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Employment in Jackson County: December 2023 **Mixed Industry Trends Leave Employment Little Changed**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County was essentially unchanged in December. Health care and social assistance had the largest gain, adding 190 payroll jobs. Other industries with positive job trends were leisure and hospitality (+70), and transportation, warehousing, and utilities. Industries shedding jobs over the month were professional and business services (-80), manufacturing (-50), and construction (-20). Government employment fell by 90 jobs with losses in local (-40), federal (-30), and state government (-20).

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) added 1,390 jobs, an increase of 1.6%. Since December 2022, industries adding jobs included private education and health services (+1,110), leisure and hospitality (+460), construction (+190), other services (+90), and wholesale trade (+50). Industries with estimated job losses since December 2022 were retail trade (-560), financial activities (-260), and information (-120). Jackson County payroll employment is 460 jobs below the total reached in December 2019, prior to the pandemic.

Government employment was up by 420 jobs over the year. Local government (+210), state government (+140), and federal government (+70) all gained jobs over the past 12 months. Jackson County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.3 % in December, edging up from 3.9% in November and down from 5.2% in December 2022.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January statewide, county, and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 5th.

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

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| | December 2023 | November 2023 | December 2022 | November 2023 | December 2022 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 105,247 | 105,867 | 106,225 | -620 | -978 |
| Unemployed | 4,495 | 4,084 | 5,491 | 411 | -996 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.3% | 3.9% | 5.2% | 0.4 | -0.9 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | | | | | |
| Employed | 100,752 | 101,783 | 100,734 | -1,031 | 18 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 91,610 | 91,590 | 90,150 | 20 | 1,460 |
| Total private | 79,720 | 79,610 | 78,680 | 110 | 1,040 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 5,900 | 5,920 | 5,690 | -20 | 210 |
| Mining and logging | 450 | 450 | 430 | 0 | 20 |
| Construction | 5,450 | 5,470 | 5,260 | -20 | 190 |
| Manufacturing | 7,170 | 7,220 | 7,230 | -50 | -60 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 20,310 | 20,260 | 20,800 | 50 | -490 |
| Wholesale trade | 2,630 | 2,640 | 2,580 | -10 | 50 |
| Retail trade | 14,080 | 14,060 | 14,640 | 20 | -560 |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 3,600 | 3,560 | 3,580 | 40 | 20 |
| Information | 920 | 910 | 1,040 | 10 | -120 |
| Financial activities | 4,070 | 4,080 | 4,330 | -10 | -260 |
| Professional and business services | 8,300 | 8,380 | 8,200 | -80 | 100 |
| Private education and health services | 19,360 | 19,220 | 18,250 | 140 | 1,110 |
| Health care and social assistance | 18,210 | 18,020 | 17,190 | 190 | 1,020 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 10,970 | 10,900 | 10,510 | 70 | 460 |
| Accommodation and food services | 9,250 | 9,180 | 9,010 | 70 | 240 |
| Other services | 2,720 | 2,720 | 2,630 | 0 | 90 |
| Government | 11,890 | 11,980 | 11,470 | -90 | 420 |
| Federal government | 1,860 | 1,890 | 1,790 | -30 | 70 |
| State government | 1,240 | 1,260 | 1,100 | -20 | 140 |
| State education | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Local government | 8,790 | 8,830 | 8,580 | -40 | 210 |
| Local education | 5,730 | 5,740 | 5,650 | -10 | 80 |

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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