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## **Employment in Jackson County: January 2025** **Total Employment Rose Slightly Over the Year**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County fell by 1,480 jobs in January. Retail trade showed the largest decrease, down by 530 jobs over the month. Other industries with estimated declines were health care and social assistance (-200); construction (-200); leisure and hospitality (-190); professional and business services (-100); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-100). Government employment fell by 60 with losses in local (-40), and federal (-20) government.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) rose by 390 jobs, or 0.4%. Since January 2024 industries adding jobs were private education and health services (+670); retail trade (+350); construction (+80); and other services (+80). Industries with over-the-year losses included professional and business services (-270); leisure and hospitality (-160); financial activities (-110); and manufacturing (-50). Government lost 120 jobs since January 2024, with losses in local government (-200) somewhat offset by gains in state (+70) and federal (+10) government.

Jackson County's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 6.1% in January, up from 4.7% in December and up from 5.6% in January 2024.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Wednesday, March 26<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.

Labor force statistics for Oregon metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) are produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Through June 2025, seasonally adjusted data are not available for Oregon MSAs or other MSAs around the country. New MSA definitions resulting from the 2020 Census are being incorporated into the history of the data series back to 1990, as well as other updates to the processing of labor force estimates for substate areas. Read more on this pause in seasonally adjusted metro area data [here](#)

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

	--Change From--				
	January 2025	December 2024	January 2024	December 2024	January 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	105,584	104,586	105,009	998	575
Unemployed	6,419	4,938	5,925	1,481	494
Unemployment rate	6.1%	4.7%	5.6%	1.4	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	99,165	99,648	99,084	-483	81
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	89,080	90,560	88,690	-1,480	390
Total private	77,210	78,630	76,700	-1,420	510
Mining, logging, and construction	5,560	5,780	5,470	-220	90
Mining and logging	460	480	450	-20	10
Construction	5,100	5,300	5,020	-200	80
Manufacturing	6,800	6,780	6,850	20	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,390	20,040	19,080	-650	310
Wholesale trade	2,590	2,610	2,610	-20	-20
Retail trade	13,430	13,960	13,080	-530	350
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,370	3,470	3,390	-100	-20
Information	900	900	950	0	-50
Financial activities	3,590	3,640	3,700	-50	-110
Professional and business services	8,000	8,100	8,270	-100	-270
Private education and health services	20,120	20,360	19,450	-240	670
Health care and social assistance	18,950	19,150	18,350	-200	600
Leisure and hospitality	10,110	10,300	10,270	-190	-160
Accommodation and food services	8,680	8,830	8,840	-150	-160
Other services	2,740	2,730	2,660	10	80
Government	11,870	11,930	11,990	-60	-120
Federal government	1,880	1,900	1,870	-20	10
State government	1,300	1,300	1,230	0	70
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,690	8,730	8,890	-40	-200
Local education	5,490	5,520	5,760	-30	-270

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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