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Employment in Jackson County: February 2021 Gains in Leisure and Hospitality Boost Payroll Employment

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 470 jobs in February. The lifting of some restrictions on in-person dining at restaurants, and gyms once again being able to reopen, likely contributed to the gain of 250 jobs in leisure and hospitality. Job gains were estimated in private education and health services (+110), and in construction (+80). Government employment increased by 140 jobs, mostly due to an increase of 110 local government education jobs. Retail trade employment declined by 50 jobs and federal government lost 20 jobs in February.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) fell by 4,510, a drop of 5.0%. Most industries continue to show over-the-year losses in Jackson County with the exception being retail trade, which added 690 jobs since February 2020. Leisure and hospitality accounts for over half of total job losses, down by 2,600 jobs or about one out of four jobs that were in this industry one year earlier. Other industries with substantial declines include manufacturing (-430); construction (-370); other services (-310); private education and health services (-290); professional and business services (-240); wholesale trade (-120); and information (-120). Government employment fell by 620 jobs over the year with losses in local government education (-750) slightly offset by gains in state government (+50) and federal government employment (+40).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, April 20th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Tuesday, April 13th.

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--				
	February 2021	January 2021	February 2020	January 2021	February 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	107,796	107,594	104,010	202	3,786
Unemployed	7,335	7,791	4,381	-456	2,954
Unemployment rate	6.8%	7.2%	4.2%	-0.4	2.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.2%	6.2%	3.7%	0.0	2.5
Employed	100,461	99,803	99,629	658	832
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	85,660	85,050	90,170	610	-4,510
Total private	74,490	74,020	78,380	470	-3,890
Mining, logging, and construction	4,880	4,800	5,260	80	-380
Mining and logging	430	430	440	0	-10
Construction	4,450	4,370	4,820	80	-370
Manufacturing	7,530	7,540	7,960	-10	-430
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,990	20,020	19,380	-30	610
Wholesale trade	2,450	2,420	2,570	30	-120
Retail trade	14,120	14,170	13,430	-50	690
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,420	3,430	3,380	-10	40
Information	1,050	1,050	1,170	0	-120
Financial activities	4,120	4,100	4,250	20	-130
Professional and business services	7,540	7,520	7,780	20	-240
Education and health services	18,160	18,050	18,450	110	-290
Health care and social assistance	17,300	17,250	17,490	50	-190
Leisure and hospitality	8,740	8,490	11,340	250	-2,600
Accommodation and food services	7,470	7,320	9,630	150	-2,160
Other services	2,480	2,450	2,790	30	-310
Government	11,170	11,030	11,790	140	-620
Federal government	1,820	1,840	1,780	-20	40
State government	1,050	1,010	1,000	40	50
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,300	8,180	9,010	120	-710
Local education	5,440	5,330	6,190	110	-750

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.

