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## **Employment in Jackson County: April 2025**

### **Leisure and Hospitality Gains Boost April Job Total**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 480 jobs in April. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest increase, up by 250 jobs. Smaller employment gains were estimated in health care and social assistance (+30); professional and business services (+20); and manufacturing (+20). Government employment climbed by 70 jobs, mostly due to 60 jobs added in local government education. Industries losing jobs in April were transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-30), and wholesale trade (-20).

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) edged up by 140 jobs, or 0.1%. Since April 2024 industries adding jobs were private education and health services (+1,210); retail trade (+80); and other services (+40). Other industries showed little change or decline over the past 12 months. Those with notable declines were leisure and hospitality (-220), manufacturing (-130), wholesale trade (-120), and financial activities (-110). Government employment slipped by 150 jobs over the year. Local government education was down by 280 jobs while state government employment rose by 80 since April 2024.

Jackson County's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.6% in April, down from 5.9% in March and up slightly from 4.4% in April 2024.

### **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 24<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Wednesday, June 18<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.

Labor force statistics for Oregon metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) are produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Through June 2025, seasonally adjusted data are not available for Oregon MSAs or other MSAs around the country. New MSA definitions resulting from the 2020 Census are being incorporated into the history of the data series back to 1990, as well as other updates to the processing of labor force estimates for substate areas. Read more on this pause in seasonally adjusted metro area data [here](#)

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## Medford-Ashland MSA (Jackson County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2025	March 2025	April 2024	March 2025	April 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	105,644	105,821	106,100	-177	-456
Unemployed	4,876	6,225	4,712	-1,349	164
Unemployment rate	4.6%	5.9%	4.4%	-1.3	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	100,768	99,596	101,388	1,172	-620
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	90,270	89,790	90,130	480	140
Total private	78,150	77,740	77,860	410	290
Mining, logging, and construction	5,820	5,710	5,840	110	-20
Mining and logging	450	440	470	10	-20
Construction	5,370	5,270	5,370	100	0
Manufacturing	6,710	6,690	6,840	20	-130
Trade, transportation, and utilities	18,990	19,040	19,070	-50	-80
Wholesale trade	2,500	2,520	2,620	-20	-120
Retail trade	13,060	13,060	12,980	0	80
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,430	3,460	3,470	-30	-40
Information	870	870	900	0	-30
Financial activities	3,640	3,630	3,750	10	-110
Professional and business services	8,270	8,250	8,280	20	-10
Private education and health services	20,410	20,370	19,560	40	850
Health care and social assistance	19,660	19,630	18,450	30	1,210
Leisure and hospitality	10,720	10,470	10,940	250	-220
Accommodation and food services	9,080	8,830	9,190	250	-110
Other services	2,720	2,710	2,680	10	40
Government	12,120	12,050	12,270	70	-150
Federal government	1,930	1,930	1,930	0	0
State government	1,330	1,330	1,250	0	80
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,860	8,790	9,090	70	-230
Local education	5,610	5,550	5,890	60	-280

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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