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Employment in Jackson County: September 2021 **Widespread Declines in Payroll Employment**

Total payroll employment in Jackson County fell by 580 jobs in September. Losses were somewhat broad-based across a diverse group of industries. Job losses were estimated in retail trade (-310); construction (-170); leisure and hospitality (-170); manufacturing (-110); and professional and business services (-80). A couple industries posted job gains in September including private education and health services (+160), and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+70). Government employment rose by 70 jobs in September. Employment increased in local government education (+100) and state government (+70). Those gains were slightly offset by a loss of 40 federal government jobs.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) rose by 3,030 jobs, a gain of 3.5%. Jackson County is still 1,850 jobs below the September 2019 total. Since September 2020, industries adding jobs included leisure and hospitality (+700); professional and business services (+490); construction (+420); private educational and health services (+230); retail trade (+220); other services (+210); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+190).

Government employment rose by 170 jobs over the year. Local government education (+220) and state government (+100) posted increases while federal government employment fell by 130 jobs.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Nov. 23rd, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Tuesday, Nov. 16th.

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--				
	September 2021	August 2021	September 2020	August 2021	September 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	108,862	110,107	106,692	-1,245	2,170
Unemployed	4,607	5,308	7,772	-701	-3,165
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.8%	7.3%	-0.6	-3.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.0%	5.2%	7.8%	-0.2	-2.8
Employed	104,255	104,799	98,920	-544	5,335
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	88,840	89,420	85,810	-580	3,030
Total private	77,810	78,460	74,950	-650	2,860
Mining, logging, and construction	5,660	5,830	5,190	-170	470
Mining and logging	540	540	490	0	50
Construction	5,120	5,290	4,700	-170	420
Manufacturing	7,810	7,920	7,690	-110	120
Trade, transportation, and utilities	20,240	20,470	19,680	-230	560
Wholesale trade	2,590	2,580	2,440	10	150
Retail trade	14,150	14,460	13,930	-310	220
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,500	3,430	3,310	70	190
Information	990	990	1,050	0	-60
Financial activities	4,210	4,230	4,070	-20	140
Professional and business services	8,060	8,140	7,570	-80	490
Education and health services	18,110	17,950	17,880	160	230
Health care and social assistance	17,200	17,150	17,030	50	170
Leisure and hospitality	10,070	10,240	9,370	-170	700
Accommodation and food services	9,100	9,250	8,350	-150	750
Other services	2,660	2,690	2,450	-30	210
Government	11,030	10,960	10,860	70	170
Federal government	1,890	1,930	2,020	-40	-130
State government	1,150	1,080	1,040	70	110
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	7,990	7,950	7,800	40	190
Local education	5,110	5,010	4,890	100	220

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.

