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

Total payroll employment in Jackson County was essentially unchanged in December. A few sectors added jobs over the month including leisure and hospitality (+100); private education and health services (+90); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+50). On the other hand a number of industries shed jobs in December. Those losing jobs were retail trade (-90), construction (-80), manufacturing (-40), other services (-20), and mining and logging (-20). Government employment fell by 60 in December with losses estimated in local education (-30), state government (-20), and federal government (-20).

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) gained 1,730 jobs, an increase of 1.9%. Jackson County is now 1,090 jobs below the December 2019 pre-pandemic total. Since December 2021, industries adding jobs included health care and social assistance (+740), leisure and hospitality (+670), construction (+400), wholesale trade (+80), manufacturing (+60), and professional and business services (+50). Retail trade (-780), and information (-40) lost jobs over the year.

Government employment rose by 500 jobs over the year. Local government education had an estimated increase of 350 jobs and state government employment rose by 30. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.0 % up slightly from 4.7% in December 2021.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 7<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--				
	December 2022	November 2022	December 2021	November 2022	December 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	106,538	107,461	107,391	-923	-853
Unemployed	5,422	5,158	3,975	264	1,447
Unemployment rate	5.1%	4.8%	3.7%	0.3	1.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.0%	4.7%	4.7%	0.3	0.3
Employed	101,116	102,303	103,416	-1,187	-2,300
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	90,980	90,990	89,250	-10	1,730
Total private	79,370	79,320	78,140	50	1,230
Mining, logging, and construction	5,910	6,010	5,510	-100	400
Mining and logging	460	480	460	-20	0
Construction	5,450	5,530	5,050	-80	400
Manufacturing	7,630	7,690	7,570	-60	60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	20,280	20,320	20,990	-40	-710
Wholesale trade	2,560	2,560	2,480	0	80
Retail trade	14,180	14,270	14,960	-90	-780
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,540	3,490	3,550	50	-10
Information	970	970	1,010	0	-40
Financial activities	4,640	4,630	4,630	10	10
Professional and business services	8,120	8,050	8,070	70	50
Education and health services	18,630	18,540	17,890	90	740
Health care and social assistance	17,680	17,660	16,940	20	740
Leisure and hospitality	10,590	10,490	9,920	100	670
Accommodation and food services	8,860	8,900	8,620	-40	240
Other services	2,600	2,620	2,550	-20	50
Government	11,610	11,670	11,110	-60	500
Federal government	1,790	1,810	1,770	-20	20
State government	1,060	1,080	1,030	-20	30
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,760	8,780	8,310	-20	450
Local education	5,810	5,840	5,460	-30	350

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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