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Employment in Jackson County: October 2020
Most Industries Remain Below Pre-pandemic Levels

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 850 jobs in October. Local government education employment increased by 440 jobs. The other sectors contributing to the month’s job gains were retail trade (+450) and health care and social assistance (+320). Slight job gains were also tallied in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+50) and in wholesale trade (+40). Seasonally expected losses were estimated in leisure and hospitality (-300) and construction (-60). Government employment climbed by 380 jobs in October. The increase in local government education was slightly countered by a loss of 50 jobs in federal government.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) fell by 4,530, a drop of 4.9 percent. Many published private-sector industries continue to show over-the-year losses in Jackson County with the exceptions being health care and social assistance (+470); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+90). Since October 2019, leisure and hospitality accounts for more than half of total job losses, down by 2,300 jobs. Other industries with substantial declines include professional and business services (-680); retail trade (-550); other services (-320); manufacturing (-180); information (-120); and financial activities (-90). Government employment fell by 460 jobs over the year with losses in local government education (-530) slightly offset by gains in federal government (+100) and state government (+40).

As the recent two-week or possibly longer freeze orders that will impact operations and likely employment at restaurants, bars, gyms, movie theaters, among others, didn’t occur until late in the month, employment impacts may not be fully represented in the November employment data.

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 22nd, and the
statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, December 15th.

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

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<td>Civilian labor force</td>
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Nonfarm Payroll Employment

Total nonfarm employment 87,240 86,390 91,770 850 -4,530
Total private 75,960 75,490 80,030 470 -4,070
Mining, logging, and construction 5,250 5,310 5,370 -60 -120
Mining and logging 480 480 500 0 -20
Construction 4,770 4,830 4,870 -60 -100
Manufacturing 7,870 7,870 8,050 0 -180
Trade, transportation, and utilities 20,350 19,810 20,900 540 -550
Wholesale trade 2,500 2,460 2,590 40 -90
Retail trade 14,390 13,940 14,940 450 -550
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities 3,460 3,410 3,370 50 90
Information 1,060 1,060 1,180 0 -120
Financial activities 4,060 4,070 4,150 -10 -90
Professional and business services 7,610 7,600 8,290 10 -680
Education and health services 18,040 17,750 17,750 290 290
Health care and social assistance 17,310 16,990 16,840 320 470
Leisure and hospitality 9,240 9,540 11,540 -300 -2,300
Accommodation and food services 8,410 8,470 9,840 -60 -1,430
Other services 2,480 2,480 2,800 0 -320
Government 11,280 10,900 11,740 380 -460
Federal government 1,970 2,020 1,870 -50 100
State government 1,040 1,030 1,000 10 40
State education 0 0 0 0 0
Local government 8,270 7,850 8,870 420 -600
Local education 5,480 5,040 6,010 440 -530

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.