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Employment in Josephine County: November 2018

Leisure and Hospitality, and Construction Declines Reduce Total Employment

Total payroll employment fell by 430 jobs in November. Leisure and hospitality, and tourism activity, is entering its slow season in Josephine County and employment fell by 290 jobs in response. The construction industry also typically has job losses during the colder, wetter months and November was not an exception as construction employment fell by 70 jobs. To date, Josephine County has only added back about one-third of the construction job lost during the Great Recession. Preliminary estimates show financial activities employment declining by 70 jobs in December. Federal government employment declined by 40 jobs in November. Only a couple other published industries showed any notable gains in November. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities added 20 jobs and local government education employment rose by 30 jobs.

Over the year, Josephine County payroll employment gained 570 jobs, an increase of 2.2 percent. Industries adding notable new jobs included private education and health services (+780); professional and business services (+300); manufacturing (+130); and construction (+60). Wholesale trade employment continued its long-term decline, dropping 60 jobs over the year. A few other industries are showing slight over-the-year job losses including retail trade (-40) and federal government (-20). Local government had a net decline of 110 jobs as a loss of 170 in local government education was partially offset by a gain of 60 in non-education local government.

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 December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, January 22 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Tuesday, January 15.

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

	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	--Change From--	
				October 2018	November 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	35,590	36,151	35,658	-561	-68
Unemployed	1,920	1,918	1,793	2	127
Unemployment rate	5.4%	5.3%	5.0%	0.1	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.8%	5.9%	5.3%	-0.1	0.5
Employed	33,670	34,233	33,865	-563	-195
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,020	27,450	26,450	-430	570
Total private	23,760	24,180	22,680	-420	1,080
Mining, logging, and construction	1,220	1,290	1,170	-70	50
Mining and logging	110	110	120	0	-10
Construction	1,110	1,180	1,050	-70	60
Manufacturing	3,030	3,030	2,900	0	130
Wood product manufacturing	510	520	480	-10	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,370	5,350	5,440	20	-70
Wholesale trade	730	720	790	10	-60
Retail trade	4,180	4,190	4,220	-10	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	460	440	430	20	30
Information	240	250	230	-10	10
Financial activities	1,300	1,370	1,470	-70	-170
Professional and business services	2,410	2,410	2,110	0	300
Education and health services	6,010	6,000	5,230	10	780
Leisure and hospitality	3,160	3,450	3,170	-290	-10
Other services	1,020	1,030	960	-10	60
Government	3,260	3,270	3,770	-10	-510
Federal government	220	260	240	-40	-20
State government	410	410	790	0	-380
Local government	2,630	2,600	2,740	30	-110
Local education	1,830	1,800	2,000	30	-170
Local government excluding educational services	800	800	740	0	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.

