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Employment in Jackson County: October 2024 **Gains in Health Care and Social Assistance Boost Total Employment**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 270 jobs in October. Health care and social assistance (+270) had the largest private-sector gain over the month, and over the past year (+1,030). Gains in October were also estimated in retail trade (+80) and other services (+40). Employment fell over the month in leisure and hospitality (-300), professional and business services (-70), construction (-50), and manufacturing (-40). Government had a gain of 310 jobs over the month with an increase of 390 in local government education slightly offset by a decline of 40 jobs in federal government.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) expanded by 240 jobs, an increase of 0.1%. Since October 2023 industries adding jobs were private education and health services (+1,030), and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+50). Industries with over-the-year losses included retail trade (-520), manufacturing (-350), construction (-150), financial activities (-150), and information (-50).

Government employment climbed by 440 jobs over the year. Local government (+350), federal government (+50), and state government (+40) gained jobs over the past 12 months. Most of the local government gain was in local government education (+220).

Jackson County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.6% in October, unchanged from September and up slightly from 4.5% in October 2023.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Dec. 24th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Wednesday, Dec. 18th.

Notes:

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

	--Change From--				
	October 2024	September 2024	October 2023	September 2024	October 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	108,281	107,848	106,545	433	1,736
Unemployed	4,503	4,557	4,123	-54	380
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.2%	3.9%	0.0	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.6%	4.5%	0.0	0.1
Employed	103,778	103,291	102,422	487	1,356
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	91,130	90,860	90,890	270	240
Total private	78,670	78,710	78,870	-40	-200
Mining, logging, and construction	5,940	5,990	6,070	-50	-130
Mining and logging	490	490	470	0	20
Construction	5,450	5,500	5,600	-50	-150
Manufacturing	6,750	6,790	7,100	-40	-350
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,670	19,580	20,160	90	-490
Wholesale trade	2,610	2,610	2,630	0	-20
Retail trade	13,550	13,470	14,070	80	-520
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,510	3,500	3,460	10	50
Information	900	900	950	0	-50
Financial activities	3,580	3,560	3,730	20	-150
Professional and business services	8,240	8,310	8,240	-70	0
Private education and health services	20,280	20,010	19,310	270	970
Health care and social assistance	19,220	18,950	18,190	270	1,030
Leisure and hospitality	10,600	10,900	10,600	-300	0
Accommodation and food services	9,080	9,310	9,150	-230	-70
Other services	2,710	2,670	2,710	40	0
Government	12,460	12,150	12,020	310	440
Federal government	1,980	2,020	1,930	-40	50
State government	1,250	1,250	1,210	0	40
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	9,230	8,880	8,880	350	350
Local education	6,020	5,630	5,800	390	220

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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