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## **Employment in Josephine County: November 2020 Leisure and Hospitality Accounts for One-Third of Jobs Lost Over the Year**

Total payroll employment in Josephine fell by 270 jobs in November. The largest decline was estimated in leisure and hospitality, down by 130 jobs. Smaller declines were also estimated in professional and business services (-50) and construction (-40). A few jobs were added in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+30) and local government excluding educational services (+20).

Over the past year payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) fell by 1,310, a drop of 4.7%. Since November 2019 estimates show industries losing the most jobs included leisure and hospitality (-500); manufacturing (-170); professional and business services (-130); wholesale trade (-120); other services (-90); and private education and health services (-60). The only published private-sector industries showing gains over the year were retail trade (+60), financial activities (+10), and construction (+10). Government employment declined by 230 jobs over the year, with a loss of 290 local government education jobs offset by gains in state government (+20) and local government excluding education (+40).

“On Nov. 18th, Oregon implemented a ‘freeze’ to combat the rise of COVID-19 in the state. This employment press release covers the employment situation just prior to the ongoing freeze, which has affected employers and tens of thousands of workers in recent weeks,” said Gail Krumenauer, State Employment Economist with the Oregon Employment Department.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Jan. 26, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

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--				
	November 2020	October 2020	November 2019	October 2020	November 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	34,836	35,770	35,590	-934	-754
Unemployed	1,983	2,333	1,383	-350	600
Unemployment rate	5.7%	6.5%	3.9%	-0.8	1.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.1%	7.2%	4.3%	-1.1	1.8
Employed	32,853	33,437	34,207	-584	-1,354
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	26,320	26,590	27,630	-270	-1,310
Total private	22,980	23,210	24,060	-230	-1,080
Mining, logging, and construction	1,220	1,260	1,250	-40	-30
Mining and logging	40	40	80	0	-40
Construction	1,180	1,220	1,170	-40	10
Manufacturing	2,860	2,870	3,030	-10	-170
Wood product manufacturing	540	530	530	10	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,390	5,370	5,490	20	-100
Wholesale trade	660	660	780	0	-120
Retail trade	4,270	4,280	4,210	-10	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	460	430	500	30	-40
Information	260	260	270	0	-10
Financial activities	1,610	1,620	1,600	-10	10
Professional and business services	2,050	2,100	2,180	-50	-130
Education and health services	5,680	5,670	5,740	10	-60
Leisure and hospitality	3,010	3,140	3,510	-130	-500
Other services	900	920	990	-20	-90
Government	3,340	3,380	3,570	-40	-230
Federal government	250	300	250	-50	0
State government	440	440	420	0	20
Local government	2,650	2,640	2,900	10	-250
Local education	1,770	1,780	2,060	-10	-290
Local government excluding educational services	880	860	840	20	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: 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.

