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## **Employment in Jackson County: December 2024** **Total Employment Little Changed Over the Year**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County fell by 200 jobs in December with several industries posting monthly jobs declines. Leisure and hospitality showed the largest drop, down by 210 jobs. Others with estimated employment losses included manufacturing (-60), construction (-50), and wholesale trade (-50). A couple industries added jobs in December. Health care and social assistance employment rose by 220, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities gained 50 jobs over the month. Government employment slipped by 60 jobs with losses in federal (-50) and state government (-10).

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) edged up by 20 jobs. Since December 2023 industries adding jobs were private education and health services (+990); professional and business services (+160); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+80); and mining and logging (+20). Industries with over-the-year losses included retail trade (-430), manufacturing (-320), financial activities (-120), construction (-110), and wholesale trade (-70).

Government employment rose by 170 jobs over the year. Local government (+150) and federal government (+20) gained jobs over the past 12 months.

Jackson County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.7% in December, unchanged from November and up slightly from 4.5% in December 2023.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Monday, March 10<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--				
	December 2024	November 2024	December 2023	November 2024	December 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	105,267	106,577	105,611	-1,310	-344
Unemployed	4,869	4,422	4,698	447	171
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.1%	4.4%	0.5	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.7%	4.5%	0.0	0.2
Employed	100,398	102,155	100,913	-1,757	-515
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	90,570	90,770	90,550	-200	20
Total private	78,360	78,500	78,510	-140	-150
Mining, logging, and construction	5,820	5,880	5,910	-60	-90
Mining and logging	480	490	460	-10	20
Construction	5,340	5,390	5,450	-50	-110
Manufacturing	6,660	6,720	6,980	-60	-320
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,810	19,780	20,230	30	-420
Wholesale trade	2,550	2,600	2,620	-50	-70
Retail trade	13,660	13,630	14,090	30	-430
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,600	3,550	3,520	50	80
Information	900	900	910	0	-10
Financial activities	3,580	3,580	3,700	0	-120
Professional and business services	8,260	8,260	8,100	0	160
Private education and health services	20,530	20,340	19,540	190	990
Health care and social assistance	19,410	19,190	18,430	220	980
Leisure and hospitality	10,140	10,350	10,470	-210	-330
Accommodation and food services	8,740	8,910	9,070	-170	-330
Other services	2,660	2,690	2,670	-30	-10
Government	12,210	12,270	12,040	-60	170
Federal government	1,900	1,950	1,880	-50	20
State government	1,230	1,240	1,230	-10	0
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	9,080	9,080	8,930	0	150
Local education	5,900	5,900	5,860	0	40

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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