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Employment in Josephine County: June 2025

Leisure and Hospitality Adds Most Jobs Over the Month

Total payroll employment in Josephine County declined by 100 jobs in June. Private education and health services lost 140 jobs over the month. Smaller declines were estimated in other services, and professional and business services, both down 20 jobs. Leisure and hospitality was the only private-sector industry with a notable gain, up by 70 jobs. Government employment showed a net decline of 20 jobs in June. Local government education fell by 50 jobs, but slight gains were posted in local government excluding educational services (+20), and state government (+10).

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) was down by 780 jobs, a loss of 2.8%. Employment fell over the year in most private-sector industries. The most notable declines occurred in leisure and hospitality (-180); private education and health services (-160); retail trade (-130); financial activities (-130); construction (-70); and wholesale trade (-30). Wood product manufacturing bucked the trend, gaining 60 jobs since June 2024.

Government employment fell by 50 jobs over the year. An increase in state government (+70) was offset by a loss of 90 jobs in local government and 20 federal government jobs.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 6.6% in June, from 6.4% in May and up from the June 2024 rate of 5.7%.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Aug. 19th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Wednesday, Aug 13th.

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 2025	May 2025	June 2024	May 2025	June 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	35,656	35,059	35,657	597	-1
Unemployed	2,628	2,149	2,050	479	578
Unemployment rate	7.4%	6.1%	5.7%	1.3	1.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6.6%</i>	<i>6.4%</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.9</i>
Employed	33,028	32,910	33,607	118	-579
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	26,860	26,960	27,640	-100	-780
Total private	23,250	23,330	23,980	-80	-730
Mining, logging, and construction	1,220	1,210	1,280	10	-60
Mining and logging	100	100	90	0	10
Construction	1,120	1,110	1,190	10	-70
Manufacturing	2,810	2,800	2,810	10	0
Wood product manufacturing	540	550	480	-10	60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,090	5,090	5,290	0	-200
Wholesale trade	570	560	600	10	-30
Retail trade	4,000	4,010	4,130	-10	-130
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	520	520	560	0	-40
Information	260	250	250	10	10
Financial activities	1,510	1,510	1,640	0	-130
Professional and business services	1,810	1,830	1,810	-20	0
Private education and health services	6,120	6,260	6,280	-140	-160
Leisure and hospitality	3,450	3,380	3,630	70	-180
Other services	980	1,000	990	-20	-10
Government	3,610	3,630	3,660	-20	-50
Federal government	300	300	330	0	-30
State government	530	520	460	10	70
Local government	2,780	2,810	2,870	-30	-90
Local education	1,920	1,970	1,960	-50	-40
Local government excluding educational services	860	840	910	20	-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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