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Employment in Josephine County: June 2026 **Josephine County Shows Slight Job Loss Over the Year**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County rose by 170 jobs in June. Job gains were estimated in leisure and hospitality (+100); state government (+30); and local government (+20). Other published industries had little or no employment change in June.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) decreased by 70 jobs, a loss of -0.3%. Employment fell over the year in most private-sector industries, excluding private education and health services, which gained 300 jobs. Job declines occurred in retail trade (-60); construction (-50); manufacturing (-50); financial activities (-40); information (-30); and leisure and hospitality (-30). Transportation, warehousing, and utilities employment decreased by 50 jobs since June 2025.

Government employment fell by 120 jobs over the year. Losses occurred in local government education (-100) while federal government also lost 20 jobs over the year.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 6.8% in June, little changed over the month and down slightly from the June 2025 rate of 7.2%.

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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. 25th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Wednesday, Aug. 19th.

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.

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

	--Change From--				
	June 2026	May 2026	June 2025	May 2026	June 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	35,936	35,256	35,897	680	39
Unemployed	2,671	2,184	2,621	487	50
Unemployment rate	7.4%	6.2%	7.3%	1.2	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6.8%</i>	<i>6.7%</i>	<i>7.2%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-0.4</i>
Employed	33,265	33,072	33,276	193	-11
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,320	27,150	27,390	170	-70
Total private	23,790	23,670	23,740	120	50
Mining, logging, and construction	1,240	1,230	1,290	10	-50
Mining and logging	90	90	90	0	0
Construction	1,150	1,140	1,200	10	-50
Manufacturing	2,700	2,700	2,750	0	-50
Wood product manufacturing	500	500	540	0	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,030	5,030	5,140	0	-110
Wholesale trade	540	540	540	0	0
Retail trade	4,010	4,010	4,070	0	-60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	480	480	530	0	-50
Information	220	220	250	0	-30
Financial activities	1,460	1,450	1,500	10	-40
Professional and business services	1,770	1,760	1,760	10	10
Private education and health services	6,820	6,820	6,520	0	300
Leisure and hospitality	3,500	3,400	3,530	100	-30
Other services	1,050	1,060	1,000	-10	50
Government	3,530	3,480	3,650	50	-120
Federal government	290	290	310	0	-20
State government	530	500	520	30	10
Local government	2,710	2,690	2,820	20	-110
Local education	1,840	1,830	1,940	10	-100
Local government excluding educational services	870	860	880	10	-10

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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