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## **Employment in Josephine County: March 2022** **Leisure and Hospitality Shows Largest Job Gain Over the Month and Year**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County climbed by 230 jobs in March. Leisure and hospitality had the largest employment gain, up by 110. Construction (+40) and retail trade (+20) also added jobs over the month. Government employment rose by 40 jobs, with gains posted in state government (+20); local government education (+10); and federal government (+10). Other industries showed little change in March.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) increased by 690 jobs, a gain of 2.6%. Those job gains leave the county just 130 jobs below the March 2020 pre-pandemic total. Industries adding jobs since March 2021 included leisure and hospitality (+730); retail trade (+170); financial activities (+70); other services (+50); and information (+30). Industries losing jobs over the year were professional and business services (-160); private education and health services (-140); manufacturing (-50); and wholesale trade (-40).

Government employment rose by 80 jobs over the year. Local government education (+80) gained jobs while local government excluding educational services fell by 20 jobs since March 2021. Federal and state government each added 10 jobs over the year.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.



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### Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2022	February 2022	March 2021	February 2022	March 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	37,694	37,374	37,177	320	517
Unemployed	1,976	1,921	2,802	55	-826
Unemployment rate	5.2%	5.1%	7.5%	0.1	-2.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	5.0%	6.7%	-0.2	-1.9
Employed	35,718	35,453	34,375	265	1,343
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	27,270	27,040	26,580	230	690
Total private	23,920	23,730	23,310	190	610
Mining, logging, and construction	1,400	1,360	1,430	40	-30
Mining and logging	70	70	80	0	-10
Construction	1,330	1,290	1,350	40	-20
Manufacturing	2,920	2,910	2,970	10	-50
Wood product manufacturing	530	530	520	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,650	5,640	5,540	10	110
Wholesale trade	730	730	770	0	-40
Retail trade	4,440	4,420	4,270	20	170
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	480	490	500	-10	-20
Information	290	290	260	0	30
Financial activities	1,670	1,660	1,600	10	70
Professional and business services	1,960	1,970	2,120	-10	-160
Education and health services	5,420	5,410	5,560	10	-140
Leisure and hospitality	3,720	3,610	2,990	110	730
Other services	890	880	840	10	50
Government	3,350	3,310	3,270	40	80
Federal government	250	240	240	10	10
State government	440	420	430	20	10
Local government	2,660	2,650	2,600	10	60
Local education	1,820	1,810	1,740	10	80
Local government excluding educational services	840	840	860	0	-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: 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.

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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