

ROGUE VALLEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

May 2017	Unemployment Rates	Nonfarm Jobs
Jackson County	4.2%	87,120
Josephine County	4.8%	26,680

New Report on Rural Oregon

Oregon Employment Department's new report covers employment trends in 23 rural counties in Oregon.

In recent years, statewide job growth has been faster than the national average. However, the employment growth in most rural counties has been modest, not enough to reach full recovery.

Rural areas of Oregon have higher unemployment rates and less diverse economies than metro areas. This leaves them more vulnerable to economic shocks and recessions.

Rural population is growing slowly while aging faster. Rural labor markets will have many job opportunities as today's older workforce retires.

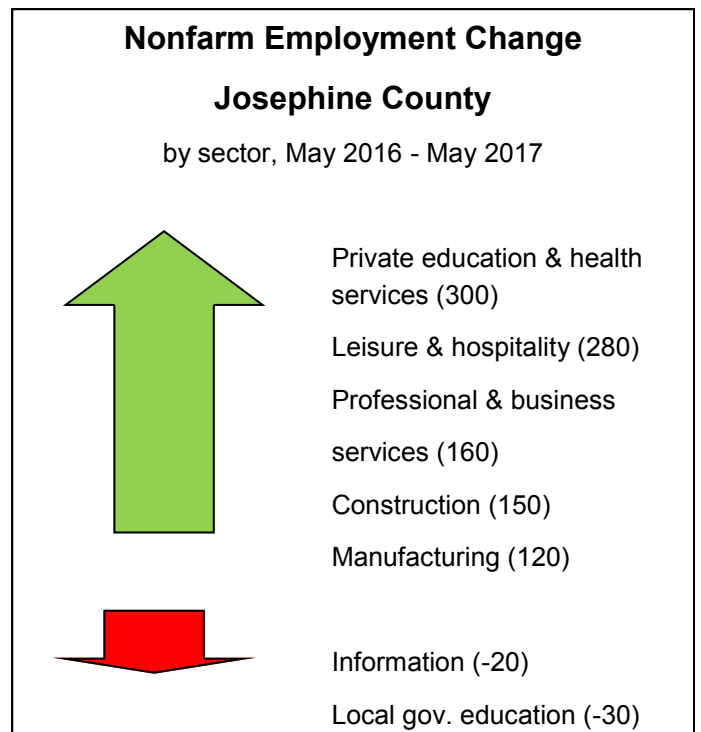
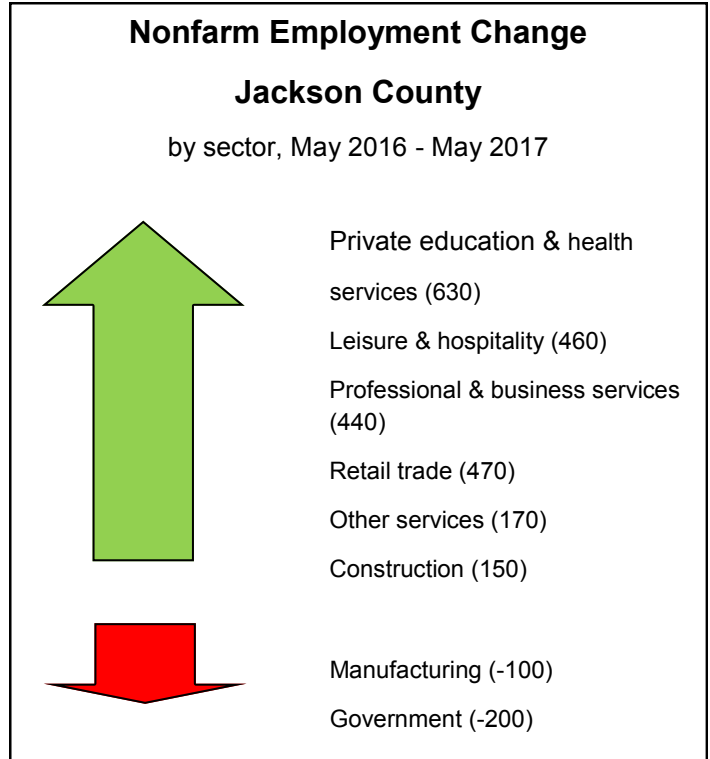
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