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## **Employment in Jackson County: January 2023 Leisure and Hospitality Adds Most Jobs over the Year**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County fell by 1,310 jobs in January with a drop of 660 in retail trade accounting for one-half of the month's losses. Other industries with estimated job declines included professional and business services (-170); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-130); leisure and hospitality (-80); private education and health services (-80); and construction (-60). Declines were also posted in manufacturing (-50), and in wholesale trade (-40). Government employment slipped by 30 over the month with a loss of 40 jobs in local government education accounting for most of the loss.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) gained 2,270 jobs, an increase of 2.6%. Jackson County is now 650 jobs below the January 2020 pre-pandemic total. Since January 2022, industries adding jobs included leisure and hospitality (+880); private education and health services (+580); construction (+270); retail trade (+180); professional and business services (+130); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+130); other services (+70); and wholesale trade (+40). In contrast, financial activities (-60) and information (-40) lost jobs over the year.

Government employment rose by 130 jobs over the year. Federal (+70), state (+40), and local government (+20) posted gains since January 2022.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</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--				
	January 2023	December 2022	January 2022	December 2022	January 2022
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	106,502	106,225	105,818	277	684
Unemployed	6,362	5,491	5,075	871	1,287
Unemployment rate	6.0%	5.2%	4.8%	0.8	1.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.0%	4.6%	0.1	0.5
Employed	100,140	100,734	100,743	-594	-603
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	89,260	90,570	86,990	-1,310	2,270
Total private	78,110	79,390	75,970	-1,280	2,140
Mining, logging, and construction	5,730	5,800	5,450	-70	280
Mining and logging	450	460	440	-10	10
Construction	5,280	5,340	5,010	-60	270
Manufacturing	7,390	7,440	7,450	-50	-60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	20,230	21,060	19,880	-830	350
Wholesale trade	2,530	2,570	2,490	-40	40
Retail trade	14,160	14,820	13,980	-660	180
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,540	3,670	3,410	-130	130
Information	1,010	1,020	1,040	-10	-30
Financial activities	4,490	4,490	4,550	0	-60
Professional and business services	8,060	8,230	7,930	-170	130
Private education and health services	18,070	18,150	17,490	-80	580
Health care and social assistance	16,940	16,970	16,490	-30	450
Leisure and hospitality	10,500	10,580	9,620	-80	880
Accommodation and food services	9,040	9,010	8,430	30	610
Other services	2,630	2,620	2,560	10	70
Government	11,150	11,180	11,020	-30	130
Federal government	1,780	1,790	1,710	-10	70
State government	1,090	1,080	1,050	10	40
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,280	8,310	8,260	-30	20
Local education	5,320	5,360	5,430	-40	-110

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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