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Employment in Jackson County: November 2025 Payroll Employment Inches Up Over the Year

Total payroll employment in Jackson County fell by 260 jobs in November. Seasonally typical declines were estimated in construction (-180) and leisure and hospitality (-80). Jobs were also lost in professional and business services (-60) and manufacturing (-20). November saw jobs gains in retail trade (+100), local government education (+40), and health care and social assistance (+20).

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) climbed by 310 jobs, for a gain of 0.3%. Private education and health services posted the largest gain, adding 650 jobs. Job growth was also estimated in leisure and hospitality (+350); construction (+130); and wholesale trade (+60). Industries with job loss since November 2024 included retail trade (-490); financial activities (-120); professional and business services (-60); and information (-30). Government employment fell by 200 jobs over the year with losses in local government education (-150) and federal government employment (-90).

Jackson County's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.2% in November, up slightly from 4.5% in November 2024.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Jan. 27th, and the statewide data for December on Thursday, Jan. 22nd.

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.

Please note- October data are blank and MSA Seasonally Adjusted data for November are blank until BLS determines whether to provide these data.

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--				
	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	October 2025	November 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	107,434	NA	105,831	NA	1,603
Unemployed	5,637	NA	4,713	NA	924
Unemployment rate	5.2%	NA	4.5%	NA	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	101,797	NA	101,118	NA	679
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	91,160	91,420	90,850	-260	310
Total private	79,100	79,390	78,590	-290	510
Mining, logging, and construction	5,830	6,020	5,710	-190	120
Mining and logging	450	460	460	-10	-10
Construction	5,380	5,560	5,250	-180	130
Manufacturing	6,660	6,680	6,630	-20	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,750	19,660	20,170	90	-420
Wholesale trade	2,590	2,600	2,530	-10	60
Retail trade	13,530	13,430	14,020	100	-490
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,630	3,630	3,620	0	10
Information	860	870	890	-10	-30
Financial activities	3,570	3,580	3,690	-10	-120
Professional and business services	8,190	8,250	8,250	-60	-60
Private education and health services	20,760	20,760	20,110	0	650
Health care and social assistance	19,280	19,260	19,060	20	220
Leisure and hospitality	10,760	10,840	10,410	-80	350
Accommodation and food services	9,110	9,170	8,920	-60	190
Other services	2,720	2,730	2,730	-10	-10
Government	12,060	12,030	12,260	30	-200
Federal government	1,870	1,900	1,960	-30	-90
State government	1,310	1,300	1,310	10	0
State education	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Local government	8,880	8,830	8,990	50	-110
Local education	5,620	5,580	5,770	40	-150

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.