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Employment in Josephine County: April 2019 **Modest Hiring in Three Industries Boosts Total Payroll Employment**

Total Josephine County payroll employment increased by 320 jobs over the month. Three industries accounted for most of April's job increase. With the busier summer season approaching, the seasonal industries leisure and hospitality (+120) and construction (+80) gained jobs over the month. Retail trade gained 70 jobs over the month. Very slight employment increases of 20 jobs apiece were estimated in manufacturing; private education and health services; other services; and transportation, warehousing and utilities. Total government employment slipped by 20 jobs over the month.

Over the year, Josephine County payroll employment gained 690 jobs, an increase of 2.6 percent and about matching Oregon's statewide increase of 2.5 percent. Industries adding notable new jobs included private education and health services (+310); manufacturing (+180); construction (+90); and financial activities (+70).

A few industries had estimated job losses since April 2018. Those included professional and business services (-130); retail trade(-60); wholesale trade (-20); and mining and logging (-10). Transportation, warehousing, and utilities employment slipped by 20 jobs over the year.

Government employment rose by 130 jobs over the year. Local government education gained 100 jobs and local government excluding educational services added 40 jobs since April 2018. Federal government employment slipped by 20 jobs since April 2018.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 25th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 18th.

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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Josephine County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2019	March 2019	April 2018	March 2019	April 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,087	36,166	35,646	-79	441
Unemployed	1,888	2,233	1,907	-345	-19
Unemployment rate	5.2%	6.2%	5.3%	-1.0	-0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Employed	34,199	33,933	33,739	266	460
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,690	27,370	27,000	320	690
Total private	24,160	23,820	23,600	340	560
Mining, logging, and construction	1,280	1,190	1,200	90	80
Mining and logging	110	100	120	10	-10
Construction	1,170	1,090	1,080	80	90
Manufacturing	3,120	3,100	2,940	20	180
Wood product manufacturing	540	540	500	0	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,330	5,240	5,430	90	-100
Wholesale trade	720	720	740	0	-20
Retail trade	4,160	4,090	4,220	70	-60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	450	430	470	20	-20
Information	250	260	240	-10	10
Financial activities	1,530	1,540	1,460	-10	70
Professional and business services	2,130	2,130	2,260	0	-130
Education and health services	6,110	6,090	5,800	20	310
Leisure and hospitality	3,410	3,290	3,280	120	130
Other services	1,000	980	990	20	10
Government	3,530	3,550	3,400	-20	130
Federal government	240	230	260	10	-20
State government	390	400	380	-10	10
Local government	2,900	2,920	2,760	-20	140
Local education	2,090	2,110	1,990	-20	100
Local government excluding educational services	810	810	770	0	40

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: 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.

