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

### **Gains in Construction, Retail Trade, and Construction Boost Total Employment**

Total payroll employment rose by 640 jobs in June. Leading the way was the tourism-dependent leisure and hospitality sector, adding 400 jobs over the month. Of the 400 jobs added in leisure and hospitality, about one-half were in the accommodation and food services component. Construction also saw a notable bump in employment, gaining 110 jobs in June. Smaller monthly job increases were also estimated in professional and business services (+70); manufacturing (+50); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+40). A couple industries lost jobs in June including retail trade (-140) and private educational and health services (-80). Government employment increased by 130 jobs over the month, which included gains in local (+60), state (+50), and federal government (+20).

Over the past year, the Medford MSA (Jackson County) gained 2,320 payroll jobs, a growth rate of 2.6 percent, just slightly faster than Oregon's 2.4 percent overall increase. Industries adding notable jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (+490); professional and business services (+430); construction (+410); health care and social assistance (+340); manufacturing (+320); and retail trade (+150). Smaller gains were posted in mining and logging (+60); information (+20); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+20). Wholesale trade (-40) was the only private-sector industry with notable over-the-year job losses in Jackson County, according to preliminary employment estimates.

Since June 2018, government employment rose by 150 jobs. Local government gained 40 jobs. Federal government employment rose by 40 jobs while state government gained 70 jobs in the past 12 months as well.

#### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**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--				
	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019	June 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	105,713	105,292	104,872	421	841
Unemployed	4,874	4,028	5,051	846	-177
Unemployment rate	4.6%	3.8%	4.8%	0.8	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.8%	4.6%	-0.1	0.1
Employed	100,839	101,264	99,821	-425	1,018
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	92,040	91,400	89,720	640	2,320
Total private	79,920	79,410	77,750	510	2,170
Mining, logging, and construction	5,890	5,760	5,420	130	470
Mining and logging	560	540	500	20	60
Construction	5,330	5,220	4,920	110	410
Manufacturing	8,180	8,130	7,860	50	320
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,670	19,750	19,540	-80	130
Wholesale trade	2,570	2,550	2,610	20	-40
Retail trade	13,760	13,900	13,610	-140	150
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,340	3,300	3,320	40	20
Information	1,240	1,240	1,220	0	20
Financial activities	4,140	4,130	4,140	10	0
Professional and business services	7,980	7,910	7,550	70	430
Education and health services	17,340	17,420	17,040	-80	300
Health care and social assistance	16,560	16,610	16,220	-50	340
Leisure and hospitality	12,680	12,280	12,190	400	490
Accommodation and food services	10,610	10,420	10,380	190	230
Other services	2,800	2,790	2,790	10	10
Government	12,120	11,990	11,970	130	150
Federal government	1,860	1,840	1,820	20	40
State government	1,070	1,020	1,000	50	70
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	9,190	9,130	9,150	60	40
Local education	6,160	6,180	6,250	-20	-90

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.

