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## **Employment in Josephine County: November 2025**

### **Job Losses Estimated in Most Industries Over the Year**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County fell by 120 jobs in November, mostly due to a seasonally typical loss of 80 jobs in leisure and hospitality. Construction (-30) and manufacturing (-20) also lost jobs in November. Other industries showed little job change over the month.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) rose by 120 jobs, a gain of 0.4%. Employment fell over the year in most private-sector industries, excluding private education and health services, which gained 500 jobs. Job declines occurred in financial activities (-60); professional and business services (-50); wholesale trade (-40); manufacturing (-40); and retail trade (-30).

Government employment fell by 240 jobs over the year. Losses occurred in local government education (-240), and local government excluding educational services (-20). Federal and state government each added 10 jobs over the year.

Josephine County's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 6.5% in November, up from the November 2024 rate of 5.5%.

#### **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. 27<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide data for December on Thursday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</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.

Please note- October data are blank and MSA Seasonally Adjusted data for November are blank until BLS determines whether to provide these data.

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

	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	October 2025	November 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	35,058	NA	34,704	NA	354
Unemployed	2,273	NA	1,909	NA	364
Unemployment rate	6.5%	NA	5.5%	NA	1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	32,785	NA	32,795	NA	-10
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	27,070	27,190	26,950	-120	120
Total private	23,700	23,830	23,340	-130	360
Mining, logging, and construction	1,270	1,300	1,230	-30	40
Mining and logging	90	90	100	0	-10
Construction	1,180	1,210	1,130	-30	50
Manufacturing	2,730	2,750	2,770	-20	-40
Wood product manufacturing	550	550	550	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,130	5,110	5,170	20	-40
Wholesale trade	540	540	580	0	-40
Retail trade	4,050	4,040	4,080	10	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	540	530	510	10	30
Information	230	230	250	0	-20
Financial activities	1,430	1,430	1,490	0	-60
Professional and business services	1,710	1,720	1,760	-10	-50
Private education and health services	6,940	6,940	6,440	0	500
Leisure and hospitality	3,270	3,350	3,230	-80	40
Other services	990	1,000	1,000	-10	-10
Government	3,370	3,360	3,610	10	-240
Federal government	300	310	290	-10	10
State government	510	510	500	0	10
Local government	2,560	2,540	2,820	20	-260
Local education	1,700	1,670	1,940	30	-240
Local government excluding educational services	860	870	880	-10	-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.

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