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Employment in Josephine County: January 2021 Josephine Job Loss Relatively Less than Statewide

Total payroll employment in Josephine fell by 300 jobs in January. Seasonally typical losses were estimated in retail trade (-70); construction (-60); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-20); and leisure and hospitality (-20). Employment also fell in wholesale trade, down by 60 jobs over the month. Government employment decreased by 70 jobs with declines in local government education (-40); state government (-20); and federal government (-10). Professional and business services was the sole sector with an estimated job gain in January, up by 20 jobs.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) fell by 1,000, a drop of 3.7%. Comparatively, Oregon statewide payroll employment declined by 8.3%. Employment in the Portland Metro area, comprising a large share of Oregon's employment, fell by 8.9% over the year. Since January 2020 estimates show industries losing the most jobs included leisure and hospitality (-490); wholesale trade (-130); professional and business services (-130); manufacturing (-100); and other services (-70). Leisure and hospitality accounts for about one-half of the county's jobs losses since January 2020, losing about one out of seven jobs in that industry over the year. The only published private-sector industries showing gains over the year were retail trade (+160); private education and health services (+40); and construction (+30). Government employment declined by 230 jobs over the year, with a loss of 250 local government education jobs accounting for the loss.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 30th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Tuesday, March 16th.

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--		
	January 2021	December 2020	January 2020	December 2020	January 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,169	37,040	35,394	129	1,775
Unemployed	2,928	2,512	1,826	416	1,102
Unemployment rate	7.9%	6.8%	5.2%	1.1	2.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.7%	7.0%	4.4%	-0.3	2.3
Employed	34,241	34,528	33,568	-287	673
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	26,220	26,520	27,220	-300	-1,000
Total private	22,940	23,170	23,710	-230	-770
Mining, logging, and construction	1,210	1,270	1,180	-60	30
Mining and logging	80	80	80	0	0
Construction	1,130	1,190	1,100	-60	30
Manufacturing	2,930	2,940	3,030	-10	-100
Wood product manufacturing	500	500	550	0	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,320	5,470	5,350	-150	-30
Wholesale trade	650	710	780	-60	-130
Retail trade	4,200	4,270	4,040	-70	160
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	470	490	530	-20	-60
Information	260	260	260	0	0
Financial activities	1,590	1,590	1,610	0	-20
Professional and business services	2,100	2,080	2,230	20	-130
Education and health services	5,780	5,790	5,740	-10	40
Leisure and hospitality	2,880	2,900	3,370	-20	-490
Other services	870	870	940	0	-70
Government	3,280	3,350	3,510	-70	-230
Federal government	240	250	220	-10	20
State government	400	420	420	-20	-20
Local government	2,640	2,680	2,870	-40	-230
Local education	1,760	1,800	2,010	-40	-250
Local government excluding educational services	880	880	860	0	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.

