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Employment in Jackson County: August 2025

Health Care and Social Assistance Adds Most Jobs Over the Year

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 930 jobs in August, largely due to a seasonally expected increase in local government education. Job growth was also estimated in private education and health services (+310); professional and business services (+50); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+40). Industries with employment loss over the month were retail trade (-110) and construction (-20). Government employment climbed by 640 with a gain of 710 jobs in local government education slightly offset by a loss of 30 federal government jobs.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) fell by 720 jobs, or -0.8%. Since August 2024 industries adding jobs were health care and social assistance (+1,000); leisure and hospitality (+140); professional and business services (+100); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+50). Industries shedding jobs were retail trade (-920); construction (-330); manufacturing (-310); financial activities (-190); other services (-90); information (-50); wholesale trade (-40); and mining and logging (-40).

Government employment rose by 130 jobs over the year. Local (+210) and state government (+30) have added jobs since August 2024. Federal government employment fell by 110 jobs over that time.

Jackson County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.6% in August, from 5.4% in July and up slightly from 4.9% in August 2024.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Oct. 21st, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 15th.

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--				
	August 2025	July 2025	August 2024	July 2025	August 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	108,154	107,464	107,924	690	230
Unemployed	6,618	6,789	5,462	-171	1,156
Unemployment rate	6.1%	6.3%	5.1%	-0.2	1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>4.9%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Employed	101,536	100,675	102,462	861	-926
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	90,070	89,140	90,790	930	-720
Total private	78,500	78,210	79,350	290	-850
Mining, logging, and construction	5,890	5,910	6,260	-20	-370
Mining and logging	460	460	500	0	-40
Construction	5,430	5,450	5,760	-20	-330
Manufacturing	6,590	6,580	6,900	10	-310
Trade, transportation, and utilities	18,910	18,990	19,820	-80	-910
Wholesale trade	2,570	2,580	2,610	-10	-40
Retail trade	12,770	12,880	13,690	-110	-920
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,570	3,530	3,520	40	50
Information	870	870	920	0	-50
Financial activities	3,540	3,530	3,730	10	-190
Professional and business services	8,270	8,220	8,170	50	100
Private education and health services	20,570	20,260	19,740	310	830
Health care and social assistance	19,770	19,520	18,770	250	1,000
Leisure and hospitality	11,210	11,200	11,070	10	140
Accommodation and food services	9,440	9,420	9,290	20	150
Other services	2,650	2,650	2,740	0	-90
Government	11,570	10,930	11,440	640	130
Federal government	1,900	1,930	2,010	-30	-110
State government	1,350	1,350	1,320	0	30
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,320	7,650	8,110	670	210
Local education	5,050	4,340	4,890	710	160

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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