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Employment in Jackson County: March 2022 **Retail Trade Only Sector with Notable Job Loss Over the Month**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 380 jobs in March. Leisure and hospitality as well as construction led the monthly gains, up by 320 and 150 jobs, respectively. Many other industries had modest gains in March including other services (+50); private education and health services (+50); manufacturing (+30); and financial activities (+30). Government employment rose by 50 jobs, mostly due to 30 jobs added in local government education. Retail trade employment dropped by 250 over the month.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) rose by 1,440 jobs, a gain of 1.7%. Jackson County is still 1,480 jobs below the March 2020 pre-pandemic total. Since March 2021, industries adding jobs included leisure and hospitality (+740); financial activities (+260); construction (+160); retail trade (+60); other services (+50); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+30). Smaller job gains were estimated in wholesale trade (+50) and information (+40). Both manufacturing (-50) and professional and business services (-20) lost a few jobs over the year.

Government employment rose by 160 jobs over the year. Local government education (+250) posted an increase while federal government employment fell by 90 jobs and state government lost 20 jobs.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, May 24th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Wednesday, May 18th.

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--				
	March 2022	February 2022	March 2021	February 2022	March 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	108,753	108,084	107,686	669	1,067
Unemployed	4,719	4,568	7,316	151	-2,597
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.2%	6.8%	0.1	-2.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.2%	4.4%	6.5%	-0.2	-2.3
Employed	104,034	103,516	100,370	518	3,664
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	88,510	88,130	87,070	380	1,440
Total private	77,260	76,930	75,980	330	1,280
Mining, logging, and construction	5,510	5,360	5,340	150	170
Mining and logging	470	460	460	10	10
Construction	5,040	4,900	4,880	140	160
Manufacturing	7,730	7,700	7,780	30	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,920	20,190	19,800	-270	120
Wholesale trade	2,480	2,480	2,450	0	30
Retail trade	13,980	14,230	13,920	-250	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,460	3,480	3,430	-20	30
Information	990	1,000	980	-10	10
Financial activities	4,670	4,640	4,410	30	260
Professional and business services	8,030	8,050	8,050	-20	-20
Education and health services	18,140	18,090	18,140	50	0
Health care and social assistance	17,270	17,240	17,230	30	40
Leisure and hospitality	9,690	9,370	8,950	320	740
Accommodation and food services	8,380	8,080	7,970	300	410
Other services	2,580	2,530	2,530	50	50
Government	11,250	11,200	11,090	50	160
Federal government	1,750	1,740	1,840	10	-90
State government	1,010	1,000	1,030	10	-20
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,490	8,460	8,220	30	270
Local education	5,580	5,550	5,330	30	250

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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