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Employment in Josephine County: June 2021 **Josephine County Job Gains Led by Leisure and Hospitality**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County rose by 150 jobs in June. Leisure and hospitality accounted for most of the increase, gaining 140 jobs over the month. Other industries with smaller job gains included construction (+30) and private education and health services (+30). Professional and business services employment fell by 90 jobs in June. Government employment rose by 40 jobs. Local government employment increased by 40 and federal government added 10 jobs.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) increased by 1,110 jobs, a gain of 4.2%. Josephine County has recovered to its February 2020 level of employment, just prior to the onset of the pandemic recession, but remains an estimated 800 total payroll jobs below the same month two years earlier, in June 2019. Industries with the largest job gains since June 2020 included private education and health services (+480); retail trade (+150); construction (+140); leisure and hospitality (+90); and other services (+80). Government employment is down by 50 jobs over the year. State government (-40); and local government (-30) losses were somewhat offset by a gain of 20 in federal government. Local government education has not shown the employment recovery seen in many private-sector industries, in part due to less in-person learning in most educational institutions, and that will hopefully not be the case by the time we reach autumn.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Aug. 24th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Tuesday, Aug. 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--				
	June 2021	May 2021	June 2020	May 2021	June 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,727	37,761	37,074	-34	653
Unemployed	2,307	2,299	3,629	8	-1,322
Unemployment rate	6.1%	6.1%	9.8%	0.0	-3.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.5%	6.7%	9.8%	-0.2	-3.3
Employed	35,420	35,462	33,445	-42	1,975
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,420	27,260	26,310	160	1,110
Total private	24,020	23,900	22,860	120	1,160
Mining, logging, and construction	1,410	1,380	1,220	30	190
Mining and logging	100	100	50	0	50
Construction	1,310	1,280	1,170	30	140
Manufacturing	2,950	2,940	2,900	10	50
Wood product manufacturing	500	500	530	0	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,650	5,650	5,360	0	290
Wholesale trade	780	780	700	0	80
Retail trade	4,350	4,350	4,200	0	150
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	520	520	460	0	60
Information	270	270	260	0	10
Financial activities	1,640	1,650	1,560	-10	80
Professional and business services	1,950	2,040	2,060	-90	-110
Education and health services	5,930	5,900	5,450	30	480
Leisure and hospitality	3,260	3,120	3,170	140	90
Other services	960	950	880	10	80
Government	3,400	3,360	3,450	40	-50
Federal government	300	290	280	10	20
State government	410	420	450	-10	-40
Local government	2,690	2,650	2,720	40	-30
Local education	1,830	1,810	1,830	20	0
Local government excluding educational services	860	840	890	20	-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.

