

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 21, 2021

CONTACT INFORMATION:
Guy Tauer, Regional Economist
Guy.R.Tauer@employ.oregon.gov
(541) 816-8396

Employment in Jackson County: November 2021

Retail Trade and Local Education Gains Offset by Leisure and Hospitality Loss

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 130 jobs in November. Retail trade had the largest job gain, up by 350. Job counts also increased in private education and health services (+80) and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+30). Job losses were mostly confined to a drop of 250 jobs in leisure and hospitality. Government employment increased by 130 jobs in November. An increase of 140 local government education jobs was slightly offset by a loss of 50 federal government jobs. Local government excluding education added 30 jobs over the month.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) rose by 2,750 jobs, a gain of 3.2%. Jackson County is still 2,240 jobs below the November 2019 total. Since November 2020, industries adding jobs included leisure and hospitality (+820); professional and business services (+520); private education and health services (+450); other services (+160); wholesale trade (+100); construction (+100); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+80).

Government employment rose by 240 jobs over the year. Local government education (+300) and state government (+30) posted increases while federal government employment fell by 70 jobs.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Jan. 25th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Wednesday, Jan. 19th.

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.

You can subscribe to receive notification of new articles and publications from www.QualityInfo.org. To subscribe, go to www.qualityinfo.org/p-sofrm, enter your email address and click Sign In. In the Publication section, click on the + sign next to a report type category and then click on the geography(s) you are interested in. Take some time to browse the other publications on the page and see if there are some you'd like to receive an email notification for. You can receive notifications on a daily, weekly, or monthly schedule – whichever is most convenient for you. You can change your preferences – or unsubscribe – at any time.

The pdf version of the news release, including tables and graphs, can be found at www.qualityinfo.org/press-release/. To obtain the data in other formats such as in Excel, visit www.QualityInfo.org, select *Economic Data*, and choose *LAUS* or *CES*. To request the press release as a Word document, contact the person shown at the top of this press release.

To file an Unemployment Insurance claim, visit our online claims system or call our contact centers, where Employment Department staff are ready to help by phone, at 1-877-FILE-4-UI (1-877-345-3484). For coronavirus questions related to employer and job seeker programs and services, visit

https://govstatus.egov.com/ORUnemployment_COVID19. For help finding jobs and training resources, go to: www.WorkSourceOregon.org.

Data and analysis related to COVID-19 can be found here: <https://www.qualityinfo.org/covid-19>

Equal Opportunity program — auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Contact: (503) 947-1794. For the deaf and hard of hearing population, call 711 Telecommunications Relay Services.



Workforce & Economic Research Division

QualityInfo.org

December 21, 2021

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

	--Change From--				
	November 2021	October 2021	November 2020	October 2021	November 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	108,185	108,916	107,474	-731	711
Unemployed	3,761	3,830	6,391	-69	-2,630
Unemployment rate	3.5%	3.5%	5.9%	0.0	-2.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.8%	6.5%	-0.2	-1.9
Employed	104,424	105,086	101,083	-662	3,341
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	89,930	89,800	87,180	130	2,750
Total private	78,600	78,600	76,090	0	2,510
Mining, logging, and construction	5,370	5,550	5,270	-180	100
Mining and logging	490	510	490	-20	0
Construction	4,880	5,040	4,780	-160	100
Manufacturing	7,630	7,660	7,610	-30	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	20,990	20,600	20,620	390	370
Wholesale trade	2,560	2,550	2,460	10	100
Retail trade	14,920	14,570	14,730	350	190
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,510	3,480	3,430	30	80
Information	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Financial activities	4,140	4,130	4,070	10	70
Professional and business services	8,320	8,330	7,800	-10	520
Education and health services	18,520	18,440	18,070	80	450
Health care and social assistance	17,500	17,460	17,190	40	310
Leisure and hospitality	9,980	10,230	9,160	-250	820
Accommodation and food services	8,670	8,750	8,190	-80	480
Other services	2,650	2,660	2,490	-10	160
Government	11,330	11,200	11,090	130	240
Federal government	1,830	1,880	1,900	-50	-70
State government	1,060	1,050	1,030	10	30
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,440	8,270	8,160	170	280
Local education	5,580	5,440	5,280	140	300

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.

###