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## **Employment in Jackson County: March 2025**

### **Total Employment Declined Slightly Over the Year**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 200 jobs in March. Health care and social assistance added 150 jobs over the month. The return of workers who were on strike at a major health care provider contributed to the jobs added in health care and social assistance during March. Other industries adding jobs over the month were leisure and hospitality (+110); construction (+40); and professional and business services (+30). Small employment declines were estimated in retail trade (-40); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-30); financial activities (-30); and manufacturing (-20).

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) slipped by 80 jobs, or -0.1%. Since March 2024, industries adding jobs were private education and health services (+560); retail trade (+230); and other services (+110). Industries with over-the-year losses included leisure and hospitality (-340); financial activities (-110); professional and business services (-30); and construction (-30). Government lost 300 jobs since March 2024, with losses in local government (-340) and federal government (-10) somewhat offset by a gain in state government (+50).

Jackson County's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.9% in March, the same as in February and up slightly from 5.3% in March 2024.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Wednesday, May 14<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.

Labor force statistics for Oregon metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) are produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Through June 2025, seasonally adjusted data are not available for Oregon MSAs or other MSAs around the country. New MSA definitions resulting from the 2020 Census are being incorporated into the history of the data series back to 1990, as well as other updates to the processing of labor force estimates for substate areas. Read more on this pause in seasonally adjusted metro area data [here](#)

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## Medford-Ashland MSA (Jackson County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2025	February 2025	March 2024	February 2025	March 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	105,825	105,506	105,885	319	-60
Unemployed	6,277	6,244	5,613	33	664
Unemployment rate	5.9%	5.9%	5.3%	0.0	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	99,548	99,262	100,272	286	-724
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	89,150	88,950	89,230	200	-80
Total private	77,210	77,030	76,990	180	220
Mining, logging, and construction	5,660	5,620	5,680	40	-20
Mining and logging	460	460	450	0	10
Construction	5,200	5,160	5,230	40	-30
Manufacturing	6,810	6,830	6,880	-20	-70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,090	19,140	18,930	-50	160
Wholesale trade	2,600	2,580	2,630	20	-30
Retail trade	13,170	13,210	12,940	-40	230
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,320	3,350	3,360	-30	-40
Information	900	910	940	-10	-40
Financial activities	3,530	3,560	3,640	-30	-110
Professional and business services	8,100	8,070	8,130	30	-30
Private education and health services	20,110	20,020	19,550	90	560
Health care and social assistance	19,130	18,980	18,470	150	660
Leisure and hospitality	10,240	10,130	10,580	110	-340
Accommodation and food services	8,730	8,640	9,000	90	-270
Other services	2,770	2,750	2,660	20	110
Government	11,940	11,920	12,240	20	-300
Federal government	1,900	1,870	1,910	30	-10
State government	1,290	1,300	1,240	-10	50
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,750	8,750	9,090	0	-340
Local education	5,540	5,560	5,900	-20	-360

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.

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