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## **Employment in Josephine County: June 2017**

### **Summer Hiring in Many Industries Gives Job Totals a Lift**

Total payroll employment rose by 150 jobs in June. Job gains across a wide swath of industries contributed to the increase. Leisure and hospitality continued its seasonal upturn, adding 40 jobs from the prior month. Manufacturing, other services, and retail trade all had estimated job gains totaling 30 in June. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities saw employment rise by 20 jobs over the month. Private education and health services posted a 20-job decline in June. Government employment was flat in June, with a gain of 20 jobs in federal government offset by a loss of 20 jobs in local government. The local education portion of local government lost 40 jobs in June.

Over the year, Josephine County payroll employment gained 820 jobs, an increase of 3.2 percent and faster than Oregon's overall job growth rate of 2.6 percent over the year. Industries adding notable new jobs included private education and health services (+290), leisure and hospitality (+180), professional and business services (+140), retail trade (+130), and construction (+110). Manufacturing employment rose by 80 over the year, despite a loss of 10 wood product manufacturing jobs. Small over-the-year declines were estimated in financial activities (-30) and information (-20). Government employment slipped by 150 jobs over the year, with a loss of 120 in state government and smaller declines in local government education (-30) and federal government (-20). The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, estimated at 5.1 percent in June, remains close to record lows going back to 1990. A year earlier, the unemployment rate was considerably higher at 6.8 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.

#### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, August 22 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Tuesday, August 15.

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**

| <b>Labor Force Status</b>             | Jun.<br>2017 | May<br>2017 | Jun.<br>2016 | <b>-Change from-</b> |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
|                                       |              |             |              | May<br>2017          | Jun.<br>2016 |
| Civilian Labor Force                  | 35,928       | 35,697      | 34,795       | 231                  | 1,133        |
| Unemployed                            | 1,818        | 1,532       | 2,376        | 286                  | -558         |
| Unemployment rate                     | 5.1%         | 4.3%        | 6.8%         | 0.8                  | -1.8         |
| Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate | 5.1%         | 4.8%        | 6.8%         | 0.3                  | -1.7         |
| Employed                              | 34,110       | 34,165      | 32,419       | -55                  | 1,691        |

  

| <b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>          | Jun.<br>2017 | May<br>2017 | Jun.<br>2016 | <b>-Change from-</b> |              |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
|  |              |             |              | May<br>2017          | Jun.<br>2016 |
| Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment           | 26,770       | 26,620      | 25,950       | 150                  | 820          |
| Total private                              | 22,980       | 22,830      | 22,010       | 150                  | 970          |
| Mining and logging                         | 130          | 130         | 120          | 0                    | 10           |
| Construction                               | 1,030        | 1,020       | 920          | 10                   | 110          |
| Manufacturing                              | 2,920        | 2,890       | 2,840        | 30                   | 80           |
| Wood product manufacturing                 | 530          | 530         | 540          | 0                    | -10          |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities       | 5,490        | 5,430       | 5,350        | 60                   | 140          |
| Wholesale trade                            | 820          | 810         | 830          | 10                   | -10          |
| Retail trade                               | 4,200        | 4,170       | 4,070        | 30                   | 130          |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 470          | 450         | 450          | 20                   | 20           |
| Information                                | 250          | 240         | 270          | 10                   | -20          |
| Financial activities                       | 1,320        | 1,330       | 1,350        | -10                  | -30          |
| Professional and business services         | 2,150        | 2,150       | 2,010        | 0                    | 140          |
| Education and health services              | 5,130        | 5,150       | 4,840        | -20                  | 290          |
| Leisure and hospitality                    | 3,460        | 3,420       | 3,280        | 40                   | 180          |
| Other services                             | 1,100        | 1,070       | 1,030        | 30                   | 70           |
| Government                                 | 3,790        | 3,790       | 3,940        | 0                    | -150         |
| Federal government                         | 290          | 270         | 310          | 20                   | -20          |
| State government                           | 860          | 860         | 980          | 0                    | -120         |
| Local government                           | 2,640        | 2,660       | 2,650        | -20                  | -10          |
| Local education                            | 1,910        | 1,950       | 1,940        | -40                  | -30          |
| 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.

