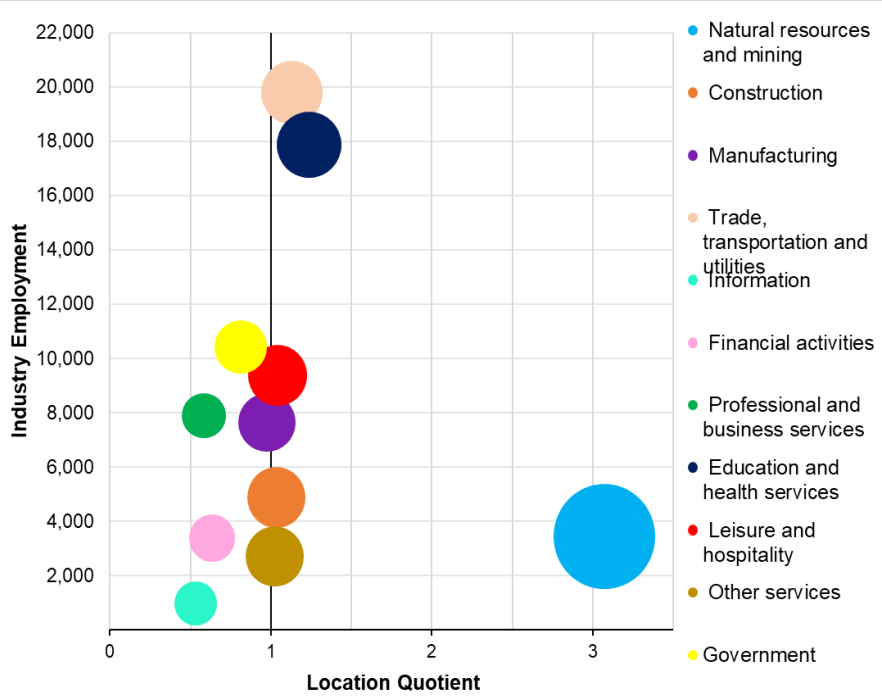


Graph of the Month: Industry Specialization and Location Quotients
 Jackson County, 2021



Location quotients (LQ) are great for comparing regional and national employment compositions. Here, we look at how Jackson County's concentration of employment compares to the nation's.

If a LQ is near or equal to 1, the industry make up resembles the nation's. If a LQ is greater than 1.25 it indicates a degree of specialization in that industry while a LQ less than 0.8 indicates the share of employment in that industry is less than the national share.

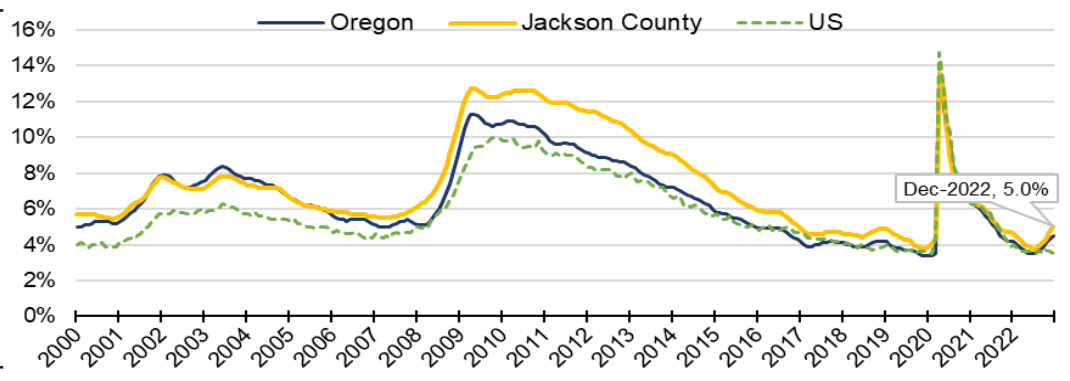
Key takeaways:

Jackson County's employment in natural resources and mining was about 3 times the national average share in 2021, with an LQ of 3.07. The second highest LQ was in education and health services (1.24). These industries tend to have larger influences on the Jackson and Rogue Valley economy.

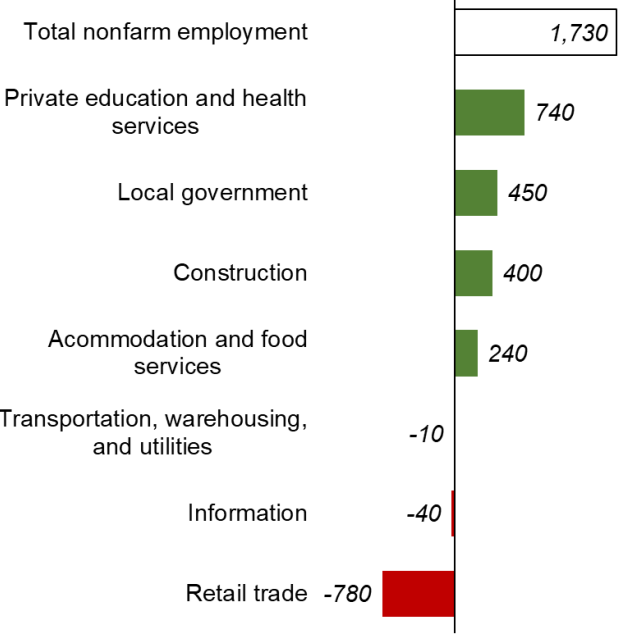
Source: Oregon Employment Department, QCEW

Unemployment Rate at 5%

- Historically, since about 2006, Jackson County bears a slightly higher unemployment rate than Oregon
- Currently hovering near record lows



Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS



Industry Employment Change: Dec 2021 to Dec 2022
 Jackson County adds 1,730 jobs over the year

- Payroll employment up **1.9%** over the year
- 1,090** jobs below December 2019 pre-pandemic total
- [Detailed December Employment Press Release](#)

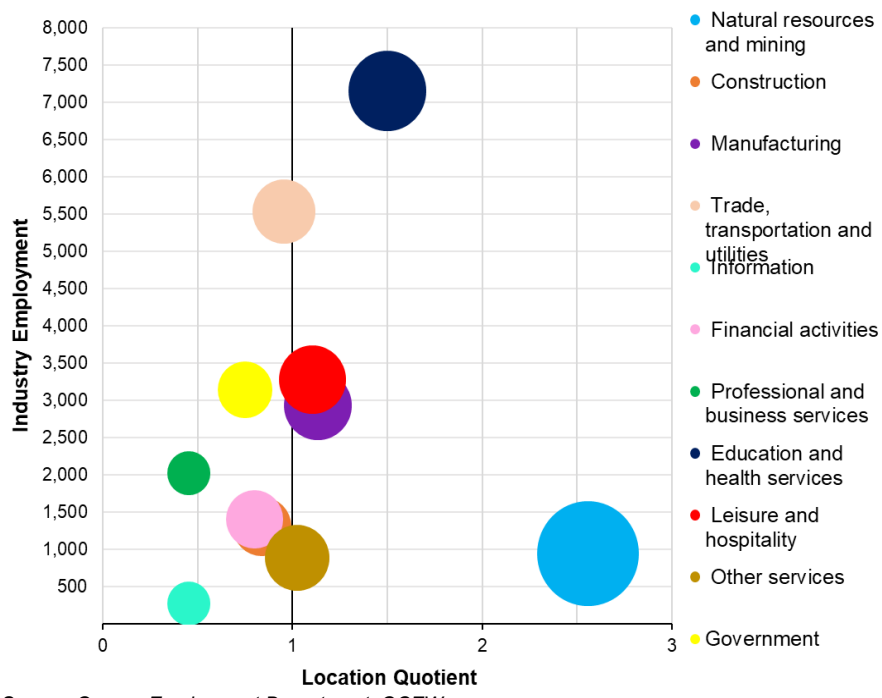
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Source: Oregon Employment Department, CES

Graph of the Month: Industry Specialization and Location Quotients
 Josephine County, 2021



Location quotients (LQ) are great for comparing regional and national employment compositions. Here, we look at how Josephine County's concentration of employment compares to the nation's.

If a LQ is near or equal to 1, the industry make up resembles the nation's. If a LQ is greater than 1.25 it indicates a degree of specialization in that industry while a LQ less than 0.8 indicates the share of employment in that industry is less than the national share.

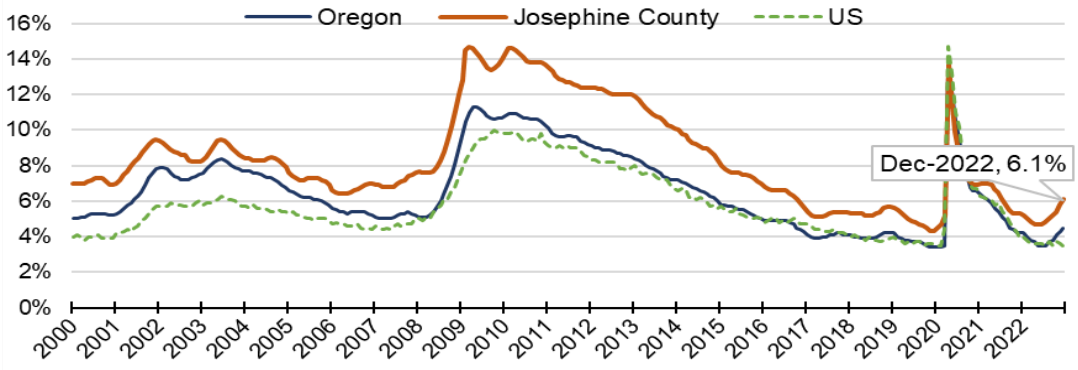
Key takeaways:

Josephine County's employment in natural resources and mining was about 2.5 times the national average share in 2021, with an LQ of 2.56. The second highest LQ was in education and health services (1.5). These industries tend to have larger influences on the Josephine and Rogue Valley economy.

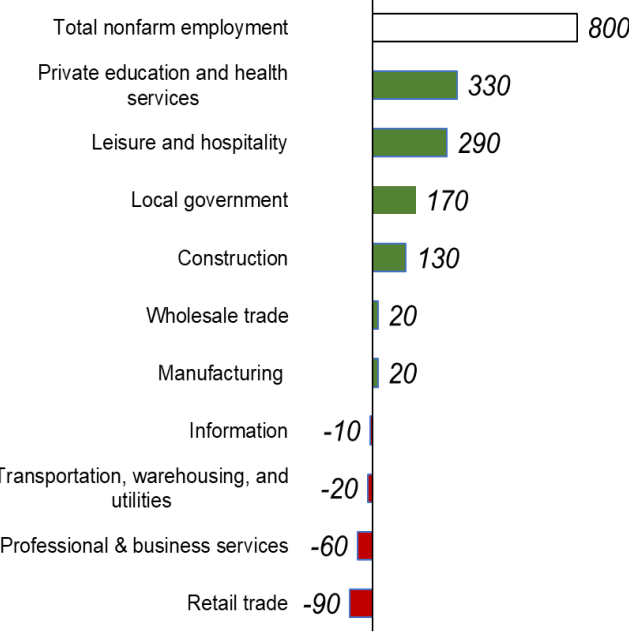
Source: Oregon Employment Department, QCEW

Unemployment Rate at 6.1%

- Historically, Josephine County has had a higher unemployment rate than its Southern counterpart, Jackson County.
- Currently hovering near record lows



Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS



Industry Employment Change: Dec 2021 to Dec 2022
 Josephine County adds 800 jobs over the year

- Payroll employment up **2.9%** over the year
- 480** jobs above December 2019 pre-pandemic total
- [Detailed December Employment Press Release](#)

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