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Employment in Jackson County: May 2025

Leisure and Hospitality Gains Boost May Job Total

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 460 jobs in May. Leisure and hospitality again posted the largest increase, up by 410 jobs. Smaller employment gains were estimated in private education and health services (+60); professional and business services (+40); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+20). Government employment climbed by 20 jobs, with state and local government each adding 10 jobs. Job totals fell over the month in retail trade (-80), and manufacturing (-30).

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) climbed by 420 jobs, or 0.5%. Since May 2024 industries adding jobs were private education and health services (+750); leisure and hospitality (+220); and professional and business services (+80). Industries shedding jobs were manufacturing (-150), wholesale trade (-90), and financial activities (-70). Government employment slipped by 270 jobs over the year. Local government education was down by 370 jobs while state government employment rose by 90 since May 2024. Federal government employment fell by 30 jobs over the same period.

Jackson County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.2% in May, from 5.1% in April and up slightly from 4.8% in May 2024.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, July 22nd, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Wednesday, July 16th.

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--				
	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024	April 2025	May 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	106,128	105,516	105,742	612	386
Unemployed	5,404	4,829	4,518	575	886
Unemployment rate	5.1%	4.6%	4.3%	0.5	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.2%	5.1%	4.8%	0.1	0.4
Employed	100,724	100,687	101,224	37	-500
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	90,740	90,280	90,320	460	420
Total private	78,630	78,190	77,940	440	690
Mining, logging, and construction	5,810	5,810	5,800	0	10
Mining and logging	460	450	470	10	-10
Construction	5,350	5,360	5,330	-10	20
Manufacturing	6,660	6,690	6,810	-30	-150
Trade, transportation, and utilities	18,930	18,990	19,090	-60	-160
Wholesale trade	2,500	2,500	2,590	0	-90
Retail trade	13,000	13,080	13,010	-80	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,430	3,410	3,490	20	-60
Information	880	870	900	10	-20
Financial activities	3,660	3,650	3,730	10	-70
Professional and business services	8,390	8,350	8,310	40	80
Private education and health services	20,440	20,380	19,690	60	750
Health care and social assistance	19,690	19,680	18,570	10	1,120
Leisure and hospitality	11,130	10,720	10,910	410	220
Accommodation and food services	9,410	9,060	9,310	350	100
Other services	2,730	2,730	2,700	0	30
Government	12,110	12,090	12,380	20	-270
Federal government	1,930	1,930	1,960	0	-30
State government	1,340	1,330	1,250	10	90
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,840	8,830	9,170	10	-330
Local education	5,550	5,570	5,920	-20	-370

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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