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Employment in Jackson County: March 2020

March data from Oregon's establishment and household surveys do not reflect the early effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on the labor market. This is because the data used for today's report was collected prior to public health measures related to social distancing began on March 17th. We expect the county April data, published on May 27th, to show the early effects on employment and the unemployment rate in Oregon.

More information on Unemployment Insurance benefits can be found here:

https://govstatus.egov.com/ORUnemployment_COVID19

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

Total payroll employment in Jackson County increased by 230 jobs in March. Leisure and hospitality employment rose by 130 and construction gained 90 jobs, reflecting normal seasonal trends in the early part of the month before the pandemic effects on the job market were being largely felt. Trade employment rose by 50 jobs over the month, 30 in retail and 20 jobs added in wholesale trade. Manufacturing employment fell by 50 and government employment also declined by 20 jobs.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) fell by 90 jobs. Since March 2019, estimates show the largest declines were in government (-430) and leisure and hospitality (-330). Offsetting those losses, job growth was estimated in private educational and health services (+430); retail trade (+240); and wholesale trade (+110).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Wednesday, May 27th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Tuesday, May 19th.

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 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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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.

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

	--Change From--				
	March 2020	February 2020	March 2019	February 2020	March 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	102,521	102,301	103,253	220	-732
Unemployed	4,734	4,578	5,565	156	-831
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.5%	5.4%	0.1	-0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.9%	3.9%	5.0%	0.0	-1.1
Employed	97,787	97,723	97,688	64	99
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	88,010	87,780	88,100	230	-90
Total private	76,660	76,410	76,320	250	340
Mining, logging, and construction	5,060	4,960	5,050	100	10
Mining and logging	420	410	440	10	-20
Construction	4,640	4,550	4,610	90	30
Manufacturing	7,860	7,910	8,050	-50	-190
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19,500	19,450	19,120	50	380
Wholesale trade	2,600	2,580	2,490	20	110
Retail trade	13,570	13,540	13,330	30	240
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,330	3,330	3,300	0	30
Information	1,200	1,210	1,250	-10	-50
Financial activities	4,060	4,060	4,010	0	50
Professional and business services	7,450	7,440	7,410	10	40
Education and health services	17,770	17,740	17,310	30	460
Health care and social assistance	16,860	16,820	16,430	40	430
Leisure and hospitality	11,050	10,920	11,380	130	-330
Accommodation and food services	9,460	9,350	9,680	110	-220
Other services	2,710	2,720	2,740	-10	-30
Government	11,350	11,370	11,780	-20	-430
Federal government	1,760	1,780	1,720	-20	40
State government	1,010	1,000	980	10	30
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,580	8,590	9,080	-10	-500
Local education	5,760	5,760	6,240	0	-480

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.

