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Employment in Jackson County: September 2025

Payroll Employment Slips Over the Year

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 960 jobs in September, largely due to a seasonally expected increase in retail trade and local government education. Retail trade gained 790 jobs while local government education added 480 jobs over the month. Industries with employment loss over the month were leisure and hospitality (-300), and construction (-80). Other published industries showed little job change relative to their total employment.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) fell by 440 jobs, or -0.5%. Since September 2024 industries adding jobs were health care and social assistance (+410); leisure and hospitality (+110); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+70). Industries shedding jobs were retail trade (-640); manufacturing (-190); financial activities (-120); other services (-60); information (-30); wholesale trade (-30); and mining and logging (-30).

Government employment fell by 120 jobs over the year. Losses were posted in local (-60), federal (-50), and state government (-10).

Jackson County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.7% in September, little changed from 5.6% in August and up slightly from 5.0% in September 2024.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October and November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Jan. 13th, and the statewide data for October and November on Wednesday, Jan. 7th. The October employment survey jobs data will be released along with November's data, but there won't be October labor force or unemployment data published.

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--		
	September 2025	August 2025	September 2024	August 2025	September 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	107,760	108,022	106,968	-262	792
Unemployed	5,965	6,574	4,660	-609	1,305
Unemployment rate	5.5%	6.1%	4.4%	-0.6	1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>5.0%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Employed	101,795	101,448	102,308	347	-513
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	91,180	90,220	91,620	960	-440
Total private	79,240	78,680	79,560	560	-320
Mining, logging, and construction	6,000	6,080	6,020	-80	-20
Mining and logging	460	460	490	0	-30
Construction	5,540	5,620	5,530	-80	10
Manufacturing	6,690	6,700	6,880	-10	-190
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,580	18,800	20,180	780	-600
Wholesale trade	2,600	2,620	2,630	-20	-30
Retail trade	13,380	12,590	14,020	790	-640
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,600	3,590	3,530	10	70
Information	880	900	910	-20	-30
Financial activities	3,600	3,630	3,720	-30	-120
Professional and business services	8,240	8,260	8,230	-20	10
Private education and health services	20,520	20,250	19,940	270	580
Health care and social assistance	19,300	19,220	18,890	80	410
Leisure and hospitality	11,010	11,310	10,900	-300	110
Accommodation and food services	9,240	9,450	9,230	-210	10
Other services	2,720	2,750	2,780	-30	-60
Government	11,940	11,540	12,060	400	-120
Federal government	1,970	1,960	2,020	10	-50
State government	1,310	1,310	1,320	0	-10
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,660	8,270	8,720	390	-60
Local education	5,430	4,950	5,450	480	-20

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.