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Employment in Josephine County: October 2018

Leisure and Hospitality Declines Offset by Local Education Hiring

Total payroll employment was little changed in October. Local government education employment rose by 120 as the school year employment ramp up continued. Other industries gaining jobs in October included professional and business services (+110), and private education and health services (+70). Josephine County industries with estimated job losses over the month included leisure and hospitality (-120); retail trade (-100); financial activities (-20); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-20).

Over the year, Josephine County payroll employment gained 800 jobs, an increase of 3.0 percent and outpacing Oregon's overall job growth rate. Industries adding notable new jobs included private education and health services (+820); professional and business services (+330); leisure and hospitality (+140); construction (+120); and wood product manufacturing (+40). Wholesale trade employment continued its long-term decline, dropping 80 jobs over the year. Twenty jobs were added in a number of industries including retail trade; transportation, warehousing, and utilities; information; and other services.

Government employment fell by 570 jobs since October 2017. State government declined by 400 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 employment decreased by 140 jobs during the past year. Local government education employment fell by 200 jobs over the year, while non-education local government added 60 jobs during that time.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Thursday, December 27 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, December 18.

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

	--Change From--				
	October 2018	September 2018	October 2017	September 2018	October 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,104	36,127	36,008	-23	96
Unemployed	1,889	1,717	1,804	172	85
Unemployment rate	5.2%	4.8%	5.0%	0.4	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Employed	34,215	34,410	34,204	-195	11
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,480	27,470	26,680	10	800
Total private	24,220	24,330	22,850	-110	1,370
Mining, logging, and construction	1,290	1,290	1,170	0	120
Mining and logging	110	120	110	-10	0
Construction	1,180	1,170	1,060	10	120
Manufacturing	2,960	2,980	2,980	-20	-20
Wood product manufacturing	520	510	480	10	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,340	5,470	5,380	-130	-40
Wholesale trade	720	730	800	-10	-80
Retail trade	4,180	4,280	4,160	-100	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	440	460	420	-20	20
Information	250	250	230	0	20
Financial activities	1,440	1,460	1,460	-20	-20
Professional and business services	2,460	2,350	2,130	110	330
Education and health services	6,000	5,930	5,180	70	820
Leisure and hospitality	3,450	3,570	3,310	-120	140
Other services	1,030	1,030	1,010	0	20
Government	3,260	3,140	3,830	120	-570
Federal government	260	270	290	-10	-30
State government	420	420	820	0	-400
Local government	2,580	2,450	2,720	130	-140
Local education	1,780	1,660	1,980	120	-200
Local government excluding educational services	800	790	740	10	60

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.

