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Employment in Josephine County: April 2018 Retail Trade and Leisure and Hospitality See Job Gains

Total payroll employment rose by 240 jobs in April. Leisure and Hospitality continued to ramp up for the upcoming summer tourism season, gaining 130 jobs over the month. Retail trade also added jobs in April, up by 60. The goods-producing industries ramped up over the month with construction (+40), manufacturing (+10), and mining and logging (+10) all showing slight gains. Other services added 20 jobs in April. The only industries with estimated job losses were private educational and health services (-50) and local government (-30). Overall government employment was flat over the month due a gain of 30 in federal government employment.

Over the year, Josephine County payroll employment gained 740 jobs, an increase of 2.8 percent and exceeding Oregon's overall job growth rate of 1.6 percent. Industries adding notable new jobs included private education and health services (+560); leisure and hospitality (+190); retail trade (+130); construction (+100); manufacturing (+90); financial activities (+70); and other services (+40). Despite manufacturing's overall gain since April 2017, wood product manufacturing declined by 30 jobs.

Wholesale trade employment continued its long-term decline, dropping 40 jobs over the year. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities was the only other private-sector industry to lose jobs since April 2017, down by 20.

Government employment fell by 390 jobs since April 2017. State government declined by 480 jobs over the year, mostly due to the shifting of home care workers from state government to the private education and health services industry. Local government education employment increased by 80 jobs.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on June 19 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 12.

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.

Effective with the January 2018 data, employment of Oregon's approximately 17,000 home care workers are counted in private health care and social assistance instead of state government. The change was due to legislative action clarifying that for purposes of workforce and labor market information, home care workers are not employees of state government. The reclassification affects private sector and government monthly change figures for January 2018 and will affect over-the-year change figures through December 2018. It does not affect total payroll employment levels.

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
2017 Benchmark**OREGON CURRENT LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT
JOSEPHINE COUNTY**

Labor Force Status	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017	-Change from-	
				Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017
Civilian Labor Force	35,593	35,854	35,122	-261	471
Unemployed	1,849	2,159	1,776	-310	73
Unemployment rate	5.2%	6.0%	5.1%	-0.8	0.1
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.2%	5.3%	0.0	-0.1
Employed	33,744	33,695	33,346	49	398

Nonfarm Payroll Employment	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017	-Change from-	
				Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017
Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment	26,970	26,730	26,230	240	740
Total private	23,610	23,370	22,480	240	1,130
Mining and logging	130	120	120	10	10
Construction	1,080	1,040	980	40	100
Manufacturing	2,980	2,970	2,890	10	90
Wood product manufacturing	490	490	520	0	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,450	5,380	5,380	70	70
Wholesale trade	760	760	800	0	-40
Retail trade	4,260	4,200	4,130	60	130
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	430	420	450	10	-20
Information	230	230	230	0	0
Financial activities	1,460	1,460	1,390	0	70
Professional and business services	2,200	2,190	2,200	10	0
Education and health services	5,680	5,730	5,120	-50	560
Leisure and hospitality	3,390	3,260	3,200	130	190
Other services	1,010	990	970	20	40
Government	3,360	3,360	3,750	0	-390
Federal government	260	230	250	30	10
State government	330	330	810	0	-480
Local government	2,770	2,800	2,690	-30	80
Local education	2,030	2,050	1,950	-20	80
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.

