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Employment in Josephine County: May 2025

Leisure and Hospitality Adds Most Jobs Over the Month

Total payroll employment in Josephine County rose by 220 jobs in May. Leisure and hospitality gained 170 jobs. Other industries posting estimated employment increases were private education and health services (+20), and retail trade (+20). Government employment increased by 50 jobs. Gains were posted in federal (+20), local government education (+20), and state government (+10).

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) was down by 630 jobs, a loss of -2.3%. Employment fell over the year in most private-sector industries. The most notable declines occurred in retail trade (-190); leisure and hospitality (-120); financial activities (-110); manufacturing (-70); construction (-60); and wholesale trade (-60). Professional and business services added 30 jobs since May 2024.

Government employment rose by 40 jobs over the year. An increase in state government (+50) and local government (+10) was offset by a loss of 20 federal government jobs.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 6.4% in May, from 6.2% in April and up from the May 2024 rate of 5.6%.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, July 22nd, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Wednesday, July 16th.

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-- | | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | May 2025 | April 2025 | May 2024 | April 2025 | May 2024 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 35,116 | 34,901 | 35,248 | 215 | -132 |
| Unemployed | 2,163 | 1,980 | 1,702 | 183 | 461 |
| Unemployment rate | 6.2% | 5.7% | 4.8% | 0.5 | 1.4 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 6.4% | 6.2% | 5.6% | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| Employed | 32,953 | 32,921 | 33,546 | 32 | -593 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 27,010 | 26,790 | 27,640 | 220 | -630 |
| Total private | 23,360 | 23,190 | 24,030 | 170 | -670 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 1,210 | 1,210 | 1,260 | 0 | -50 |
| Mining and logging | 100 | 100 | 90 | 0 | 10 |
| Construction | 1,110 | 1,110 | 1,170 | 0 | -60 |
| Manufacturing | 2,800 | 2,820 | 2,870 | -20 | -70 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 550 | 550 | 550 | 0 | 0 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 5,090 | 5,070 | 5,380 | 20 | -290 |
| Wholesale trade | 560 | 570 | 620 | -10 | -60 |
| Retail trade | 4,010 | 3,990 | 4,200 | 20 | -190 |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 520 | 510 | 560 | 10 | -40 |
| Information | 250 | 250 | 250 | 0 | 0 |
| Financial activities | 1,510 | 1,510 | 1,620 | 0 | -110 |
| Professional and business services | 1,840 | 1,860 | 1,810 | -20 | 30 |
| Private education and health services | 6,270 | 6,250 | 6,330 | 20 | -60 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 3,390 | 3,220 | 3,510 | 170 | -120 |
| Other services | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Government | 3,650 | 3,600 | 3,610 | 50 | 40 |
| Federal government | 300 | 280 | 320 | 20 | -20 |
| State government | 520 | 510 | 470 | 10 | 50 |
| Local government | 2,830 | 2,810 | 2,820 | 20 | 10 |
| Local education | 1,990 | 1,970 | 1,930 | 20 | 60 |
| Local government excluding educational services | 840 | 840 | 890 | 0 | -50 |

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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