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Employment in Jackson County: January 2020

Seasonal Retail Trade Losses Reduce Payroll Employment

Total payroll employment fell by 2,640 jobs in January, mostly due to seasonally expected decline of 1,580 jobs in retail trade. Employment trends were negative across the board among Jackson County's published industries. Professional and business services lost 480 jobs according to preliminary estimates. Employment fell in government (-160) and in health care and social assistance (-60). Most of the government employment losses were in local government education. Industries with seasonally typical losses included construction (-110) and mining and logging (-40). Jackson County's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 4.0 percent in January, the lowest rate since comparable data are available going back to 1990.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) fell by 140 jobs. Revised data show Jackson County's first over-the-year job declines since January 2012 occurred in October 2019, and employment since has generally shown slight over-the-year losses. Since January 2019, estimates show the largest declines were in leisure and hospitality (-400); professional and business services (-190); construction (-150); and manufacturing (-50). Somewhat offsetting those losses, job growth was estimated in private educational and health services (+530); retail trade (+250); wholesale trade (+120); and financial activities (+90). Government employment declined by 330 jobs over the year, with losses in local government education (-410) partially offset by a gain in federal government jobs (+80).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 31st, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Tuesday, March 17th.

Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted.

The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly Oregon payroll employment and labor force data. 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. This press release incorporates, for the first time, the annual revisions to the data for 2016 and prior years.

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--		
	January 2020	December 2019	January 2019	December 2019	January 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	101,115	102,395	102,959	-1,280	-1,844
Unemployed	4,496	3,228	5,948	1,268	-1,452
Unemployment rate	4.4%	3.2%	5.8%	1.2	-1.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.1%	5.1%	-0.1	-1.1
Employed	96,619	99,167	97,011	-2,548	-392
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	87,370	90,010	87,510	-2,640	-140
Total private	76,140	78,620	75,950	-2,480	190
Mining, logging, and construction	4,900	5,050	5,050	-150	-150
Mining and logging	400	440	430	-40	-30
Construction	4,500	4,610	4,620	-110	-120
Manufacturing	7,860	7,830	7,910	30	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,740	21,400	19,380	-1,660	360
Wholesale trade	2,580	2,590	2,460	-10	120
Retail trade	13,820	15,400	13,570	-1,580	250
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,340	3,410	3,350	-70	-10
Information	1,210	1,230	1,230	-20	-20
Financial activities	4,100	4,090	4,010	10	90
Professional and business services	7,200	7,680	7,390	-480	-190
Education and health services	17,640	17,740	17,090	-100	550
Health care and social assistance	16,770	16,830	16,240	-60	530
Leisure and hospitality	10,790	10,900	11,190	-110	-400
Accommodation and food services	9,310	9,440	9,670	-130	-360
Other services	2,700	2,700	2,700	0	0
Government	11,230	11,390	11,560	-160	-330
Federal government	1,790	1,790	1,710	0	80
State government	1,000	1,000	980	0	20
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,440	8,600	8,870	-160	-430
Local education	5,610	5,750	6,020	-140	-410

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.

