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## **Employment in Jackson County: January 2019**

### **Seasonally Typical Job Losses Reduce Total Employment**

Total payroll employment fell by 1,730 jobs in January. Topping the list of industries with job losses was retail trade, which shed 1,380 jobs in January. Since Jackson County experiences a substantial ramp-up in holiday hiring late in the year, we typically follow those gains with retail job losses in January and February. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities employment fell by 90 jobs over the month, mostly due to seasonally typical losses in the transportation sector. Leisure and hospitality employment fell 50 jobs over the month. A loss of about 130 jobs in accommodation and food services was offset by gains in the arts, entertainment, and recreation component of leisure and hospitality. Federal government employment fell by 40 jobs – likely related to the partial federal government shutdown that was occurring in January. Look for a rebound in federal government jobs in the upcoming months since the impasse in Washington is resolved and those workers are back on the job. Local government education employment slipped by 60 jobs in January.

Over the past year, the Medford MSA (Jackson County) gained 1,710 payroll jobs, a growth rate of 2.0 percent. Industries adding notable jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (+440); private education and health services (+400); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+230); manufacturing (+210); and construction (+180). Smaller gains were estimated in professional and business services (+60); other services (+30); and retail trade (+30). Information (-100) and mining and logging (-30) were the only private-sector industries with notable over-the-year job losses in Jackson County, according to preliminary employment estimates. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities employment was also one of the fastest growing industries in Oregon during the past 12 months.

Since January 2018, government employment rose by 290 jobs. Local government education gained 130 jobs. Non-education local government employment increased by 120 over the year. Federal government employment rose by 40 jobs in the past 12 months.

#### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 26 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Tuesday, March 19.

**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.

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--				
	January 2019	December 2018	January 2018	December 2018	January 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	104,709	105,313	103,136	-604	1,573
Unemployed	6,157	5,086	5,634	1,071	523
Unemployment rate	5.9%	4.8%	5.5%	1.1	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.4%	5.1%	4.7%	0.3	0.7
Employed	98,552	100,227	97,502	-1,675	1,050
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	88,210	89,940	86,500	-1,730	1,710
Total private	76,660	78,280	75,240	-1,620	1,420
Mining, logging, and construction	5,100	5,180	4,950	-80	150
Mining and logging	430	460	460	-30	-30
Construction	4,670	4,720	4,490	-50	180
Manufacturing	7,830	7,830	7,620	0	210
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,710	21,190	19,460	-1,480	250
Wholesale trade	2,510	2,520	2,520	-10	-10
Retail trade	13,700	15,080	13,670	-1,380	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,500	3,590	3,270	-90	230
Information	1,110	1,130	1,210	-20	-100
Financial activities	3,970	3,990	3,990	-20	-20
Professional and business services	7,510	7,500	7,450	10	60
Education and health services	17,370	17,350	16,970	20	400
Health care and social assistance	16,480	16,470	16,120	10	360
Leisure and hospitality	11,330	11,380	10,890	-50	440
Accommodation and food services	9,840	9,970	9,510	-130	330
Other services	2,730	2,730	2,700	0	30
Government	11,550	11,660	11,260	-110	290
Federal government	1,720	1,760	1,680	-40	40
State government	940	950	940	-10	0
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,890	8,950	8,640	-60	250
Local education	6,040	6,100	5,910	-60	130

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.

