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## **Employment in Jackson County: April 2021** **Gains in Leisure and Hospitality Boost Payroll Employment**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 140 jobs in April with most industries showing small changes over the month. Leisure and hospitality added 110 jobs, 50 of those in the accommodation and food services sector. Professional and business services gained 40 jobs and other services also had a small gain, up by 30 jobs in April. Employment fell in retail trade (-70); health care and social assistance (-50); and manufacturing (-50). Government employment increased by 110 with gains in federal government (+50) and local government education (+50) accounting for most of the rise.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) rose by 9,010 jobs, an increase of 11.6%. While that jump is notable, the county is still an estimated 3,400 jobs below the pre-pandemic peak employment in February 2020. Since April 2020, essentially the worst point during the pandemic in terms of job losses, leisure and hospitality showed the largest gain, up by 2,990 jobs. Other industries adding the most jobs since the recession's nadir included retail trade (+1,790); health care and social assistance (+1,300); construction (+760); professional and business services (+620); manufacturing (+580); and other services (+560). Government employment is still down 120 jobs since April 2020. Local government education fell by 310 jobs over the year while federal (+70) and state government (+50) gained jobs. Local government education has not shown the employment recovery seen in many private-sector industries, in part due to less in-person learning in most educational institutions.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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--				
	April 2021	March 2021	April 2020	March 2021	April 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	108,348	108,539	100,475	-191	7,873
Unemployed	6,980	7,538	14,105	-558	-7,125
Unemployment rate	6.4%	6.9%	14.0%	-0.5	-7.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.4%	6.5%	14.1%	-0.1	-7.7
Employed	101,368	101,001	86,370	367	14,998
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	86,770	86,630	77,760	140	9,010
Total private	75,390	75,360	66,260	30	9,130
Mining, logging, and construction	5,550	5,530	4,750	20	800
Mining and logging	490	470	450	20	40
Construction	5,060	5,060	4,300	0	760
Manufacturing	7,780	7,830	7,200	-50	580
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,670	19,760	17,630	-90	2,040
Wholesale trade	2,450	2,460	2,390	-10	60
Retail trade	13,770	13,840	11,980	-70	1,790
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,450	3,460	3,260	-10	190
Information	980	980	1,050	0	-70
Financial activities	4,090	4,070	4,010	20	80
Professional and business services	7,730	7,690	7,110	40	620
Education and health services	18,220	18,270	16,690	-50	1,530
Health care and social assistance	17,240	17,290	15,940	-50	1,300
Leisure and hospitality	8,750	8,640	5,760	110	2,990
Accommodation and food services	7,400	7,350	5,130	50	2,270
Other services	2,620	2,590	2,060	30	560
Government	11,380	11,270	11,500	110	-120
Federal government	1,860	1,810	1,790	50	70
State government	1,050	1,040	1,000	10	50
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,470	8,420	8,710	50	-240
Local education	5,590	5,540	5,900	50	-310

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.

