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## **Employment in Jackson County: October 2022** **Leisure and Hospitality, and Health Care and Social Assistance Add Most Jobs** **over the Year**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County increased by 770 jobs in October. The largest decline was estimated in leisure and hospitality which lost 350 jobs. Other sectors losing jobs over the month were professional and business services (-40) and federal government (-20). Local government education added 420 jobs in October as school year hiring continued. Other industries with estimated job gains included private education and health services (+180); construction (+60); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+50).

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) gained 1,710 jobs, an increase of 1.9%. Jackson County is now 1,480 jobs below the October 2019 pre-pandemic total. Since October 2021, industries adding jobs included health care and social assistance (+680); leisure and hospitality (+500); construction (+470); and wholesale trade (+50). Retail trade (-40) and professional and business services (-100) lost jobs over the year.

Government employment rose by 570 jobs over the year. Local government education had an estimated increase of 460 jobs and state government employment rose by 10. Federal government employment slipped by 30 over the year. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.3% which was down from 4.8% in October 2021.

### **Next Press Releases**

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

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

	--Change From--				
	October 2022	September 2022	October 2021	September 2022	October 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	108,538	108,503	108,827	35	-289
Unemployed	4,817	4,766	4,242	51	575
Unemployment rate	4.4%	4.4%	3.9%	0.0	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.3%	4.1%	4.8%	0.2	-0.5
Employed	103,721	103,737	104,585	-16	-864
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	90,730	89,960	89,020	770	1,710
Total private	79,000	78,620	77,860	380	1,140
Mining, logging, and construction	6,140	6,080	5,680	60	460
Mining and logging	490	490	500	0	-10
Construction	5,650	5,590	5,180	60	470
Manufacturing	7,660	7,650	7,640	10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	20,110	19,640	20,480	470	-370
Wholesale trade	2,540	2,530	2,490	10	50
Retail trade	14,130	13,720	14,530	410	-400
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,440	3,390	3,460	50	-20
Information	970	970	1,000	0	-30
Financial activities	4,650	4,620	4,660	30	-10
Professional and business services	8,000	8,040	8,100	-40	-100
Education and health services	18,510	18,330	17,880	180	630
Health care and social assistance	17,630	17,540	16,950	90	680
Leisure and hospitality	10,330	10,680	9,830	-350	500
Accommodation and food services	8,820	9,090	8,670	-270	150
Other services	2,630	2,610	2,590	20	40
Government	11,730	11,340	11,160	390	570
Federal government	1,820	1,840	1,850	-20	-30
State government	1,080	1,090	1,070	-10	10
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,830	8,410	8,240	420	590
Local education	5,850	5,440	5,390	410	460

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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