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Employment in Josephine County: December 2018

Mixed Bag of Industry Job Trends Leaves Total Count Flat

Total Josephine County payroll employment was essentially unchanged in December. Small changes in employment were estimated across numerous industries. Financial activities added 40 jobs and professional and business services gained 20 jobs over the month. On the other hand, construction as well as private education and health services employment both lost 30 jobs in December. Government employment was unchanged from November figures. Recall that the partial government shutdown occurred in late December, so any employment impact from those affected government agencies wouldn't show up until the January figures are released.

Over the year, Josephine County payroll employment gained 630 jobs, an increase of 2.4 percent. Industries adding notable new jobs included private education and health services (+810); professional and business services (+320); manufacturing (+120); and construction (+60). Wholesale trade employment continued its long-term decline, dropping 50 jobs over the year. A few other industries are showing slight over-the-year job losses including financial activities (-100); retail trade (-60); and leisure and hospitality (-40).

Government employment fell by 470 jobs since December 2017. State government declined by 360 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 90 jobs during the past year. Local government education employment fell by 150 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 January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 12 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 5.

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--				
	December 2018	November 2018	December 2017	November 2018	December 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	35,574	35,736	35,426	-162	148
Unemployed	2,031	1,930	1,842	101	189
Unemployment rate	5.7%	5.4%	5.2%	0.3	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.9%	5.8%	5.4%	0.1	0.5
Employed	33,543	33,806	33,584	-263	-41
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,180	27,190	26,550	-10	630
Total private	23,910	23,920	22,810	-10	1,100
Mining, logging, and construction	1,190	1,220	1,140	-30	50
Mining and logging	110	110	120	0	-10
Construction	1,080	1,110	1,020	-30	60
Manufacturing	3,030	3,040	2,910	-10	120
Wood product manufacturing	520	520	490	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,370	5,370	5,460	0	-90
Wholesale trade	720	730	770	-10	-50
Retail trade	4,180	4,180	4,240	0	-60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	470	460	450	10	20
Information	240	240	240	0	0
Financial activities	1,360	1,320	1,460	40	-100
Professional and business services	2,430	2,410	2,110	20	320
Education and health services	6,110	6,140	5,300	-30	810
Leisure and hospitality	3,170	3,160	3,210	10	-40
Other services	1,010	1,020	980	-10	30
Government	3,270	3,270	3,740	0	-470
Federal government	220	220	240	0	-20
State government	420	420	780	0	-360
Local government	2,630	2,630	2,720	0	-90
Local education	1,830	1,830	1,980	0	-150
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.

