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## **Employment in Jackson County: November 2022** **Health Care and Social Assistance Add Most Jobs over the Year**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County increased by 170 jobs in November. The largest decline was estimated in construction which lost 150 jobs. Other sectors losing jobs over the month were leisure and hospitality (-40), financial activities (-30), and professional and business services (-20). Local government education added 200 jobs in November as school year hiring continued. Other industries with estimated job gains included transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+80); retail trade (+60); and private education and health services (+50).

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) gained 1,440 jobs, an increase of 1.6%. Jackson County is now 1,470 jobs below the November 2019 pre-pandemic total. Since November 2021, industries adding jobs included health care and social assistance (+910), leisure and hospitality (+420), construction (+370), and wholesale trade (+80). Retail trade (-740), professional and business services (-80), and financial activities (-60) lost jobs over the year.

Government employment rose by 520 jobs over the year. Local government education had an estimated increase of 400 jobs and state government employment rose by 50. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.7% which was equal to the November 2021 rate and up slightly from 4.3% in October 2022.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Thursday, Jan. 19<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--				
	November 2022	October 2022	November 2021	October 2022	November 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	107,309	108,285	108,548	-976	-1,239
Unemployed	5,201	4,782	4,082	419	1,119
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.4%	3.8%	0.4	1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.3%	4.7%	0.4	0.0
Employed	102,108	103,503	104,466	-1,395	-2,358
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	90,700	90,530	89,260	170	1,440
Total private	78,980	78,960	78,060	20	920
Mining, logging, and construction	5,970	6,130	5,590	-160	380
Mining and logging	480	490	470	-10	10
Construction	5,490	5,640	5,120	-150	370
Manufacturing	7,710	7,660	7,550	50	160
Trade, transportation, and utilities	20,240	20,070	20,920	170	-680
Wholesale trade	2,570	2,540	2,490	30	80
Retail trade	14,160	14,100	14,900	60	-740
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,510	3,430	3,530	80	-20
Information	970	970	1,010	0	-40
Financial activities	4,620	4,650	4,680	-30	-60
Professional and business services	8,040	8,060	8,120	-20	-80
Education and health services	18,520	18,470	17,730	50	790
Health care and social assistance	17,690	17,590	16,780	100	910
Leisure and hospitality	10,300	10,340	9,880	-40	420
Accommodation and food services	8,840	8,810	8,690	30	150
Other services	2,610	2,610	2,580	0	30
Government	11,720	11,570	11,200	150	520
Federal government	1,800	1,820	1,800	-20	0
State government	1,100	1,080	1,050	20	50
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,820	8,670	8,350	150	470
Local education	5,890	5,690	5,490	200	400

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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