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Employment in Josephine County: December 2020 Some Industries Recovering Faster than Others

Total payroll employment in Josephine fell by 160 jobs in December. The leisure and hospitality losses, in part resulting from closures of in-person dining, shuttering of indoor fitness and recreation facilities, and other closures and curtailments resulted in an estimated loss of 220 jobs over the month. Recall that some impacts that occurred in late November as the Rogue Valley was moved to “extreme” COVID category from Phase 2 reopening occurred after the reference period for November’s data. Smaller declines were also estimated in private education and health services (-70) and other services (-20). A few jobs were added in retail trade (+60); manufacturing (+50); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+30).

Over the past year payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) fell by 1,310, a drop of 4.8%. Since December 2019 estimates show industries losing the most jobs included leisure and hospitality (-650); wholesale trade (-120); other services (-120); private educational and health services (-110); and manufacturing (-100). Smaller losses were estimated in professional and business services (-60); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-40); and mining and logging (-40). The only published private-sector industries showing gains over the year were retail trade (+120), construction (+30); and financial activities (+20). Government employment declined by 230 jobs over the year, with a loss of 260 local government education jobs accounting for the loss.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 9th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 2nd.

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--				
	December 2020	November 2020	December 2019	November 2020	December 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	35,388	35,061	35,320	327	68
Unemployed	2,369	2,047	1,402	322	967
Unemployment rate	6.7%	5.8%	4.0%	0.9	2.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.0%	6.2%	4.2%	0.8	2.8
Employed	33,019	33,014	33,918	5	-899
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	26,160	26,320	27,470	-160	-1,310
Total private	22,850	23,000	23,930	-150	-1,080
Mining, logging, and construction	1,210	1,220	1,220	-10	-10
Mining and logging	40	40	80	0	-40
Construction	1,170	1,180	1,140	-10	30
Manufacturing	2,910	2,860	3,010	50	-100
Wood product manufacturing	540	540	520	0	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,470	5,390	5,510	80	-40
Wholesale trade	650	660	770	-10	-120
Retail trade	4,330	4,270	4,210	60	120
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	490	460	530	30	-40
Information	260	260	270	0	-10
Financial activities	1,630	1,610	1,610	20	20
Professional and business services	2,130	2,110	2,190	20	-60
Education and health services	5,610	5,680	5,720	-70	-110
Leisure and hospitality	2,750	2,970	3,400	-220	-650
Other services	880	900	1,000	-20	-120
Government	3,310	3,320	3,540	-10	-230
Federal government	240	250	230	-10	10
State government	420	420	410	0	10
Local government	2,650	2,650	2,900	0	-250
Local education	1,780	1,770	2,040	10	-260
Local government excluding educational services	870	880	860	-10	10

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.

