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

Total payroll employment in Jackson County increased by 1,000 jobs in October. Private-sector industries adding jobs over the month were retail trade (+220); private education and health services (+80); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+40); and construction (+30). Leisure and hospitality lost jobs over the month (-120), the only industry with any notable job loss. Government employment rose by 760 jobs in October, with the gain of 760 jobs in local government education accounting for the increase.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) added 1,740 jobs, an increase of 1.9%. Since October 2022, industries adding jobs included private education and health services (+1,180), leisure and hospitality (+450), construction (+190), wholesale trade (+100), and other services (+80). Industries with estimated jobs losses since October 2022 were retail trade (-710) and financial activities (-280). Jackson County payroll employment is 330 jobs below the total reached in October 2019, prior to the pandemic.

Government employment was up by 820 jobs over the year. Local government education (+350), state government (+180), and federal government (+110) all gained jobs over the past 12 months. Jackson County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.1 % in October, unchanged from September and down from 5.3% in October 2022.

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Notes:

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

	--Change From--				
	October 2023	September 2023	October 2022	September 2023	October 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	105,998	105,321	108,088	677	-2,090
Unemployed	3,819	4,014	5,284	-195	-1,465
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.8%	4.9%	-0.2	-1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.1%	5.3%	0.0	-1.2
Employed	102,179	101,307	102,804	872	-625
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	91,880	90,880	90,140	1,000	1,740
Total private	79,790	79,550	78,870	240	920
Mining, logging, and construction	6,040	6,010	5,850	30	190
Mining and logging	460	460	460	0	0
Construction	5,580	5,550	5,390	30	190
Manufacturing	7,230	7,240	7,290	-10	-60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	20,140	19,870	20,750	270	-610
Wholesale trade	2,680	2,670	2,580	10	100
Retail trade	13,940	13,720	14,650	220	-710
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,520	3,480	3,520	40	0
Information	920	930	1,030	-10	-110
Financial activities	4,100	4,100	4,380	0	-280
Professional and business services	8,370	8,360	8,290	10	80
Private education and health services	19,160	19,080	17,980	80	1,180
Health care and social assistance	17,940	17,920	16,970	20	970
Leisure and hospitality	11,090	11,210	10,640	-120	450
Accommodation and food services	9,330	9,510	9,220	-180	110
Other services	2,740	2,750	2,660	-10	80
Government	12,090	11,330	11,270	760	820
Federal government	1,920	1,930	1,810	-10	110
State government	1,270	1,270	1,090	0	180
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,900	8,130	8,370	770	530
Local education	5,820	5,060	5,470	760	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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