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Employment in Jackson County: August 2023 **Private Education and Health Services Continue to Add Most Jobs Over the Year**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County fell by 190 jobs in August. Private sector industries adding jobs over the month were private education and health services (+180), construction (+40), and retail trade (+20). Industries that shed jobs in August were leisure and hospitality (-80), financial activities (-20), and manufacturing (-20). Government employment fell by 290 jobs in August, with the loss of 310 jobs in local government education accounting for the decline.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) lost 120 jobs, a decrease of -0.1%. Since August 2022, industries adding jobs included private education and health services (+1,110); other services (+150); and professional and business services (+80). In contrast, retail trade (-590), financial activities (-560), manufacturing (-210), leisure and hospitality (-70), transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-60), and information (-40) lost jobs over the year.

Government employment was up by 100 jobs over the year. Local government (-180), which includes 410 lost local education jobs, was offset by gains in both state government (+150) and federal government (+130) since August 2022. Jackson County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.1% in August, down from 4.3% in July and down from 4.9% in August 2022.

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Notes:

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

	--Change From--				
	August 2023	July 2023	August 2022	July 2023	August 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	105,476	105,841	108,115	-365	-2,639
Unemployed	4,605	5,000	5,824	-395	-1,219
Unemployment rate	4.4%	4.7%	5.4%	-0.3	-1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.3%	4.9%	-0.2	-0.8
Employed	100,871	100,841	102,291	30	-1,420
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	88,970	89,160	89,090	-190	-120
Total private	78,490	78,390	78,710	100	-220
Mining and logging	480	480	490	0	-10
Mining, logging, and construction	5,970	5,930	5,970	40	0
Construction	5,490	5,450	5,480	40	10
Manufacturing	7,200	7,220	7,410	-20	-210
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,310	19,290	19,990	20	-680
Wholesale trade	2,570	2,570	2,600	0	-30
Retail trade	13,370	13,350	13,960	20	-590
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,370	3,370	3,430	0	-60
Information	1,010	1,020	1,050	-10	-40
Financial activities	4,020	4,040	4,580	-20	-560
Professional and business services	8,390	8,390	8,310	0	80
Private education and health services	18,830	18,650	17,720	180	1,110
Health care and social assistance	17,730	17,640	16,760	90	970
Leisure and hospitality	10,950	11,030	11,020	-80	-70
Accommodation and food services	9,410	9,400	9,450	10	-40
Other services	2,810	2,820	2,660	-10	150
Government	10,480	10,770	10,380	-290	100
Federal government	1,940	1,930	1,810	10	130
State government	1,250	1,250	1,100	0	150
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	7,290	7,590	7,470	-300	-180
Local education	4,130	4,440	4,540	-310	-410

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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