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Employment in Jackson County: June 2021 **Widespread Gains Boost Payroll Employment**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 860 jobs in July. Construction and leisure and hospitality had the largest increases, up by 230 and 200 jobs, respectively. A number of other private-sector industries also boosted the month's total. Those adding jobs included other services (+110); professional and business services (+80); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+70); retail trade (+50); health care and social assistance (+40); and manufacturing (+40).

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) rose by 4,360 jobs, an increase of 5.2%. Jackson County is still about 2,000 jobs below the pre-pandemic peak employment in February 2020. The county has recovered about 85% of the payroll jobs lost during the pandemic recession. Since June 2020, industries adding the most jobs were retail trade (+920); private education and health services (+810); construction (+630); professional and business services (+450); manufacturing (+380); other services (+370); and leisure and hospitality (+230).

Government employment rose by 130 jobs with gains in local government (+120) and federal government (+30). Local government education has not shown the employment recovery seen in many private-sector industries, in part due to less in-person learning in most educational institutions, with those trends hopefully turning around this upcoming autumn.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Aug. 24th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Tuesday, Aug. 17th.

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--				
	June 2021	May 2021	June 2020	May 2021	June 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	108,442	108,359	107,130	83	1,312
Unemployed	5,983	5,984	11,060	-1	-5,077
Unemployment rate	5.5%	5.5%	10.3%	0.0	-4.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.0%	6.3%	10.2%	-0.3	-4.2
Employed	102,459	102,375	96,070	84	6,389
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	88,270	87,410	83,910	860	4,360
Total private	76,810	75,940	72,580	870	4,230
Mining, logging, and construction	5,810	5,570	5,120	240	690
Mining and logging	530	520	470	10	60
Construction	5,280	5,050	4,650	230	630
Manufacturing	7,870	7,830	7,490	40	380
Trade, transportation, and utilities	20,110	19,960	18,860	150	1,250
Wholesale trade	2,540	2,510	2,460	30	80
Retail trade	14,050	14,000	13,130	50	920
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,520	3,450	3,270	70	250
Information	990	990	1,080	0	-90
Financial activities	4,140	4,120	4,000	20	140
Professional and business services	7,800	7,720	7,350	80	450
Education and health services	18,230	18,200	17,420	30	810
Health care and social assistance	17,240	17,200	16,660	40	580
Leisure and hospitality	9,140	8,940	8,910	200	230
Accommodation and food services	7,860	7,740	7,920	120	-60
Other services	2,720	2,610	2,350	110	370
Government	11,460	11,470	11,330	-10	130
Federal government	1,910	1,890	1,880	20	30
State government	1,000	1,040	1,020	-40	-20
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	8,550	8,540	8,430	10	120
Local education	5,630	5,640	5,610	-10	20

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.

