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Employment in Josephine County: January 2019

Seasonally Typical Job Losses Reduce Total Payroll Employment

Total Josephine County payroll employment fell by 290 jobs in January. The largest loss occurred in retail trade, shedding 150 jobs over the month. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities employment declined by 40 jobs over the month. Other industries with smaller job losses in January included construction (-30); leisure and hospitality (-30); government (-20); and manufacturing (-20).

Over the year, Josephine County payroll employment gained 690 jobs, an increase of 2.6 percent. Industries adding notable new jobs included private education and health services (+470); manufacturing (+310); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+40). Small gains were also estimated in professional and business services (+30); construction (+20); and information (+20). Transportation, warehousing, and utilities was also a fast-growing industry statewide during the past 12 months.

A few industries had estimated job losses since January 2018. Those included retail trade (-130); financial activities (-110); mining and logging (-30); and leisure and hospitality (-30). Wholesale trade employment continued its long-term decline, dropping 50 jobs over the year.

Government employment rose by 150 jobs over the year. Local government education gained 90 jobs and local government excluding educational services added 60 jobs since January 2018.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 26 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Tuesday, March 19.

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.

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

	--Change From--				
	January 2019	December 2018	January 2018	December 2018	January 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,076	35,945	35,432	131	644
Unemployed	2,521	2,098	2,293	423	228
Unemployment rate	7.0%	5.8%	6.5%	1.2	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6.0%</i>	<i>5.9%</i>	<i>5.0%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>1.0</i>
Employed	33,555	33,847	33,139	-292	416
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	26,980	27,270	26,290	-290	690
Total private	23,520	23,790	22,980	-270	540
Mining, logging, and construction	1,100	1,140	1,110	-40	-10
Mining and logging	90	100	120	-10	-30
Construction	1,010	1,040	990	-30	20
Manufacturing	3,190	3,210	2,880	-20	310
Wood product manufacturing	540	540	490	0	50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,190	5,380	5,330	-190	-140
Wholesale trade	700	700	750	0	-50
Retail trade	4,030	4,180	4,160	-150	-130
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	460	500	420	-40	40
Information	250	250	230	0	20
Financial activities	1,340	1,340	1,450	0	-110
Professional and business services	2,250	2,240	2,220	10	30
Education and health services	6,150	6,140	5,680	10	470
Leisure and hospitality	3,100	3,130	3,130	-30	-30
Other services	950	960	950	-10	0
Government	3,460	3,480	3,310	-20	150
Federal government	230	230	220	0	10
State government	370	380	380	-10	-10
Local government	2,860	2,870	2,710	-10	150
Local education	2,040	2,050	1,950	-10	90
Local government excluding educational services	820	820	760	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.