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Employment in Jackson County: February 2023 **Education and Health Services Gains Jobs**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 150 jobs in February. The largest private-sector gains were estimated in private education and health services (+220), construction (+70), and professional and business services (+40). Industries with job losses over the month included retail trade (-370); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-70); leisure and hospitality (-50); and manufacturing (-40). Government employment added 310 jobs in February with gains in local government education (+260) and federal government (+30) comprising most of the increase.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) gained 1,890 jobs, an increase of 2.2%. Jackson County is now 770 jobs below the February 2020 pre-pandemic total. Since February 2022, industries adding jobs included private education and health services (+860); leisure and hospitality (+600); professional and business services (+150); construction (+140); other services (+80); retail trade (+50); wholesale trade (+50); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+30). In contrast, financial activities (-90) and information (-50) lost jobs over the year.

Government employment rose by 220 jobs over the year. Local (+100), federal (+70), and state government (+50) posted gains since February 2022. Local government education employment slipped by 30 jobs.

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

Notes:

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