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Employment in Josephine County: July 2019

Seasonal Losses in Local Government Education Lower Total Payroll Employment

Total Josephine County payroll fell by 670 jobs, mostly due to a normal seasonal decline of 700 jobs in local government education. Leisure and hospitality had the largest private-sector job gain, up by 90 over the month. Other estimated increases were on the small side, including financial activities (+30) and construction (+20).

Small employment declines were estimated in manufacturing (-30) and private education and health services (-20). Government employment fell by 690 jobs over the month with the loss in local government education slightly offset by a gain of 10 federal government jobs.

Over the year, Josephine County payroll employment gained 770 jobs, an increase of 2.8 percent and slightly faster than Oregon's statewide increase of 2.1 percent. Industries adding notable new jobs included private education and health services (+360); financial activities (+110); manufacturing (+80); professional and business services (+60); and construction (+60).

A couple industries had estimated job losses since July 2018. Those were retail trade (-130) and wholesale trade (-20).

Government employment rose by 160 jobs over the year. Local government education gained 90 jobs and local government excluding educational services added 80 jobs since July 2018. Federal government employment fell by 10 jobs in the past year.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, September 24th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Tuesday, September 17th.

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.

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Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019	July 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,344	36,509	35,993	-165	351
Unemployed	1,915	1,833	2,012	82	-97
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.0%	5.6%	0.3	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.2%	5.2%	5.4%	0.0	-0.2
Employed	34,429	34,676	33,981	-247	448
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,800	28,470	27,030	-670	770
Total private	24,850	24,830	24,240	20	610
Mining, logging, and construction	1,340	1,320	1,290	20	50
Mining and logging	100	100	110	0	-10
Construction	1,240	1,220	1,180	20	60
Manufacturing	3,080	3,110	3,000	-30	80
Wood product manufacturing	530	530	520	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,310	5,370	5,440	-60	-130
Wholesale trade	730	730	750	0	-20
Retail trade	4,110	4,120	4,240	-10	-130
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	470	520	450	-50	20
Information	260	260	250	0	10
Financial activities	1,620	1,590	1,510	30	110
Professional and business services	2,260	2,270	2,200	-10	60
Education and health services	6,160	6,180	5,800	-20	360
Leisure and hospitality	3,760	3,670	3,730	90	30
Other services	1,060	1,060	1,020	0	40
Government	2,950	3,640	2,790	-690	160
Federal government	290	280	300	10	-10
State government	430	430	430	0	0
Local government	2,230	2,930	2,060	-700	170
Local education	1,360	2,060	1,270	-700	90
Local government excluding educational services	870	870	790	0	80

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.

