In October 2020, Jackson County’s unemployment rate was 7.6 percent, up 3.8 percentage points from last year. Josephine County’s unemployment rate was 7.2 percent, up 2.7 percentage points over last year. Leisure and hospitality, which includes accommodation and food services, continues to account for the largest industry losses.

The Graph of the Month shows the industries that are most expected to add jobs in the next 10 years in the Rogue Valley. The annual projections have been released and health care and social assistance is projected to add 3,110 jobs, the most of any sector in the Rogue Valley. Guy Tauer, Regional Economist, has written about industry job growth and other key employment projections in this article.

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