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## **Employment in Jackson County: August 2024** **Gains in Local Education and Retail Trade Boost Total Employment**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 440 jobs in August. Retail trade (+370), and private education and health services (+220) had the largest private-sector gains over the month. Small increases were noted in construction (+50); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+20); and financial activities (+20). Industries with estimated employment losses in August were leisure and hospitality (-280); manufacturing (-60); and other services (-40). Government had a net gain of 140 jobs over the month with an increase of 160 in local government education and a slight loss of 20 jobs in federal government.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) rose by 740 jobs, an increase of 0.8%. Since August 2023, industries adding jobs were private education and health services (+1,160) and retail trade (+80). Industries with over-the-year losses included manufacturing (-320); financial activities (-170); leisure and hospitality (-160); professional and business services (-150); construction (-150); and other services (-30).

Government employment climbed by 500 jobs over the year. Local government (+440), and federal government (+50) gained jobs over the past 12 months. Jackson County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.6% in August, little changed from July and up slightly from 4.3% in August 2023.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 16<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--				
	August 2024	July 2024	August 2023	July 2024	August 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	108,597	108,077	106,044	520	2,553
Unemployed	5,083	5,647	4,778	-564	305
Unemployment rate	4.7%	5.2%	4.5%	-0.5	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.7%	4.3%	-0.1	0.3
Employed	103,514	102,430	101,266	1,084	2,248
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	90,260	89,820	89,520	440	740
Total private	78,890	78,590	78,650	300	240
Mining, logging, and construction	6,070	6,020	6,230	50	-160
Mining and logging	480	480	490	0	-10
Construction	5,590	5,540	5,740	50	-150
Manufacturing	6,900	6,960	7,220	-60	-320
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,490	19,090	19,440	400	50
Wholesale trade	2,650	2,640	2,660	10	-10
Retail trade	13,450	13,080	13,370	370	80
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,390	3,370	3,410	20	-20
Information	960	970	940	-10	20
Financial activities	3,610	3,590	3,780	20	-170
Professional and business services	8,220	8,220	8,370	0	-150
Private education and health services	20,020	19,800	18,860	220	1,160
Health care and social assistance	18,920	18,780	17,860	140	1,060
Leisure and hospitality	10,960	11,240	11,120	-280	-160
Accommodation and food services	9,390	9,630	9,520	-240	-130
Other services	2,660	2,700	2,690	-40	-30
Government	11,370	11,230	10,870	140	500
Federal government	1,980	2,000	1,930	-20	50
State government	1,280	1,280	1,270	0	10
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,110	7,950	7,670	160	440
Local education	4,770	4,610	4,560	160	210

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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