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## **Employment in Jackson County: July 2020 Job Recovery Continues at Slower Pace**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 470 jobs in July. Private-sector employment increased by 1,560 jobs while government employment fell by 1,110 jobs, nearly all of the loss a seasonal decline in local government education. Leisure and hospitality had the largest estimated gain over the month, adding 1,120 jobs. Other industries continuing to gain jobs included financial activities (+240); retail trade (+210); professional and business services (+200); and health care and social assistance (+70). Both manufacturing and construction added workers in July, up 90 and 80 jobs, respectively. Government had a net loss of 1,090 jobs over the month, with a loss of 1,220 local government education jobs slightly offset by a gain of 30 in federal government. The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 10.4 percent in July, down from a revised 11.6 percent in June. In July 2019 the rate stood at 4.3 percent in Jackson County.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) fell by 2,990, a drop of 3.4 percent. Nearly all published private-sector industries continue to show over-the-year losses in Jackson County with the exceptions being financial activities (+160) and construction (+130). Since July 2019, leisure and hospitality accounts for about one-third of total job losses, down by 1,020 jobs. Other industries with substantial declines include manufacturing (-660); private education and health services (-420); information (-420); other services (-420); wholesale trade (-270); and retail trade (-260). Government employment rose by 230 jobs over the year with gains in local (+230); federal (+50); and state government (+10).

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Notes:**

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 2020	June 2020	July 2019	June 2020	July 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	102,087	106,434	103,568	-4,347	-1,481
Unemployed	11,144	12,642	5,322	-1,498	5,822
Unemployment rate	10.9%	11.9%	5.1%	-1.0	5.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	10.4%	11.6%	4.3%	-1.2	6.1
Employed	90,943	93,792	98,246	-2,849	-7,303
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	85,270	84,800	88,260	470	-2,990
Total private	74,920	73,360	78,140	1,560	-3,220
Mining, logging, and construction	5,550	5,460	5,420	90	130
Mining and logging	480	470	480	10	0
Construction	5,070	4,990	4,940	80	130
Manufacturing	7,470	7,380	8,130	90	-660
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,210	19,100	19,720	110	-510
Wholesale trade	2,360	2,530	2,630	-170	-270
Retail trade	13,560	13,350	13,820	210	-260
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,290	3,220	3,270	70	20
Information	800	1,050	1,220	-250	-420
Financial activities	4,260	4,020	4,100	240	160
Professional and business services	7,830	7,630	7,890	200	-60
Education and health services	16,710	16,640	17,130	70	-420
Health care and social assistance	16,370	16,300	16,410	70	-40
Leisure and hospitality	10,710	9,590	11,730	1,120	-1,020
Accommodation and food services	8,770	7,860	9,960	910	-1,190
Other services	2,380	2,490	2,800	-110	-420
Government	10,350	11,440	10,120	-1,090	230
Federal government	1,920	1,890	1,870	30	50
State government	1,030	1,040	1,020	-10	10
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	7,400	8,510	7,230	-1,110	170
Local education	4,570	5,690	4,260	-1,120	310

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