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Employment in Jackson County: October 2021 **Retail Trade and Local Education Gains Boost Employment**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County climbed by 1,240 jobs in October. The largest gains were posted in local government education (+670) and retail trade (+550). Smaller gains were also estimated in professional and business services (+220); construction (+50); and wholesale trade (+30). Leisure and hospitality (-230); manufacturing (-60); and financial activities (-30) lost jobs in October. Federal government lost 20 jobs over the month and state government added 20.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) rose by 3,090 jobs, a gain of 3.6%. Jackson County is still 2,290 jobs below the October 2019 total. Since October 2020, industries adding jobs included leisure and hospitality (+920); professional and business services (+580); private educational and health services (+480); construction (+270); other services (+160); wholesale trade (+70); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+70).

Government employment rose by 320 jobs over the year. Local government education (+400) and state government (+60) posted increases while federal government employment fell by 90 jobs.

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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. 21st, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, Dec. 14th.

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--				
	October 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2021	October 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	108,913	108,688	107,133	225	1,780
Unemployed	3,810	4,695	6,791	-885	-2,981
Unemployment rate	3.5%	4.3%	6.3%	-0.8	-2.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	5.0%	6.9%	-0.2	-2.1
Employed	105,103	103,993	100,342	1,110	4,761
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	89,920	88,680	86,830	1,240	3,090
Total private	78,460	77,890	75,690	570	2,770
Mining, logging, and construction	5,570	5,520	5,290	50	280
Mining and logging	510	510	500	0	10
Construction	5,060	5,010	4,790	50	270
Manufacturing	7,660	7,720	7,670	-60	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	20,410	19,810	20,100	600	310
Wholesale trade	2,540	2,510	2,470	30	70
Retail trade	14,390	13,840	14,220	550	170
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,480	3,460	3,410	20	70
Information	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Financial activities	4,120	4,150	4,070	-30	50
Professional and business services	8,350	8,130	7,770	220	580
Education and health services	18,470	18,450	17,990	20	480
Health care and social assistance	17,490	17,490	17,140	0	350
Leisure and hospitality	10,220	10,450	9,300	-230	920
Accommodation and food services	8,680	9,200	8,330	-520	350
Other services	2,660	2,660	2,500	0	160
Government	11,460	10,790	11,140	670	320
Federal government	1,880	1,900	1,970	-20	-90
State government	1,090	1,070	1,030	20	60
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,490	7,820	8,140	670	350
Local education	5,660	4,990	5,260	670	400

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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