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Employment in Jackson County: February 2025 **Total Employment Declined Slightly Over the Month and Year**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County fell by 200 jobs in February. The largest decreases were estimated in retail trade (-190), private education and health services (-110), and financial activities (-40). Industries posting jobs gains over the month included professional and business services (+90) and manufacturing (+50). Government employment rose by 50 jobs in February, with a gain of 70 in local government education slightly offset by a loss of 10 in federal government.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) slipped by 110 jobs, or -0.1%. Since February 2024 industries adding jobs were private education and health services (+520); retail trade (+300); and other services (+60). Industries with over-the-year losses included leisure and hospitality (-350); financial activities (-140); professional and business services (-130); and construction (-50). Government lost 260 jobs since February 2024, with losses in local government (-290) and federal government (-30) somewhat offset by a gain in state government (+60).

Jackson County's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.9% in February, little changed from 6.1% in January and up slightly from 5.6% in February 2024.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, April 22nd, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Wednesday, April 16th.

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--				
	February 2025	January 2025	February 2024	January 2025	February 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	105,524	105,535	105,779	-11	-255
Unemployed	6,272	6,399	5,926	-127	346
Unemployment rate	5.9%	6.1%	5.6%	-0.2	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	99,252	99,136	99,853	116	-601
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	88,950	89,150	89,060	-200	-110
Total private	77,010	77,260	76,860	-250	150
Mining, logging, and construction	5,610	5,620	5,650	-10	-40
Mining and logging	460	460	450	0	10
Construction	5,150	5,160	5,200	-10	-50
Manufacturing	6,860	6,810	6,840	50	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,130	19,350	18,880	-220	250
Wholesale trade	2,580	2,590	2,610	-10	-30
Retail trade	13,210	13,400	12,910	-190	300
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,340	3,360	3,360	-20	-20
Information	900	900	940	0	-40
Financial activities	3,560	3,600	3,700	-40	-140
Professional and business services	8,080	7,990	8,210	90	-130
Private education and health services	20,020	20,130	19,500	-110	520
Health care and social assistance	18,940	18,920	18,410	20	530
Leisure and hospitality	10,100	10,110	10,450	-10	-350
Accommodation and food services	8,650	8,690	8,860	-40	-210
Other services	2,750	2,750	2,690	0	60
Government	11,940	11,890	12,200	50	-260
Federal government	1,870	1,880	1,900	-10	-30
State government	1,300	1,300	1,240	0	60
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,770	8,710	9,060	60	-290
Local education	5,580	5,510	5,910	70	-330

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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