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## **Employment in Jackson County: September 2024** **Gains in Local Education Boost Total Employment**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 410 jobs in September. Private education and health services (+170) had the largest private-sector gains over the month. A small increase was noted in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+20). Industries with estimated employment losses in September were construction (-140), professional and business services (-80), manufacturing (-40), and leisure and hospitality (-30). Government had a gain of 550 jobs over the month with an increase of 580 in local government education and a slight uptick of 20 jobs in federal government.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) slipped by 70 jobs, a decrease of 0.1%. Since September 2023, industries adding jobs were private education and health services (+930), and leisure and hospitality (+30). Industries with over-the-year losses included retail trade (-760); manufacturing (-340); construction (-260); financial activities (-180); and professional and business services (-110).

Government employment climbed by 720 jobs over the year. Local government (+640), and federal government (+60) gained jobs over the past 12 months. Most of the local government gain was in local government education (+460). Jackson County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.6% in September, unchanged from August and up slightly from 4.4% in September 2023.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Thursday, Nov. 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--		
	September 2024	August 2024	September 2023	August 2024	September 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	107,885	108,703	106,458	-818	1,427
Unemployed	4,582	5,051	4,102	-469	480
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.6%	3.9%	-0.4	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.6%	4.4%	0.0	0.2
Employed	103,303	103,652	102,356	-349	947
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	90,770	90,360	90,840	410	-70
Total private	78,640	78,780	79,430	-140	-790
Mining, logging, and construction	5,920	6,060	6,180	-140	-260
Mining and logging	480	480	480	0	0
Construction	5,440	5,580	5,700	-140	-260
Manufacturing	6,850	6,890	7,190	-40	-340
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,470	19,480	20,330	-10	-860
Wholesale trade	2,640	2,650	2,660	-10	-20
Retail trade	13,420	13,440	14,180	-20	-760
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,410	3,390	3,490	20	-80
Information	950	950	940	0	10
Financial activities	3,540	3,550	3,720	-10	-180
Professional and business services	8,150	8,230	8,260	-80	-110
Private education and health services	20,140	19,970	19,210	170	930
Health care and social assistance	18,990	18,930	18,110	60	880
Leisure and hospitality	10,950	10,980	10,920	-30	30
Accommodation and food services	9,470	9,540	9,400	-70	70
Other services	2,670	2,670	2,680	0	-10
Government	12,130	11,580	11,410	550	720
Federal government	2,000	1,980	1,940	20	60
State government	1,280	1,280	1,260	0	20
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,850	8,320	8,210	530	640
Local education	5,600	5,020	5,140	580	460

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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