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Employment in Jackson County: December 2021 **Retail Trade Gains Offset by Professional and Business Services Losses**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County fell by 150 jobs in December. Retail trade had the largest job gain, up by 160. Jobs also increased in health care and social assistance (+70); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+60); and leisure and hospitality (+50). Job losses were mostly confined to a drop of 210 jobs in professional and business services and 150 jobs lost in construction over the month. Government employment fell by 120 jobs in December. Losses were posted in state government (-40); local government education (-40); federal government (-30); and local government excluding education (-10).

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) rose by 3,330 jobs, a gain of 3.9%. Jackson County is still 2,510 jobs below the December 2019 total. Since December 2020, industries adding jobs included leisure and hospitality (+2,320); private education and health services (+360); professional and business services (+180); other services (+180); wholesale trade (+140); financial activities (+100); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+80).

Government employment rose by 80 jobs over the year. Local government education (+240) posted increases while federal government employment fell by 90 jobs and state government lost 20 jobs.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Mar. 8th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, Mar. 8th.

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 2021	November 2021	December 2020	November 2021	December 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	107,435	108,085	107,621	-650	-186
Unemployed	4,018	3,853	6,606	165	-2,588
Unemployment rate	3.7%	3.6%	6.1%	0.1	-2.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	4.6%	6.2%	-0.1	-1.7
Employed	103,417	104,232	101,015	-815	2,402
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	89,560	89,710	86,230	-150	3,330
Total private	78,420	78,450	75,170	-30	3,250
Mining, logging, and construction	5,200	5,360	5,280	-160	-80
Mining and logging	480	490	470	-10	10
Construction	4,720	4,870	4,810	-150	-90
Manufacturing	7,650	7,630	7,680	20	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	21,080	20,850	20,900	230	180
Wholesale trade	2,580	2,570	2,440	10	140
Retail trade	14,930	14,770	14,970	160	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,570	3,510	3,490	60	80
Information	1,010	1,000	970	10	40
Financial activities	4,160	4,140	4,060	20	100
Professional and business services	8,110	8,320	7,930	-210	180
Education and health services	18,520	18,500	18,160	20	360
Health care and social assistance	17,460	17,390	17,330	70	130
Leisure and hospitality	10,050	10,000	7,730	50	2,320
Accommodation and food services	8,680	8,680	6,920	0	1,760
Other services	2,640	2,650	2,460	-10	180
Government	11,140	11,260	11,060	-120	80
Federal government	1,800	1,830	1,890	-30	-90
State government	1,000	1,040	1,020	-40	-20
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,340	8,390	8,150	-50	190
Local education	5,500	5,540	5,260	-40	240

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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