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Employment in Josephine County: December 2025

Job Losses Estimated in Most Industries Over the Year

Total payroll employment in Josephine County fell by 140 jobs in December, mostly due to seasonally typical losses in construction (-50), and leisure and hospitality (-40). There were small declines estimated in private education and health services (-20), and local government education (-20). Other sectors showed little job change in December.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) dipped by 100 jobs, a loss of -0.4%. Employment fell over the year in most private-sector industries, excluding private education and health services, which gained 380 jobs. Job declines occurred in professional and business services (-80); financial activities (-70); manufacturing (-70); and trade, transportation, and utilities (-40).

Government employment fell by 240 jobs over the year. Losses occurred in local government education (-230), and local government excluding educational services (-20). Federal government added 20 jobs over the year.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 7.2% in December, little changed over the month and up from the December 2024 rate of 6.0%.

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We are awaiting notification from the Bureau of Labor Statistics regarding publication dates for the rest of the year and will update our [schedule of future releases](#) as dates become available.

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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.

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

	--Change From--				
	December 2025	November 2025	December 2024	November 2025	December 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	34,625	35,004	34,529	-379	96
Unemployed	2,348	2,254	2,008	94	340
Unemployment rate	6.8%	6.4%	5.8%	0.4	1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.2%	7.3%	6.0%	-0.1	1.2
Employed	32,277	32,750	32,521	-473	-244
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	26,910	27,050	27,010	-140	-100
Total private	23,560	23,680	23,420	-120	140
Mining, logging, and construction	1,220	1,270	1,230	-50	-10
Mining and logging	90	90	90	0	0
Construction	1,130	1,180	1,140	-50	-10
Manufacturing	2,710	2,720	2,780	-10	-70
Wood product manufacturing	550	550	550	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,140	5,130	5,180	10	-40
Wholesale trade	540	540	570	0	-30
Retail trade	4,060	4,050	4,080	10	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	540	540	530	0	10
Information	230	230	250	0	-20
Financial activities	1,430	1,430	1,500	0	-70
Professional and business services	1,710	1,710	1,790	0	-80
Private education and health services	6,930	6,950	6,550	-20	380
Leisure and hospitality	3,210	3,250	3,150	-40	60
Other services	980	990	990	-10	-10
Government	3,350	3,370	3,590	-20	-240
Federal government	300	300	280	0	20
State government	510	510	520	0	-10
Local government	2,540	2,560	2,790	-20	-250
Local education	1,680	1,700	1,910	-20	-230
Local government excluding educational services	860	860	880	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.

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