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Employment in Jackson County: May 2019

Gains in Construction, Retail Trade, and Leisure and Hospitality Boost Total Employment

Total payroll employment rose 1,140 jobs in May. Construction had the largest job gain in Jackson County, up by 280 jobs over the month. Retail trade (+190) and leisure and hospitality (+160) also saw a healthy bump in employment. Most other industries had rising job totals in May. Private education and health services gained 140 job over the month. Other industries adding jobs included manufacturing (+60), financial activities (+50), and mining and logging (+30). Government employment had a net increase of 190 jobs in May. Local government gained 110 jobs and federal government employment gained 80 jobs.

Over the past year, the Medford MSA (Jackson County) gained 2,480 payroll jobs, a growth rate of 2.8 percent, just slightly faster than Oregon's 2.5 percent overall increase. Industries adding notable jobs over the year were health care and social assistance (+430); construction (+400); retail trade (+340); professional and business services (+340); manufacturing (+310); and leisure and hospitality (+310). Smaller gains were posted in mining and logging (+40); information (+30); and other services (+30). Wholesale trade (-30) was the only private-sector industry with notable over-the-year job losses in Jackson County, according to preliminary employment estimates.

Since May 2018, government employment rose by 280 jobs. Local government gained 160 jobs. Federal government employment rose by 70 jobs while state government gained 50 jobs in the past 12 months as well.

Next Press Releases

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

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--				
	May 2019	April 2019	May 2018	April 2019	May 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	105,282	105,074	103,982	208	1,300
Unemployed	4,073	4,951	4,342	-878	-269
Unemployment rate	3.9%	4.7%	4.2%	-0.8	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	4.9%	4.6%	-0.1	0.2
Employed	101,209	100,123	99,640	1,086	1,569
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	91,420	90,280	88,940	1,140	2,480
Total private	79,410	78,460	77,210	950	2,200
Mining, logging, and construction	5,790	5,480	5,350	310	440
Mining and logging	540	510	500	30	40
Construction	5,250	4,970	4,850	280	400
Manufacturing	8,130	8,070	7,820	60	310
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,630	19,390	19,330	240	300
Wholesale trade	2,550	2,520	2,580	30	-30
Retail trade	13,780	13,590	13,440	190	340
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,300	3,280	3,310	20	-10
Information	1,240	1,240	1,210	0	30
Financial activities	4,140	4,090	4,130	50	10
Professional and business services	7,920	7,910	7,580	10	340
Education and health services	17,530	17,390	17,100	140	430
Health care and social assistance	16,620	16,600	16,190	20	430
Leisure and hospitality	12,240	12,080	11,930	160	310
Accommodation and food services	10,430	10,240	10,220	190	210
Other services	2,790	2,810	2,760	-20	30
Government	12,010	11,820	11,730	190	280
Federal government	1,840	1,760	1,770	80	70
State government	1,010	1,010	960	0	50
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	9,160	9,050	9,000	110	160
Local education	6,210	6,160	6,200	50	10

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.

