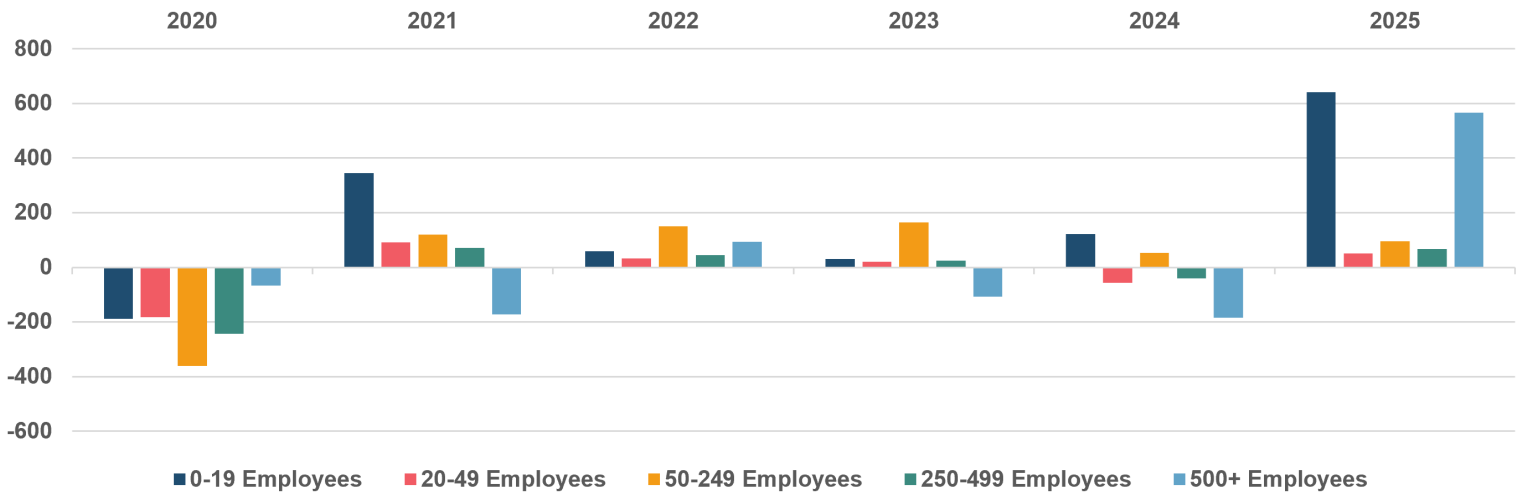


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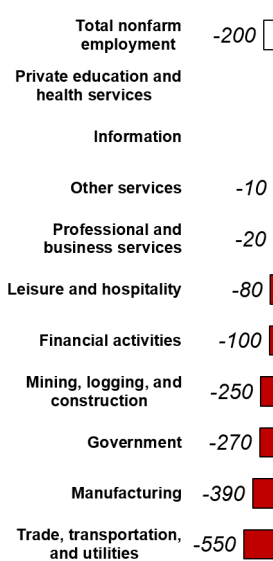
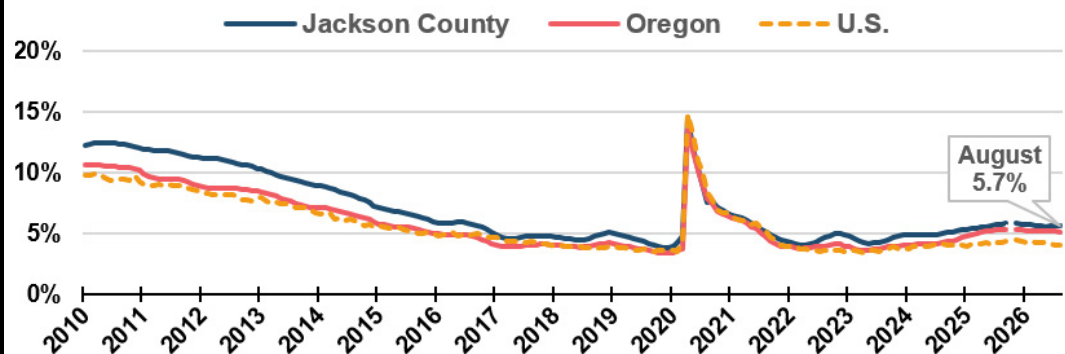
Small and large firms experienced the greatest volatility during this period, adding 1,011 and 130 jobs respectively. Mid-size firms saw more growth than large firms, adding 221 jobs. Both small-mid and large-mid size firms contracted. All firm size classes expanded in 2025 with small and large firms driving a surge in employment.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Workforce Indicators

Unemployment Rate - 5.7%

- The unemployment rate in August 2025 was 5.8%
- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has ranged from 5.6% to 5.9% over the year

Local Area Unemployment

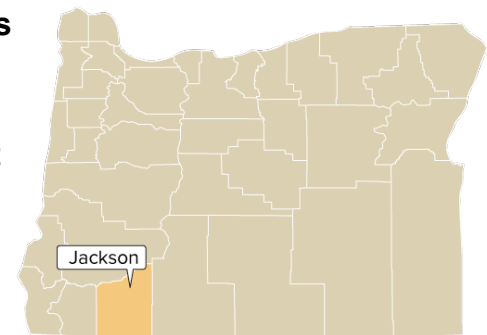


Industry Employment Change August 2025 to August 2026

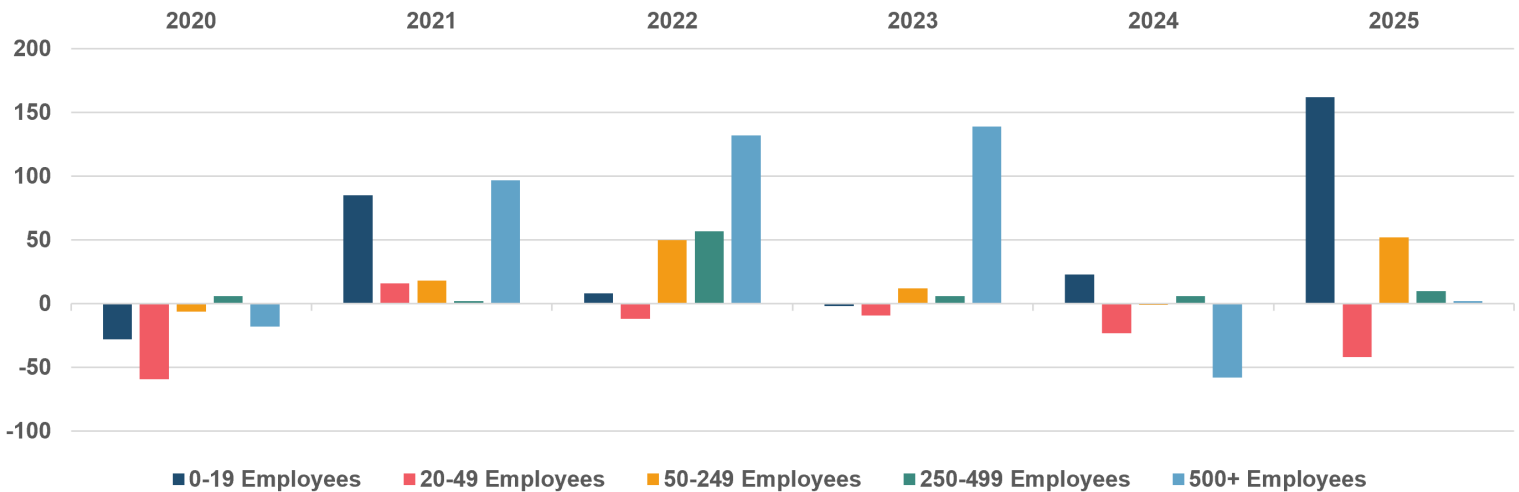
- Jackson County lost 200 jobs over the year
- Payroll employment down 0.2% over the year
- Private education and health services added 1,400 jobs
- Trade, transportation, and utilities lost 550 jobs

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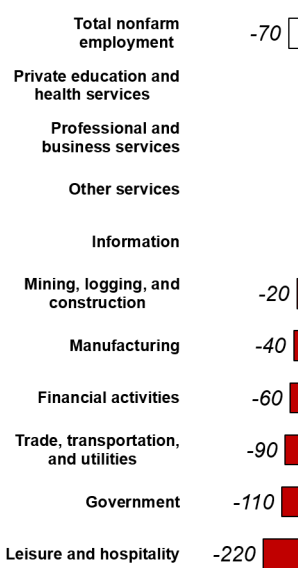
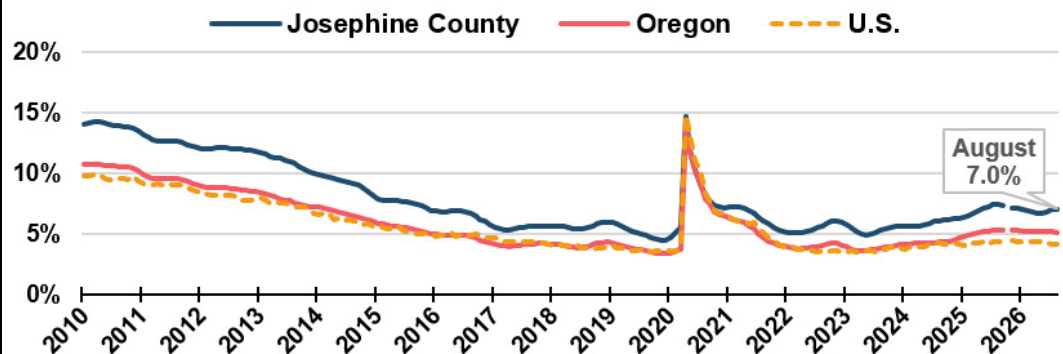
Small and large firms experienced the most volatility and growth during this period, adding 248 and 294 jobs respectively. Small firms saw growth in 2021 and 2025, adding 162 jobs last year. Large firms consistently added jobs 2021-2023. Mid-size firms experienced steady, albeit moderate growth. Small-mid size firms lost 129 jobs over six years, the only firm size that contracted.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Workforce Indicators

Unemployment Rate - 7.0%

- The unemployment rate in August 2025 was 7.4%
- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has ranged from 6.7% to 7.3% over the year

Local Area Unemployment



Industry Employment Change August 2025 to August 2026

- Josephine County lost 70 over the year
- Payroll employment down 0.3% over the year
- Private education and health services added 360 jobs
- Leisure and hospitality lost 220 jobs

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