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Employment in Jackson County: July 2024 **Seasonally Typical Declines in Local Education Reduce Total Employment**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County fell by 410 jobs in July. Government employment declined by 1,190 jobs, mostly due to 1,280 fewer jobs in local government education in July. Federal (+30) and state government (+10) had small gains. Private sector job gains were broad-based in July. Job totals rose in retail trade (+230); health care and social assistance (+180); construction (+170); and professional services (+120). Gains were also posted in leisure and hospitality (+80), other services (+60), and manufacturing (+30). Transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-20) was the only industry with a slight employment decline over the month.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) rose by 770 jobs, an increase of 0.9%. Since July 2023, industries adding jobs were private education and health services (+1,310) and leisure and hospitality (+100). Industries with over-the-year losses included manufacturing (-290); professional and business services (-180); financial activities (-160); retail trade (-110); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-60); construction (-60); and other services (-30).

Government employment climbed by 270 jobs over the year. Local government (+180), and federal government (+80) gained jobs over the past 12 months. Jackson County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.7% in July, unchanged from June and up from 4.2% in July 2023.

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Notes:

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

	--Change From--				
	July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	June 2024	July 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	108,136	107,647	105,581	489	2,555
Unemployed	5,661	5,029	5,008	632	653
Unemployment rate	5.2%	4.7%	4.7%	0.5	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.7%	4.2%	0.0	0.5
Employed	102,475	102,618	100,573	-143	1,902
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	89,900	90,310	89,130	-410	770
Total private	78,820	78,040	78,320	780	500
Mining, logging, and construction	6,060	5,890	6,130	170	-70
Mining and logging	480	480	490	0	-10
Construction	5,580	5,410	5,640	170	-60
Manufacturing	6,920	6,890	7,210	30	-290
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,230	19,010	19,410	220	-180
Wholesale trade	2,640	2,630	2,650	10	-10
Retail trade	13,200	12,970	13,310	230	-110
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,390	3,410	3,450	-20	-60
Information	960	960	960	0	0
Financial activities	3,580	3,590	3,740	-10	-160
Professional and business services	8,220	8,100	8,400	120	-180
Private education and health services	19,830	19,720	18,520	110	1,310
Health care and social assistance	18,800	18,620	17,610	180	1,190
Leisure and hospitality	11,310	11,230	11,210	80	100
Accommodation and food services	9,680	9,590	9,570	90	110
Other services	2,710	2,650	2,740	60	-30
Government	11,080	12,270	10,810	-1,190	270
Federal government	2,000	1,970	1,920	30	80
State government	1,280	1,270	1,270	10	10
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	7,800	9,030	7,620	-1,230	180
Local education	4,470	5,750	4,540	-1,280	-70

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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