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

Total payroll employment in Jackson County rose by 880 jobs in July. A gain of 980 jobs in leisure and hospitality was the majority of the month's employment increase. A number of other sectors also showed employment gains in July including retail trade (+280); construction (+250); and financial activities (+80). Job losses were estimated in private educational and health services (-240) and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-50). Local government education employment also decreased in July, down by 460 jobs.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) rose by 5,150 jobs, an increase of 6.1%. Jackson County is about 1,000 jobs below the pre-pandemic peak employment in February 2020. The county has recovered about 92% of the payroll jobs lost during the pandemic recession. Since July 2020, industries adding the most jobs were leisure and hospitality (+1,160); retail trade (+1,080); construction (+590); professional and business services (+590); private education and health services (+300); and other services (+240).

Government employment rose by 680 jobs over the year with gains in local government education (+530) and state government (+60). Local government education employment is above its year-before total, but has not recovered to the 2019 pre-pandemic employment level.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Sep. 21st, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Tuesday, Sep. 14th.

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--				
	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2021	July 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	110,347	108,217	102,191	2,130	8,156
Unemployed	5,601	5,855	10,367	-254	-4,766
Unemployment rate	5.1%	5.4%	10.1%	-0.3	-5.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.5%	6.0%	9.2%	-0.5	-3.7
Employed	104,746	102,362	91,824	2,384	12,922
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	89,240	88,360	84,090	880	5,150
Total private	78,290	76,950	73,820	1,340	4,470
Mining, logging, and construction	5,860	5,610	5,230	250	630
Mining and logging	530	520	490	10	40
Construction	5,330	5,090	4,740	240	590
Manufacturing	7,800	7,820	7,690	-20	110
Trade, transportation, and utilities	20,430	20,200	19,150	230	1,280
Wholesale trade	2,530	2,530	2,480	0	50
Retail trade	14,500	14,220	13,420	280	1,080
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,400	3,450	3,250	-50	150
Information	990	970	960	20	30
Financial activities	4,260	4,180	4,130	80	130
Professional and business services	8,070	8,040	7,480	30	590
Education and health services	17,730	17,970	17,430	-240	300
Health care and social assistance	17,000	17,140	16,740	-140	260
Leisure and hospitality	10,450	9,470	9,290	980	1,160
Accommodation and food services	9,340	8,520	8,240	820	1,100
Other services	2,700	2,690	2,460	10	240
Government	10,950	11,410	10,270	-460	680
Federal government	1,930	1,930	1,920	0	10
State government	1,100	1,090	1,040	10	60
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	7,920	8,390	7,310	-470	610
Local education	4,960	5,420	4,430	-460	530

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.

