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## **Employment in Jackson County: April 2023** **Private Education and Health Services Added Most Jobs over the Year**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 80 jobs in April. Private-sector gains were estimated in leisure and hospitality (+170), manufacturing (+100), private education and health services (+50), construction (+40), and other services (+40). Industries with job losses over the month included retail trade (-210); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-40); and wholesale trade (-20). Government employment fell by 30 jobs in April with a decline in local government (-40) and a slight gain of 10 jobs in federal government.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) gained 830 jobs, an increase of 0.9%. Since April 2022, industries adding jobs included private education and health services (+1,150); leisure and hospitality (+350); other services (+130); construction (+60); and professional and business services (+30). In contrast, retail trade (-390); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-160); financial activities (-70); manufacturing (-70); wholesale trade (-50); and information (-50) lost jobs over the year.

Government employment was little changed, down by 20 jobs over the year. Local government lost 160 jobs while gains were posted in state (+80) and federal government (+60). Jackson County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.8% in April, down from 5.2% in March but up slightly over the year, rising from 4.1% in April 2022.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Wednesday, June 14<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--		
	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023	April 2022
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	103,815	105,168	106,123	-1,353	-2,308
Unemployed	3,581	4,672	4,265	-1,091	-684
Unemployment rate	3.4%	4.4%	4.0%	-1.0	-0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	5.2%	4.1%	-0.4	0.7
Employed	100,234	100,496	101,858	-262	-1,624
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	89,450	89,370	88,620	80	830
Total private	78,150	78,040	77,300	110	850
Mining, logging, and construction	5,810	5,760	5,780	50	30
Mining and logging	460	450	490	10	-30
Construction	5,350	5,310	5,290	40	60
Manufacturing	7,400	7,300	7,470	100	-70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,240	19,510	19,840	-270	-600
Wholesale trade	2,530	2,550	2,580	-20	-50
Retail trade	13,410	13,620	13,800	-210	-390
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,300	3,340	3,460	-40	-160
Information	1,010	990	1,060	20	-50
Financial activities	4,370	4,360	4,440	10	-70
Professional and business services	8,150	8,160	8,120	-10	30
Private education and health services	18,760	18,760	17,660	0	1,100
Health care and social assistance	17,640	17,590	16,620	50	1,020
Leisure and hospitality	10,680	10,510	10,330	170	350
Accommodation and food services	9,260	9,020	9,000	240	260
Other services	2,730	2,690	2,600	40	130
Government	11,300	11,330	11,320	-30	-20
Federal government	1,840	1,830	1,780	10	60
State government	1,120	1,120	1,040	0	80
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,340	8,380	8,500	-40	-160
Local education	5,360	5,440	5,630	-80	-270

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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