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Employment in Josephine County: August 2022

Private Education and Health Services Show Largest Job Gain Over the Year

Total payroll employment in Josephine County increased by 140 jobs over the month. Private education and health services had the largest gain over the month, up by 90 jobs. Most other employment changes were small with jobs added in construction (+30) and professional and business services (+20). Other services employment fell by 20 jobs in August. Government employment was also little changed, with a net loss of 10 jobs. Federal government lost 20 jobs and 10 jobs were added in local government education in August .

Over the past year payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) increased by 810 jobs, a gain of 3.0%. Those job gains leave the county now 230 jobs below the August 2019 pre-pandemic total. Industries adding jobs since August 2021 included private education and health services (+450); leisure and hospitality (+290); and construction (+280). Smaller job increases were estimated in manufacturing (+80) and other services (+40). Industries losing jobs over the year were professional and business services (-220); retail trade (-130); and financial activities (-20).

Government employment was unchanged over the year. A slight gain in local government excluding educational services (+20) was offset by a loss of 10 jobs in both federal and state government.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Oct. 25th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 19th.

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 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July 2022	August 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,616	37,302	36,902	314	714
Unemployed	2,158	1,988	2,278	170	-120
Unemployment rate	5.7%	5.3%	6.2%	0.4	-0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.0%</i>	<i>4.8%</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>-0.8</i>
Employed	35,458	35,314	34,624	144	834
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,610	27,470	26,800	140	810
Total private	24,760	24,610	23,950	150	810
Mining, logging, and construction	1,700	1,670	1,420	30	280
Mining and logging	80	80	80	0	0
Construction	1,620	1,590	1,340	30	280
Manufacturing	3,000	2,990	2,920	10	80
Wood product manufacturing	560	560	520	0	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,540	5,520	5,640	20	-100
Wholesale trade	750	750	740	0	10
Retail trade	4,280	4,270	4,410	10	-130
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	510	500	490	10	20
Information	300	300	290	0	10
Financial activities	1,650	1,660	1,670	-10	-20
Professional and business services	1,850	1,830	2,070	20	-220
Education and health services	5,860	5,770	5,410	90	450
Leisure and hospitality	3,940	3,930	3,650	10	290
Other services	920	940	880	-20	40
Government	2,850	2,860	2,850	-10	0
Federal government	300	320	310	-20	-10
State government	460	460	470	0	-10
Local government	2,090	2,080	2,070	10	20
Local education	1,240	1,230	1,250	10	-10
Local government excluding educational services	850	850	820	0	30

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.

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