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## **Employment in Jackson County: March 2024** **Leisure and Hospitality Adds Most Jobs**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 120 jobs in March. The big gainers were leisure and hospitality (+140); professional and business services (+70); and private education and health services (+60). Industries with estimated job losses were construction (-100), retail trade (-90), and manufacturing (-30). Government employment increased by 70 jobs, with most of the rise occurring in the local government portion.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) was unchanged, totaling 88,680. Since March 2023, industries adding jobs included private education and health services (+770) and retail trade (+80). Industries with over-the-year losses were professional and business services (-390); financial activities (-250); leisure and hospitality (-150); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-100); other services (-100); information (-80); and wholesale trade (-80).

Government employment was up by 300 jobs over the year. State government (+130), local government (+110), and federal government (+60) all gained jobs over the past 12 months. Jackson County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.9% in March, edging up from 4.8% in February and down from 5.2% in March 2023.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Wednesday, May 15<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--				
	March 2024	February 2024	March 2023	February 2024	March 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	107,128	107,044	104,391	84	2,737
Unemployed	5,660	5,983	4,792	-323	868
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.6%	4.6%	-0.3	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	4.8%	5.2%	0.1	-0.3
Employed	101,468	101,061	99,599	407	1,869
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	88,680	88,560	88,680	120	0
Total private	76,500	76,450	76,800	50	-300
Mining, logging, and construction	5,620	5,710	5,640	-90	-20
Mining and logging	460	450	450	10	10
Construction	5,160	5,260	5,190	-100	-30
Manufacturing	7,030	7,060	7,010	-30	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,240	19,340	19,340	-100	-100
Wholesale trade	2,540	2,540	2,620	0	-80
Retail trade	13,300	13,390	13,220	-90	80
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,400	3,410	3,500	-10	-100
Information	880	890	960	-10	-80
Financial activities	3,590	3,590	3,840	0	-250
Professional and business services	7,900	7,830	8,290	70	-390
Private education and health services	19,330	19,270	18,560	60	770
Health care and social assistance	18,310	18,310	17,460	0	850
Leisure and hospitality	10,350	10,210	10,500	140	-150
Accommodation and food services	8,820	8,690	8,960	130	-140
Other services	2,560	2,550	2,660	10	-100
Government	12,180	12,110	11,880	70	300
Federal government	1,910	1,900	1,850	10	60
State government	1,350	1,340	1,220	10	130
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,920	8,870	8,810	50	110
Local education	5,770	5,760	5,820	10	-50

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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