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Employment in Josephine County: October 2019 **Local Education Hiring Offset by Leisure and Hospitality Job Losses**

Total Josephine County payroll employment fell by 150 jobs in October. Expected seasonal losses in leisure and hospitality, down by 220 jobs, accounted for the largest share of the month's loss. October also saw employment drop in federal government (-40); retail trade (-30); private education and health services (-30); and other services (-20). Partially offsetting those estimated declines, the largest gain occurred in local government education, up by 160 jobs over the month. Manufacturing was the only other industry with a notable change, up by 30 jobs in October.

Over the year, Josephine County payroll employment gained 530 jobs, an increase of 1.9 percent and slightly faster than Oregon's statewide increase of 1.4 percent. Industries adding notable new jobs included private education and health services (+340); manufacturing (+100); professional and business services (+50); and financial activities (+30). Only a couple industries had estimated job losses since October 2018. Those included leisure and hospitality (-90); mining and logging (-20); and wood product manufacturing (-10).

Government employment rose by 60 jobs over the year. Local government excluding educational services added 30 jobs since October 2018. Federal government employment lost 10 jobs in the past year while state government employment rose by 30.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, December 24th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, December 17th.

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--				
	October 2019	September 2019	October 2018	September 2019	October 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,450	36,666	36,382	-216	68
Unemployed	1,632	1,744	1,846	-112	-214
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.8%	5.1%	-0.3	-0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.4%	5.4%	5.6%	0.0	-0.2
Employed	34,818	34,922	34,536	-104	282
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	28,160	28,310	27,630	-150	530
Total private	24,570	24,830	24,100	-260	470
Mining, logging, and construction	1,220	1,220	1,230	0	-10
Mining and logging	90	90	110	0	-20
Construction	1,130	1,130	1,120	0	10
Manufacturing	3,170	3,140	3,070	30	100
Wood product manufacturing	520	520	530	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,370	5,410	5,350	-40	20
Wholesale trade	760	760	760	0	0
Retail trade	4,140	4,170	4,130	-30	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	470	480	460	-10	10
Information	260	260	250	0	10
Financial activities	1,590	1,580	1,560	10	30
Professional and business services	2,210	2,200	2,160	10	50
Education and health services	6,310	6,340	5,970	-30	340
Leisure and hospitality	3,400	3,620	3,490	-220	-90
Other services	1,040	1,060	1,020	-20	20
Government	3,590	3,480	3,530	110	60
Federal government	270	310	280	-40	-10
State government	450	450	420	0	30
Local government	2,870	2,720	2,830	150	40
Local education	2,030	1,870	2,020	160	10
Local government excluding educational services	840	850	810	-10	30

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.

