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## **Employment in Jackson County: May 2024** **Leisure and Hospitality, and Retail Trade Add Most Jobs Over the Month**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 630 jobs in May. Job gains were estimated in many published industries. Retail trade (+150), and leisure and hospitality (+140) had the greatest job gains in May. Other industries adding employment were health care and social assistance (+70); construction (+60); financial activities (+30); and professional and business services (+30). Government employment grew by 140 jobs. Gains were posted in local (+80), and federal government (+70).

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) fell by 680 jobs, a decline of 0.8%. Since May 2023, industries adding jobs included private education and health services (+690) and construction (+160). Industries with over-the-year losses were leisure and hospitality (-430); manufacturing (-360); professional and business services (-260); retail trade (-180); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-180); other services (-120); financial activities (-90); wholesale trade (-70); and information (-60).

Government employment climbed by 220 jobs over the year. State government (+90), federal government (+90), and local government (+40) all gained jobs over the past 12 months. Jackson County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.8% in May, unchanged from April and up from 4.1% in May 2023.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Wednesday, July 17<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.

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

	--Change From--				
	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024	May 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	107,167	106,902	104,639	265	2,528
Unemployed	4,645	4,604	4,000	41	645
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.3%	3.8%	0.0	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	4.8%	4.1%	0.0	0.7
Employed	102,522	102,298	100,639	224	1,883
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	89,420	88,790	90,100	630	-680
Total private	77,020	76,530	77,920	490	-900
Mining, logging, and construction	5,950	5,880	5,790	70	160
Mining and logging	460	450	460	10	0
Construction	5,490	5,430	5,330	60	160
Manufacturing	6,840	6,840	7,200	0	-360
Trade, transportation, and utilities	18,880	18,720	19,310	160	-430
Wholesale trade	2,570	2,580	2,640	-10	-70
Retail trade	12,940	12,790	13,120	150	-180
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,370	3,350	3,550	20	-180
Information	910	900	970	10	-60
Financial activities	3,710	3,680	3,800	30	-90
Professional and business services	8,120	8,090	8,380	30	-260
Private education and health services	19,560	19,500	18,870	60	690
Health care and social assistance	18,570	18,500	17,730	70	840
Leisure and hospitality	10,470	10,330	10,900	140	-430
Accommodation and food services	9,120	8,950	9,360	170	-240
Other services	2,580	2,590	2,700	-10	-120
Government	12,400	12,260	12,180	140	220
Federal government	1,990	1,920	1,900	70	90
State government	1,330	1,340	1,240	-10	90
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	9,080	9,000	9,040	80	40
Local education	5,810	5,780	5,970	30	-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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