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## **Employment in Jackson County: April 2024 Construction Adds Most Jobs Over the Month**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 470 jobs in April. Job gains were estimated in most published industries. Employment rose in construction (+130); health care and social assistance (+110); leisure and hospitality (+80); manufacturing (+50); and professional and business services (+40). Government employment also edged up by 50 jobs. Gains were posted in state (+20), local (+20), and federal government (+10). The only published industry losing jobs was retail trade, down by 30 in April.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) fell by 550 jobs, a decline of 0.6%. Since April 2023, industries adding jobs included private education and health services (+790) and construction (+190). Industries with over-the-year losses were leisure and hospitality (-580); professional and business services (-290); retail trade (-280); manufacturing (-270); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-160); other services (-130); financial activities (-120); information (-60); and wholesale trade (-60).

Government employment climbed by 410 jobs over the year. Local government (+240), state government (+90), and federal government (+80) all gained jobs over the past 12 months. Jackson County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.8% in April, edging down from 4.9% in March and up from 4.1% in April 2023.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**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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**Jackson County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment**

	--Change From--				
	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024	April 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	107,063	107,191	103,987	-128	3,076
Unemployed	4,648	5,634	3,856	-986	792
Unemployment rate	4.3%	5.3%	3.7%	-1.0	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	4.9%	4.1%	-0.1	0.7
Employed	102,415	101,557	100,131	858	2,284
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	88,790	88,320	89,340	470	-550
Total private	76,520	76,100	77,480	420	-960
Mining, logging, and construction	5,880	5,740	5,680	140	200
Mining and logging	450	440	440	10	10
Construction	5,430	5,300	5,240	130	190
Manufacturing	6,870	6,820	7,140	50	-270
Trade, transportation, and utilities	18,740	18,730	19,240	10	-500
Wholesale trade	2,580	2,580	2,640	0	-60
Retail trade	12,800	12,830	13,080	-30	-280
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,360	3,320	3,520	40	-160
Information	910	900	970	10	-60
Financial activities	3,670	3,670	3,790	0	-120
Professional and business services	8,050	8,010	8,340	40	-290
Private education and health services	19,510	19,420	18,720	90	790
Health care and social assistance	18,520	18,410	17,630	110	890
Leisure and hospitality	10,320	10,240	10,900	80	-580
Accommodation and food services	8,940	8,840	9,240	100	-300
Other services	2,570	2,570	2,700	0	-130
Government	12,270	12,220	11,860	50	410
Federal government	1,920	1,910	1,840	10	80
State government	1,340	1,320	1,250	20	90
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	9,010	8,990	8,770	20	240
Local education	5,790	5,790	5,790	0	0

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: 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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