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Employment in Jackson County: August 2019

Job Losses in Leisure and Hospitality Offset by Retail Trade Gains

Total payroll employment fell by 100 jobs in August. The largest job declines were estimated in leisure and hospitality (-250), and local government (-180). Most of the local government decline was in local education. Manufacturing also had slight job losses, down by 50 over the month. Countering those losses, a number of industries added jobs in August. Retail trade employment rose by 250 jobs. Gains were also estimated in a diverse group of industries including health care and social assistance (+80); construction (+40); and financial activities (+30). Government employment fell by 150 in August. Local government education employment shed 180 jobs while federal government employment rose by 30.

Over the past year, the Medford MSA (Jackson County) gained 720 payroll jobs, a growth rate of 0.8 percent and slower than Oregon's 1.8 percent overall increase. Industries adding notable jobs over the year were education and health services (+250); manufacturing (+170); leisure and hospitality (+160); construction (+160); other services (+150); and information (+50).

Retail trade (-430) was the only private-sector industry with estimated over-the-year job losses in Jackson County, according to preliminary employment estimates.

Since August 2018, government employment rose by 150 jobs. Federal (+70); state (+60) and local government (+20) each gained jobs in the past 12 months.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, October 22nd, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Tuesday, October 15th.

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--				
	August 2019	July 2019	August 2018	July 2019	August 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	106,856	106,213	104,877	643	1,979
Unemployed	5,424	5,566	5,092	-142	332
Unemployment rate	5.1%	5.2%	4.9%	-0.1	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.7%	4.8%	0.0	-0.1
Employed	101,432	100,647	99,785	785	1,647
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	88,680	88,780	87,960	-100	720
Total private	78,710	78,660	78,140	50	570
Mining, logging, and construction	5,680	5,630	5,510	50	170
Mining and logging	530	520	520	10	10
Construction	5,150	5,110	4,990	40	160
Manufacturing	8,180	8,230	8,010	-50	170
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,600	19,340	20,010	260	-410
Wholesale trade	2,580	2,570	2,580	10	0
Retail trade	13,680	13,430	14,110	250	-430
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,340	3,340	3,320	0	20
Information	1,250	1,260	1,200	-10	50
Financial activities	4,100	4,070	4,090	30	10
Professional and business services	7,790	7,780	7,770	10	20
Education and health services	17,180	17,140	16,930	40	250
Health care and social assistance	16,440	16,360	16,210	80	230
Leisure and hospitality	12,060	12,310	11,900	-250	160
Accommodation and food services	10,340	10,340	10,230	0	110
Other services	2,870	2,900	2,720	-30	150
Government	9,970	10,120	9,820	-150	150
Federal government	1,900	1,870	1,830	30	70
State government	1,060	1,060	1,000	0	60
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	7,010	7,190	6,990	-180	20
Local education	4,000	4,150	4,080	-150	-80

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.

