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Employment in Josephine County: February 2017

Broad-based Job Gains Increase Payroll Employment Total

Total payroll employment rose by 210 jobs in February. Modest gains across numerous industries combined for a private-sector total increase of 150 while government payroll employment rose by 60 jobs. Construction employment was up slightly by 40 in February while the other “goods-producing” industries manufacturing, and mining and logging, added 50 and 10 jobs, respectively. Both private education and health services, and leisure and hospitality employment rose by 40 over the month. Transportation, warehousing and utilities gained an estimated 30 jobs in February. Employment climbed in local government education (+30), non-education local government (+20), and federal government (+10). Job losses were confined to just two industries in February. Those shedding jobs were retail trade (-70) and financial activities (-10).

Over the year, Josephine County payroll employment gained 1,030 jobs, an increase of 4.1 percent and faster than Oregon’s overall job growth rate of 2.1 percent. Industries adding notable new jobs included professional and business services (+320), private education and health services (+280), leisure and hospitality (+130), and other services (+110). Smaller increases were also estimated in several other industries including retail trade (+50), construction (+30), and financial activities (+20). Manufacturing employment grew by 110 over the year, despite a loss of 60 wood product manufacturing jobs. Small over-the-year declines were estimated in wholesale trade (-20), and mining and logging (-20). Government employment was essentially unchanged over the year, with a gain of 90 in state government offset by losses in local government education (-70) and federal government (-10).

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.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 25 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Tuesday, April 18.

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	Feb. 2017	Jan. 2017	Feb. 2016	-Change from-	
				Jan. 2017	Feb. 2016
Civilian Labor Force	34,836	34,767	33,749	69	1,087
Unemployed	1,874	2,125	2,476	-251	-602
Unemployment rate	5.4%	6.1%	7.3%	-0.7	-2.0
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate	4.4%	5.1%	5.9%	-0.7	-1.5
Employed	32,962	32,642	31,273	320	1,689

Nonfarm Payroll Employment	Feb. 2017	Jan. 2017	Feb. 2016	-Change from-	
				Jan. 2017	Feb. 2016
Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment	25,850	25,640	24,820	210	1,030
Total private	22,120	21,970	21,100	150	1,020
Mining and logging	100	90	120	10	-20
Construction	860	820	830	40	30
Manufacturing	2,960	2,910	2,850	50	110
Wood product manufacturing	550	550	610	0	-60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,160	5,200	5,120	-40	40
Wholesale trade	820	820	840	0	-20
Retail trade	3,920	3,990	3,870	-70	50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	420	390	410	30	10
Information	260	260	260	0	0
Financial activities	1,330	1,340	1,310	-10	20
Professional and business services	2,390	2,380	2,070	10	320
Education and health services	5,030	4,990	4,750	40	280
Leisure and hospitality	2,970	2,930	2,840	40	130
Other services	1,060	1,050	950	10	110
Government	3,730	3,670	3,720	60	10
Federal government	220	210	230	10	-10
State government	900	900	810	0	90
Local government	2,610	2,560	2,680	50	-70
Local education	1,890	1,860	1,960	30	-70
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.

