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,380	3,330	3,370	50	10
Information	1,160	1,170	1,210	-10	-50
Financial activities	4,340	4,350	4,200	-10	140
Professional and business services	7,500	7,420	7,420	80	80
Education and health services	17,550	17,430	16,050	120	1,500
Health care and social assistance	16,480	16,420	15,160	60	1,320
Leisure and hospitality	11,380	11,810	11,070	-430	310
Accommodation and food services	10,070	10,230	9,640	-160	430
Other services	2,820	2,830	2,760	-10	60
Government	11,490	11,290	12,200	200	-710
Federal government	1,760	1,800	1,710	-40	50
State government	980	980	1,660	0	-680
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,750	8,510	8,830	240	-80
Local education	5,960	5,710	6,100	250	-140

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.

