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## **Employment in Josephine County: August 2019**

### **Local Government Education Hiring Boosts Total Payroll Employment**

Total Josephine County payroll rose by just 50 jobs in August, mostly due to a gain of 50 jobs in local government education. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities employment rose by 20 jobs and private education and health services eked out a gain of 10 jobs. Small losses were estimated in leisure and hospitality (-20); wood product manufacturing (-10); retail trade (-10); and other services (-10). Government employment increased by 60 jobs over the month with a gain of 50 jobs in local government education responsible for most of the job increase.

Over the year, Josephine County payroll employment gained 620 jobs, an increase of 2.3 percent and slightly faster than Oregon's statewide increase of 1.8 percent. Industries adding notable new jobs included private education and health services (+210); manufacturing (+70); professional and business services (+70); financial activities (+50); and construction (+50). A few industries had estimated job losses since August 2018. Those were retail trade (-120); wholesale trade (-20); and mining and logging (-10).

Government employment rose by 180 jobs over the year. Local government education gained 100 jobs and local government excluding educational services added 70 jobs since August 2018. Federal government employment gained 10 jobs in the past year.

#### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

	--Change From--				
	August 2019	July 2019	August 2018	July 2019	August 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	36,859	36,382	36,261	477	598
Unemployed	2,108	1,909	1,995	199	113
Unemployment rate	5.7%	5.2%	5.5%	0.5	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.2%	5.5%	0.1	-0.2
Employed	34,751	34,473	34,266	278	485
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	27,900	27,850	27,280	50	620
Total private	24,850	24,860	24,410	-10	440
Mining, logging, and construction	1,350	1,350	1,310	0	40
Mining and logging	100	100	110	0	-10
Construction	1,250	1,250	1,200	0	50
Manufacturing	3,090	3,090	3,020	0	70
Wood product manufacturing	520	530	530	-10	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,330	5,320	5,450	10	-120
Wholesale trade	730	730	750	0	-20
Retail trade	4,110	4,120	4,230	-10	-120
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	490	470	470	20	20
Information	260	260	250	0	10
Financial activities	1,580	1,580	1,530	0	50
Professional and business services	2,260	2,260	2,190	0	70
Education and health services	6,170	6,160	5,960	10	210
Leisure and hospitality	3,750	3,770	3,670	-20	80
Other services	1,060	1,070	1,030	-10	30
Government	3,050	2,990	2,870	60	180
Federal government	310	290	300	20	10
State government	430	430	430	0	0
Local government	2,310	2,270	2,140	40	170
Local education	1,450	1,400	1,350	50	100
Local government excluding educational services	860	870	790	-10	70

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.

