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Employment in Josephine County: October 2020 Leisure and Hospitality Accounts for One in Three Jobs Lost Over the Year

Total payroll employment in Josephine County was little changed in October. Gains were estimated in professional and business services (+50); private education and health services (+40); and construction (+20). A couple private-sector industries lost jobs in October including leisure and hospitality (-80); and manufacturing (-20). Government employment had a net gain of 30 jobs with local government education employment rising by 80 jobs and a loss of 40 jobs in federal government.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) fell by 1,220, a drop of 4.4 percent. Since October 2019 estimates show industries losing the most jobs included leisure and hospitality (-460); manufacturing (-260); wholesale trade (-120); professional and business services (-110); private education and health services (-80); and other services (-80). The only published private-sector industries showing gains over the year were construction (+80); retail trade (+80); and financial activities (+40). Government employment declined by 200 jobs over the year, with a loss of 270 local government education jobs offset by gains in state government (+30) and local government excluding education (+20).

As the recent two-week or possibly longer freeze orders that will impact operations and likely employment at restaurants, bars, gyms, movie theaters, among others, didn't occur until late in the month, employment impacts may not be fully represented in the November employment data.

Next Press Releases

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

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--				
	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	September 2020	October 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	35,772	34,099	35,818	1,673	-46
Unemployed	2,343	2,508	1,396	-165	947
Unemployment rate	6.5%	7.4%	3.9%	-0.9	2.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.2%	8.3%	4.5%	-1.1	2.7
Employed	33,429	31,591	34,422	1,838	-993
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	26,620	26,610	27,840	10	-1,220
Total private	23,220	23,240	24,240	-20	-1,020
Mining, logging, and construction	1,270	1,250	1,240	20	30
Mining and logging	40	40	90	0	-50
Construction	1,230	1,210	1,150	20	80
Manufacturing	2,850	2,870	3,110	-20	-260
Wood product manufacturing	530	530	530	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,380	5,400	5,470	-20	-90
Wholesale trade	670	670	790	0	-120
Retail trade	4,280	4,290	4,200	-10	80
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	430	440	480	-10	-50
Information	260	260	270	0	-10
Financial activities	1,620	1,630	1,580	-10	40
Professional and business services	2,100	2,050	2,210	50	-110
Education and health services	5,660	5,620	5,740	40	-80
Leisure and hospitality	3,160	3,240	3,620	-80	-460
Other services	920	920	1,000	0	-80
Government	3,400	3,370	3,600	30	-200
Federal government	300	340	280	-40	20
State government	460	450	430	10	30
Local government	2,640	2,580	2,890	60	-250
Local education	1,780	1,700	2,050	80	-270
Local government excluding educational services	860	880	840	-20	20

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.

