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## **Employment in Josephine County: July 2020 About One-Fourth of Pandemic Job Losses Regained by June**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County rose by 470 jobs in June. Leisure and hospitality had the largest gain with 330 jobs added. Phase 2 re-opening meant employers could continue to recall some laid-off workers. Other sectors with estimated employment gains over the month included retail trade (+120), construction (+60), and other services (+60). Professional and business services continued to lose jobs in June, down by 40 jobs. Employment also fell in private education and health services (-70). Government employment rose slightly, up by 20 jobs in June. Local government (+30) and federal government (+10) increases were slightly offset by a loss of 20 jobs in state government.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) fell by 2,530, a drop of 9.0 percent. Since June 2019 estimates show the largest declines were in industries where initial unemployment insurance claims surged in the past few months. Industries losing the most jobs included leisure and hospitality (-1,440), education and health services (-450), retail trade (-290), professional and business services (-170), and other services (-150). The only published industries showing gains over the year were manufacturing (+60), wholesale trade (+50), and construction (+20). Government employment fell by 260 jobs over the year, with local government education accounting for 220 of the jobs lost since June 2019.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Tuesday, August 18<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--				
	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	May 2020	June 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	36,351	35,997	36,143	354	208
Unemployed	4,061	4,837	1,834	-776	2,227
Unemployment rate	11.2%	13.4%	5.1%	-2.2	6.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>11.3%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>5.1%</i>	<i>-2.7</i>	<i>6.2</i>
Employed	32,290	31,160	34,309	1,130	-2,019
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	25,490	25,020	28,020	470	-2,530
Total private	22,080	21,630	24,350	450	-2,270
Mining, logging, and construction	1,220	1,160	1,210	60	10
Mining and logging	90	90	100	0	-10
Construction	1,130	1,070	1,110	60	20
Manufacturing	3,150	3,140	3,090	10	60
Wood product manufacturing	530	520	520	10	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,310	5,190	5,430	120	-120
Wholesale trade	830	840	780	-10	50
Retail trade	4,000	3,880	4,150	120	-150
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	480	470	500	10	-20
Information	250	250	260	0	-10
Financial activities	1,550	1,570	1,550	-20	0
Professional and business services	2,100	2,140	2,270	-40	-170
Education and health services	5,240	5,310	5,690	-70	-450
Leisure and hospitality	2,400	2,070	3,840	330	-1,440
Other services	860	800	1,010	60	-150
Government	3,410	3,390	3,670	20	-260
Federal government	290	280	280	10	10
State government	370	390	440	-20	-70
Local government	2,750	2,720	2,950	30	-200
Local education	1,860	1,860	2,080	0	-220
Local government excluding educational services	890	860	870	30	20

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.

