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

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

Total payroll employment rose by 740 jobs in February. Three industries accounted for most of the private sector's gains including manufacturing (+210); leisure and hospitality (+150); and professional and business services (+140). With the Oregon Shakespeare Festival opening their indoor theaters by the end of February, this contributes to the earlier seasonal ramp-up in leisure and hospitality employment in Jackson County. Other industries also had estimated job gains over the month. Those with smaller increases included health care and social assistance (+70); financial activities (+70); and construction (+50). Partially offsetting those job gains, a few sectors had estimated job losses over the month including transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-90); retail trade (-30); and private education and health services (-30). Government had a net rise of 230 jobs in February with a gain of 180 in local government education accounting for most of February's net government job increase.

Over the past year, the Medford MSA (Jackson County) gained 1,560 payroll jobs, a growth rate of 1.8 percent. Industries adding notable jobs over the year were manufacturing (+340); private education and health services (+320); leisure and hospitality (+250); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+160); and professional and business services (+100). Smaller gains were estimated in construction (+60) and financial activities (+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.

Since February 2018, government employment rose by 170 jobs. Local government gained 100 jobs. Federal government employment rose by 40 jobs while state government gained 30 jobs in the past 12 months.

#### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 23 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Tuesday, April 16.

**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.

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

	--Change From--				
	February 2019	January 2019	February 2018	January 2019	February 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	105,617	104,622	104,280	995	1,337
Unemployed	5,724	6,186	5,705	-462	19
Unemployment rate	5.4%	5.9%	5.5%	-0.5	-0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.0%	5.4%	4.8%	-0.4	0.2
Employed	99,893	98,436	98,575	1,457	1,318
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	88,870	88,130	87,310	740	1,560
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	89,950	89,580	88,480	370	1,470
Total private	77,140	76,630	75,750	510	1,390
Mining, logging, and construction	5,160	5,090	5,130	70	30
Mining and logging	450	430	480	20	-30
Construction	4,710	4,660	4,650	50	60
Manufacturing	8,030	7,820	7,690	210	340
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,630	19,740	19,200	-110	430
Wholesale trade	2,530	2,520	2,540	10	-10
Retail trade	13,690	13,720	13,410	-30	280
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,410	3,500	3,250	-90	160
Information	1,100	1,110	1,200	-10	-100
Financial activities	4,040	3,970	4,010	70	30
Professional and business services	7,610	7,470	7,510	140	100
Education and health services	17,360	17,390	17,040	-30	320
Health care and social assistance	16,600	16,530	16,150	70	450
Leisure and hospitality	11,490	11,340	11,240	150	250
Accommodation and food services	9,940	9,850	9,620	90	320
Other services	2,720	2,700	2,730	20	-10
Government	11,730	11,500	11,560	230	170
Federal government	1,720	1,720	1,680	0	40
State government	980	960	950	20	30
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	9,030	8,820	8,930	210	100
Local education	6,160	5,980	6,190	180	-30

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.

