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Employment in Jackson County: September 2020 **Fires that Devastated the Region Likely Impacted Employment**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County was essentially unchanged in September. As these are survey-based estimates, the final employment impacts of the recent Almeda and other fires won't be known until more complete payroll tax records are available. In September, the largest decline was estimated in leisure and hospitality, down by 530 jobs. Some that decline was likely temporary due to evacuations that were eventually lifted. Other losses are longer term from establishments lost to the Almeda fire. Smaller job losses were estimated in construction (-30) and retail trade (-20). Educational and health services employment rose by 370, with 280 of the gain in health care and social assistance. Manufacturing gained 70 jobs over the month but employment declined by 6.6 percent over the year. Government employment rose by 120 jobs. Gains were posted in local government education (+160) and state government (+60).

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) fell by 3,490, a drop of 3.9 percent. Many published private-sector industries continue to show over-the-year losses in Jackson County with the exceptions being construction (+340); health care and social assistance (+80); and financial activities (+20). Since September 2019, accommodation and food services accounts for over one third of total job losses, down by 1,320 jobs. Other industries with substantial declines include retail trade (-870); manufacturing (-540); private education and health services (-390); other services (-240); and information (-160). Government employment fell by 530 jobs over the year with losses in local government education (-660) slightly offset by gains in federal (+130); and state government (+90).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, November 24th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Tuesday, November 17th.

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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Jackson County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	September 2020	August 2020	September 2019	August 2020	September 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	102,588	104,335	104,447	-1,747	-1,859
Unemployed	7,468	8,967	3,408	-1,499	4,060
Unemployment rate	7.3%	8.6%	3.3%	-1.3	4.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	8.7%	8.7%	4.0%	0.0	4.7
Employed	95,120	95,368	101,039	-248	-5,919
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	86,790	86,800	90,280	-10	-3,490
Total private	76,150	76,280	79,110	-130	-2,960
Mining, logging, and construction	5,700	5,730	5,360	-30	340
Mining and logging	480	480	480	0	0
Construction	5,220	5,250	4,880	-30	340
Manufacturing	7,600	7,530	8,140	70	-540
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,930	19,910	20,860	20	-930
Wholesale trade	2,530	2,530	2,580	0	-50
Retail trade	14,050	14,070	14,920	-20	-870
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,350	3,310	3,360	40	-10
Information	1,020	1,010	1,180	10	-160
Financial activities	4,090	4,070	4,070	20	20
Professional and business services	7,900	7,900	7,770	0	130
Education and health services	17,210	16,840	17,600	370	-390
Health care and social assistance	16,830	16,550	16,750	280	80
Leisure and hospitality	10,220	10,790	11,410	-570	-1,190
Accommodation and food services	8,440	8,770	9,760	-330	-1,320
Other services	2,480	2,500	2,720	-20	-240
Government	10,640	10,520	11,170	120	-530
Federal government	2,030	2,100	1,900	-70	130
State government	1,110	1,050	1,020	60	90
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	7,500	7,370	8,250	130	-750
Local education	4,700	4,540	5,360	160	-660

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: 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.

