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## Employment in Jackson County: October 2019

### Revised Data Reverse Retail Trade, Total Employment Over-the-Year Decline

Total payroll employment rose by 1,000 jobs in October. Seasonal hiring in local government education added the lion's share of those, up by 1,040 jobs as the school year ramp-up continued. Retail trade also continued its seasonal employment upturn, gaining 140 jobs over the month. Private educational and health services added 110 jobs while financial activities employment rose by 60 jobs. Offsetting some of those gains, employment fell in leisure and hospitality (-210); manufacturing (-100); and construction (-60). State government employment slipped by 40 jobs over the month.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) added 820 jobs for a growth rate of 0.9 percent and slightly slower than Oregon's overall job growth rate of 1.4 percent. Since October 2018, estimates show the largest decline was in leisure and hospitality, down by 230 jobs. The "goods producing" industries also lost jobs in Jackson County with losses in manufacturing (-70); construction (-30); and mining and logging (-30). There were also small job declines in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-40) and in professional and business services (-30). More than offsetting those losses, job growth was estimated in private educational and health services (+450); local government education (+230); other services (+150); **retail trade** (+140); wholesale trade (+90); and financial activities (+50).

#### Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, December 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--				
	October 2019	September 2019	October 2018	September 2019	October 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	106,847	106,797	106,374	50	473
Unemployed	3,885	4,345	4,591	-460	-706
Unemployment rate	3.6%	4.1%	4.3%	-0.5	-0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.7%	5.0%	-0.1	-0.4
Employed	102,962	102,452	101,783	510	1,179
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	91,340	90,340	90,520	1,000	820
Total private	79,340	79,300	78,900	40	440
Mining, logging, and construction	5,420	5,480	5,480	-60	-60
Mining and logging	490	490	520	0	-30
Construction	4,930	4,990	4,960	-60	-30
Manufacturing	7,960	8,060	8,030	-100	-70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	20,970	20,780	20,780	190	190
Wholesale trade	2,590	2,590	2,500	0	90
Retail trade	15,040	14,850	14,900	190	140
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,340	3,340	3,380	0	-40
Information	1,270	1,270	1,280	0	-10
Financial activities	4,130	4,070	4,080	60	50
Professional and business services	7,740	7,710	7,770	30	-30
Education and health services	17,470	17,360	17,020	110	450
Health care and social assistance	16,590	16,550	16,170	40	420
Leisure and hospitality	11,460	11,670	11,690	-210	-230
Accommodation and food services	9,990	10,140	10,050	-150	-60
Other services	2,920	2,900	2,770	20	150
Government	12,000	11,040	11,620	960	380
Federal government	1,880	1,890	1,800	-10	80
State government	1,030	1,070	970	-40	60
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	9,090	8,080	8,850	1,010	240
Local education	6,250	5,210	6,020	1,040	230

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.

