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## **Employment in Josephine County: February 2019**

### **Mixed Industry Trends Bump Total Payroll Employment Up**

Total Josephine County payroll employment increased by 50 jobs over the month. Most industries showed only a little change in estimated employment, but there were more expanding sectors than contracting ones, leaving a slight uptick in total payroll employment. The largest gains occurred in manufacturing, and professional and business services, both up by 30 jobs in February. On the other hand, employment fell by 20 in both private educational and health services, and in retail trade.

Government employment had a net gain of 20 jobs in February. Local government employment climbed by 40 jobs, mostly in the local education component. State government employment slipped by 20 jobs over the month.

Over the year, Josephine County payroll employment gained 550 jobs, an increase of 2.1 percent. Industries adding notable new jobs included private education and health services (+330); manufacturing (+330); construction (+60); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+30); and information (+30).

A few industries had estimated job losses since February 2018. Those included retail trade (-120); financial activities (-120); leisure and hospitality (-40); and mining and logging (-20). Wholesale trade employment continued its long-term decline, dropping 50 jobs over the year.

Government employment rose by 140 jobs over the year. Local government education gained 120 jobs and local government excluding educational services added 50 jobs since January 2018. State government employment slipped by 30 jobs since February 2018.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 23 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Tuesday, April 16.

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.

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--				
	February 2019	January 2019	February 2018	January 2019	February 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	36,103	36,058	35,521	45	582
Unemployed	2,318	2,549	2,248	-231	70
Unemployment rate	6.4%	7.1%	6.3%	-0.7	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	6.0%	5.0%	-0.4	0.6
Employed	33,785	33,509	33,273	276	512
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	26,980	26,930	26,430	50	550
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	27,370	27,470	26,810	-100	560
Total private	23,490	23,460	23,080	30	410
Mining, logging, and construction	1,110	1,100	1,070	10	40
Mining and logging	100	90	120	10	-20
Construction	1,010	1,010	950	0	60
Manufacturing	3,210	3,180	2,880	30	330
Wood product manufacturing	540	540	490	0	50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,200	5,230	5,340	-30	-140
Wholesale trade	700	700	750	0	-50
Retail trade	4,050	4,070	4,170	-20	-120
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	450	460	420	-10	30
Information	250	250	220	0	30
Financial activities	1,340	1,340	1,460	0	-120
Professional and business services	2,250	2,220	2,260	30	-10
Education and health services	6,080	6,100	5,750	-20	330
Leisure and hospitality	3,100	3,090	3,140	10	-40
Other services	950	950	960	0	-10
Government	3,490	3,470	3,350	20	140
Federal government	230	230	230	0	0
State government	360	380	390	-20	-30
Local government	2,900	2,860	2,730	40	170
Local education	2,070	2,040	1,950	30	120
Local government excluding educational services	830	820	780	10	50

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.

