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Employment in Josephine County: September 2017

Seasonal Increase in Local Government Education Boosts Job Total

Total payroll employment rose by 520 jobs, largely due to the seasonally-expected increase of 670 jobs in local government education. Private-sector employment fell by 140 jobs in September. Industries losing jobs over the month included leisure and hospitality (-80), other services (-50), construction (-20), and manufacturing (-20). The only private-sector industry to show notable job growth in September was transportation, warehousing and utilities (+40). Government employment had a net gain of 660 jobs over the month. An increase in local government of 680 jobs was just slightly countered by declines of 10 jobs in both federal and state government employment.

Over the year, Josephine County payroll employment gained 590 jobs, an increase of 2.3 percent and about the same as Oregon's overall job growth rate. Industries adding notable new jobs included leisure and hospitality (+150), private education and health services (+140), retail trade (+130), and construction (+130). Small over-the-year declines were estimated in manufacturing (-40), wholesale trade (-20), professional and business services (-20), and information (-20). Government employment added 100 jobs since September 2016. Local government employment increased by 130 jobs, 80 of those in the local education component. State government employment fell by 30 jobs. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, estimated at 6.1 percent in September, climbed above recent record lows going back to 1990. A year earlier, the unemployment rate was higher at 6.6 percent.

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. With the uncertainty surrounding the impact of the smoke and wildfires this summer, there may be more revisions to some of the industries when more complete payroll tax records become available.

Next Press Releases

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

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.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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Workforce and Economic Research
2016 Benchmark**OREGON CURRENT LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT
JOSEPHINE COUNTY**

Labor Force Status	Sep. 2017	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2016	-Change from-	
				Aug. 2017	Sep. 2016
Civilian Labor Force	36,372	36,051	35,303	321	1,069
Unemployed	1,913	2,110	2,081	-197	-168
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.9%	5.9%	-0.6	-0.6
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate	6.1%	5.9%	6.6%	0.2	-0.5
Employed	34,459	33,941	33,222	518	1,237

Nonfarm Payroll Employment	Sep. 2017	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2016	-Change from-	
				Aug. 2017	Sep. 2016
Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment	26,800	26,280	26,210	520	590
Total private	22,960	23,100	22,470	-140	490
Mining and logging	120	130	110	-10	10
Construction	1,090	1,110	960	-20	130
Manufacturing	2,940	2,960	2,980	-20	-40
Wood product manufacturing	520	530	550	-10	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,500	5,450	5,380	50	120
Wholesale trade	790	790	810	0	-20
Retail trade	4,260	4,250	4,130	10	130
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	450	410	440	40	10
Information	240	240	260	0	-20
Financial activities	1,420	1,420	1,390	0	30
Professional and business services	2,110	2,120	2,130	-10	-20
Education and health services	5,080	5,080	4,940	0	140
Leisure and hospitality	3,440	3,520	3,290	-80	150
Other services	1,020	1,070	1,030	-50	-10
Government	3,840	3,180	3,740	660	100
Federal government	300	310	300	-10	0
State government	940	950	970	-10	-30
Local government	2,600	1,920	2,470	680	130
Local education	1,840	1,170	1,760	670	80
Labor/Management Disputants	0	0	0	0	0

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.

Labor Force Status: Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm 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: 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.

