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## **Employment in Josephine County: September 2020**

### **Josephine County Recovered One-third of Jobs Lost During Pandemic So Far**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County rose by 330 jobs in September. Total private sector employment fell by 160 jobs while government employment rose by 480, with the government increase due seasonally typical increase of 510 jobs in local government education. Private sector employment was generally lower over the month for many industries including leisure and hospitality (-80); professional and business services (-50); private education and health services (-40); construction (-30); and retail trade (-20). The only industry with a notable gain was financial activities, up by 80 over the month. As these are survey-based estimates, the final employment impacts of the recent Slater and other fires won't be known until more complete payroll tax records are available.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) fell by 2,290, a drop of 8.3 percent. Of the 3,080 payroll jobs since the start of the pandemic, Josephine County has gained back 1,030 of those jobs. Since September 2019 estimates show industries losing the most jobs included leisure and hospitality (-750); private education and health services (-740); professional and business services (-260); retail trade (-220); and manufacturing (-170). The only published private-sector industries showing gains over the year were wholesale trade (+30) and wood product manufacturing (+20). Government employment declined by 110 jobs over the year, with a loss of 190 local government education jobs offset by gains in state government (+40) and local government excluding education (+30).

#### **Next Press Releases**

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

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### Josephine County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	September 2020	August 2020	September 2019	--Change From--	
				August 2020	September 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	34,513	34,806	35,985	-293	-1,472
Unemployed	2,498	3,067	1,375	-569	1,123
Unemployment rate	7.2%	8.8%	3.8%	-1.6	3.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	8.2%	8.9%	4.6%	-0.7	3.6
Employed	32,015	31,739	34,610	276	-2,595
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	25,390	25,060	27,680	330	-2,290
Total private	22,000	22,160	24,180	-160	-2,180
Mining, logging, and construction	1,210	1,250	1,220	-40	-10
Mining and logging	80	90	90	-10	-10
Construction	1,130	1,160	1,130	-30	0
Manufacturing	3,000	3,010	3,170	-10	-170
Wood product manufacturing	550	550	530	0	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,260	5,270	5,430	-10	-170
Wholesale trade	800	800	770	0	30
Retail trade	3,950	3,970	4,170	-20	-220
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	510	500	490	10	20
Information	250	250	270	0	-20
Financial activities	1,580	1,500	1,590	80	-10
Professional and business services	1,970	2,020	2,230	-50	-260
Education and health services	4,910	4,950	5,650	-40	-740
Leisure and hospitality	2,910	2,990	3,660	-80	-750
Other services	910	920	960	-10	-50
Government	3,390	2,900	3,500	490	-110
Federal government	350	370	310	-20	40
State government	460	460	450	0	10
Local government	2,580	2,070	2,740	510	-160
Local education	1,700	1,190	1,890	510	-190
Local government excluding educational services	880	880	850	0	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: 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.

