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Employment in Jackson County: April 2019

Seasonal Gains in Leisure and Hospitality Boost Total Employment

Total payroll employment rose 820 jobs in April. Leisure and hospitality comprised 370 of the over-the-month total increase. Within leisure and hospitality, 250 of the jobs added over the month were in accommodation and food services. Another seasonal industry, construction, boosted employment by 40 jobs in April. Both federal government and retail trade employment rose by 70 in April. Manufacturing, and health care and social assistance each added 50 jobs over the month.

Over the past year, the Medford MSA (Jackson County) gained 2,060 payroll jobs, a growth rate of 2.3 percent, just slightly slower than Oregon's 2.5 percent overall increase. Industries adding notable jobs over the year were retail trade (+420); health care and social assistances (+380); manufacturing (+330); professional and business services (+300); and leisure and hospitality (+260). Smaller gains were posted in construction (+170) and other services (+50). Wholesale trade (-60) was the only private-sector industry with notable over-the-year job losses in Jackson County, according to preliminary employment estimates.

Since April 2018, government employment rose by 200 jobs. Local government gained 90 jobs. Federal government employment rose by 60 jobs while state government gained 50 jobs in the past 12 months as well.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 25th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 18th.

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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Jackson County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2019	March 2019	April 2018	March 2019	April 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	105,282	105,440	104,202	-158	1,080
Unemployed	4,956	5,732	4,847	-776	109
Unemployment rate	4.7%	5.4%	4.7%	-0.7	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	5.0%	4.7%	-0.1	0.2
Employed	100,326	99,708	99,355	618	971
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	90,460	89,640	88,400	820	2,060
Total private	78,660	77,880	76,800	780	1,860
Mining, logging, and construction	5,460	5,390	5,250	70	210
Mining and logging	510	480	470	30	40
Construction	4,950	4,910	4,780	40	170
Manufacturing	8,100	8,050	7,770	50	330
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,590	19,510	19,240	80	350
Wholesale trade	2,520	2,510	2,580	10	-60
Retail trade	13,790	13,720	13,370	70	420
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,280	3,280	3,290	0	-10
Information	1,250	1,250	1,200	0	50
Financial activities	4,090	4,090	4,090	0	0
Professional and business services	7,870	7,740	7,570	130	300
Education and health services	17,400	17,340	17,090	60	310
Health care and social assistance	16,600	16,550	16,220	50	380
Leisure and hospitality	12,090	11,720	11,830	370	260
Accommodation and food services	10,240	9,990	10,040	250	200
Other services	2,810	2,790	2,760	20	50
Government	11,800	11,760	11,600	40	200
Federal government	1,790	1,720	1,730	70	60
State government	1,010	1,000	960	10	50
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	9,000	9,040	8,910	-40	90
Local education	6,120	6,190	6,170	-70	-50

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: 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.

