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

### **Seasonal Losses in Local Government Education Reduce Total Employment**

Total payroll employment fell by 1,930 jobs in July, mostly due to a typical seasonal loss of 2,040 jobs in local government education. Employment changes in most other published industries were modest. Professional and business services added 80 jobs in July. The goods-producing industries construction and manufacturing gained 70 and 40 jobs, respectively. A couple other industries had estimated job losses over the month, including private education and health services (-60); retail trade (-50); and information (-30). Government employment fell by 2,030 jobs, mostly as a result of the aforementioned seasonal decline in education employment.

Over the past year, the Medford MSA (Jackson County) gained 1,050 payroll jobs, a growth rate of 1.2 percent and slower than Oregon's 2.1 percent overall increase. Industries adding notable jobs over the year were education and health services (+470); leisure and hospitality (+370); manufacturing (+310); construction (+170); other services (+140); and information (+50).

Retail trade (-430) and professional and business services (-170) were the private-sector industries with notable over-the-year job losses in Jackson County, according to preliminary employment estimates.

Since July 2018, government employment rose by 120 jobs. Local, state, and federal government each gained 40 jobs in the past 12 months.

#### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Tuesday, September 17<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.

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--				
	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019	July 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	105,991	105,721	104,249	270	1,742
Unemployed	5,565	4,824	5,198	741	367
Unemployment rate	5.3%	4.6%	5.0%	0.7	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	0.0	0.0
Employed	100,426	100,897	99,051	-471	1,375
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	88,540	90,470	87,490	-1,930	1,050
Total private	78,440	78,340	77,510	100	930
Mining, logging, and construction	5,610	5,540	5,440	70	170
Mining and logging	520	520	520	0	0
Construction	5,090	5,020	4,920	70	170
Manufacturing	8,230	8,190	7,920	40	310
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,210	19,240	19,560	-30	-350
Wholesale trade	2,570	2,550	2,590	20	-20
Retail trade	13,300	13,350	13,730	-50	-430
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,340	3,340	3,240	0	100
Information	1,260	1,290	1,210	-30	50
Financial activities	4,060	4,040	4,120	20	-60
Professional and business services	7,660	7,580	7,830	80	-170
Education and health services	17,190	17,250	16,720	-60	470
Health care and social assistance	16,360	16,380	16,050	-20	310
Leisure and hospitality	12,320	12,340	11,950	-20	370
Accommodation and food services	10,350	10,360	10,180	-10	170
Other services	2,900	2,870	2,760	30	140
Government	10,100	12,130	9,980	-2,030	120
Federal government	1,870	1,870	1,830	0	40
State government	1,040	1,050	1,000	-10	40
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	7,190	9,210	7,150	-2,020	40
Local education	4,150	6,190	4,220	-2,040	-70

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.

