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

### **Leisure and Hospitality and Retail Trade Boost Total Payroll Employment**

Total Josephine County payroll employment increased by 560 jobs in May. Nearly one-half of the monthly gain was attributed to two industries, leisure and hospitality (+150) and retail trade (+100). A few other industries had estimated jobs gains over the month including financial activities (+70); construction (+40); other services (+40); manufacturing (+30); and private education and health services (+30). Government employment added 70 jobs over the month with increases in federal (+40); state (+20); and local government (+10) all contributing to the overall total payroll employment increase in Josephine County in May.

Over the year, Josephine County payroll employment gained 760 jobs, an increase of 2.8 percent and slightly higher than Oregon's statewide increase of 2.5 percent. Industries adding notable new jobs included private education and health services (+300); manufacturing (+150); financial activities (+100); leisure and hospitality (+90); and construction (+80).

A few industries had estimated job losses since May 2018. Those included professional and business services (-60); retail trade(-40); and wholesale trade (-30).

Government employment rose by 140 jobs over the year. Local government education gained 80 jobs and local government excluding educational services added 50 jobs since May 2018. State government employment rose by 10 jobs in the past year.

#### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

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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### Josephine County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	May 2019	April 2019	May 2018	April 2019	May 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	36,331	36,069	35,918	262	413
Unemployed	1,577	1,876	1,690	-299	-113
Unemployment rate	4.3%	5.2%	4.7%	-0.9	-0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.4%	5.5%	5.4%	-0.1	0.0
Employed	34,754	34,193	34,228	561	526
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	28,250	27,690	27,490	560	760
Total private	24,650	24,160	24,030	490	620
Mining, logging, and construction	1,330	1,280	1,240	50	90
Mining and logging	120	110	110	10	10
Construction	1,210	1,170	1,130	40	80
Manufacturing	3,140	3,110	2,990	30	150
Wood product manufacturing	540	540	510	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,450	5,330	5,520	120	-70
Wholesale trade	720	720	750	0	-30
Retail trade	4,260	4,160	4,300	100	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	470	450	470	20	0
Information	250	250	240	0	10
Financial activities	1,600	1,530	1,500	70	100
Professional and business services	2,140	2,140	2,200	0	-60
Education and health services	6,150	6,120	5,850	30	300
Leisure and hospitality	3,550	3,400	3,460	150	90
Other services	1,040	1,000	1,030	40	10
Government	3,600	3,530	3,460	70	140
Federal government	280	240	280	40	0
State government	410	390	400	20	10
Local government	2,910	2,900	2,780	10	130
Local education	2,080	2,090	2,000	-10	80
Local government excluding educational services	830	810	780	20	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: 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.

