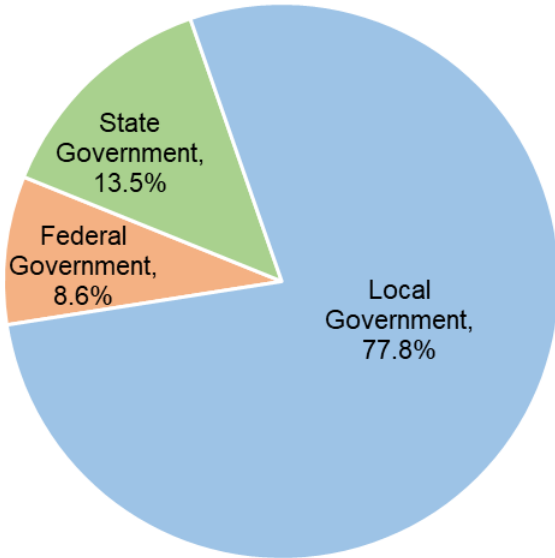


**Special Topic: Government Employment... What Makes Up the Public Sector?**

**Josephine County Government Employment Breakdown**



If we consider government at all levels (federal, state, and local) as a collective industry, it is one of the largest industries of employment in the Rogue Valley.

According to 2022 data from the Oregon Employment Department's Employment and Wages by Industry (QCEW), government accounted for 10.8% of the employment in Josephine County. This equates to 3,221 of the 29,881 workers in the county.

Statewide, by comparison, government was responsible for 14.1% of employment.

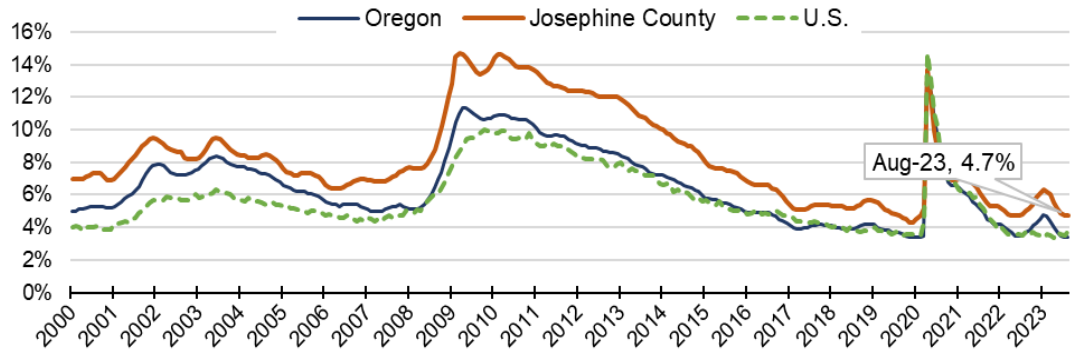
Government accounted for **10.8%** of total employment in 2022

Source: Oregon Employment Department Quarterly Employment and Wages (QCEW)

**Unemployment Rate at 4.7%**

- Unemployment rate August 2022 was 5.0%
- Unemployment rate remained unchanged over-the-month

[More info on unemployment](#)



Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS

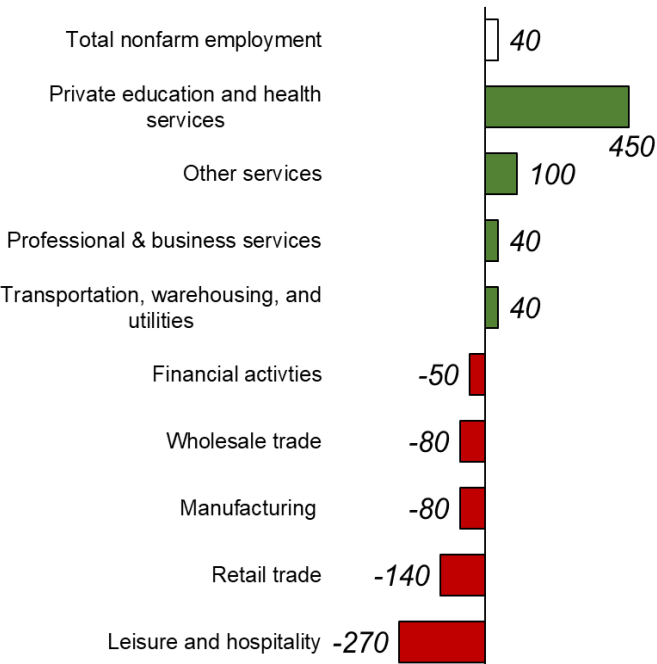
**Industry Employment Change: August 2022 to August 2023**  
 Josephine County adds **40 jobs** over the year

- Payroll employment up **0.1%** over the year
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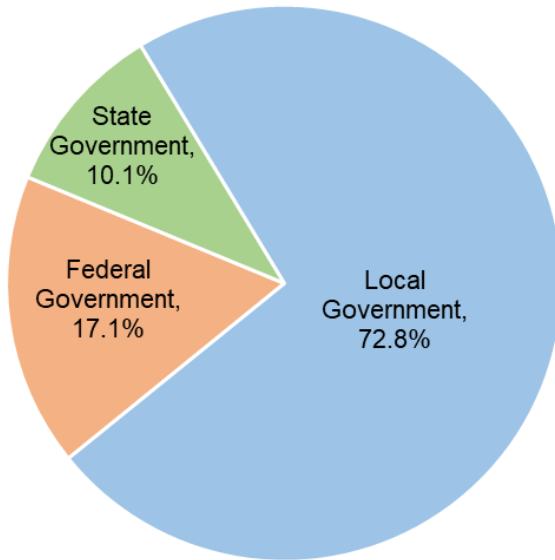
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Source: Oregon Employment Department, CES

**Special Topic: Government Employment... What Makes Up the Public Sector?**

**Jackson County Government Employment Breakdown**



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According to 2022 data from the Oregon Employment Department's Employment and Wages by Industry (QCEW), government accounted for 11.7% of the employment in Jackson County. This equates to 10,502 of the 89,799 workers in the county.

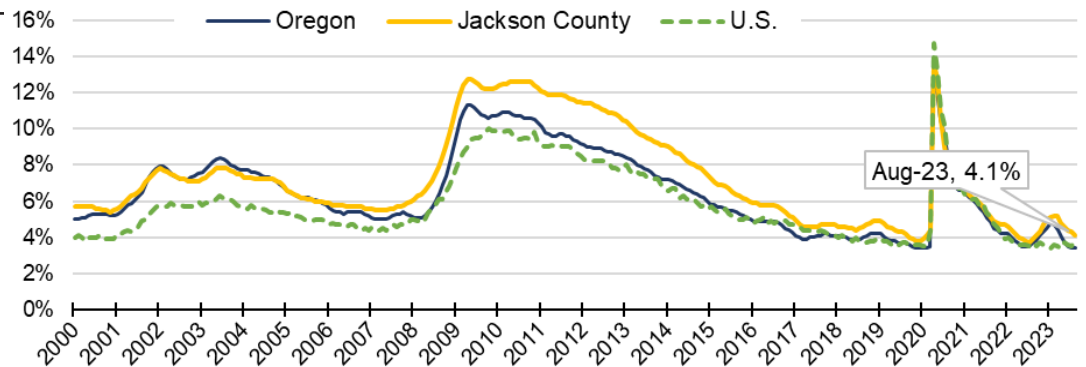
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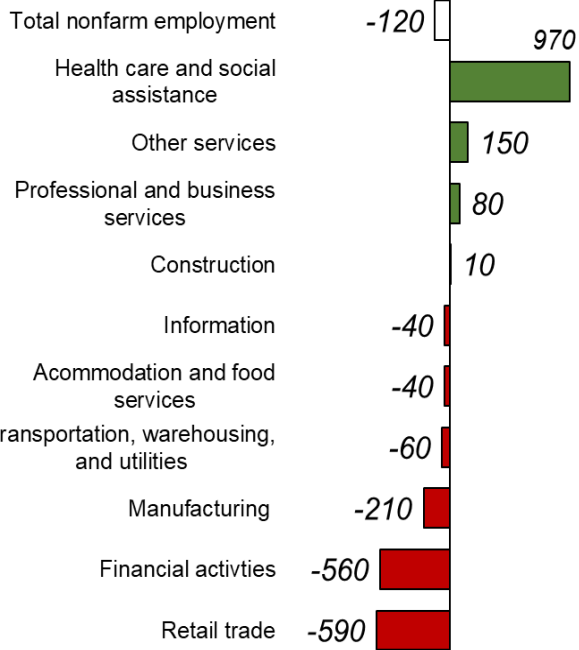
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**Unemployment Rate at 4.1%**

- Jackson County continues to have the lowest unemployment rate in Southern Oregon
- Unemployment rate August 2022 was 3.9%



Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS



**Industry Employment Change: August 2022 to August 2023**

*Jackson County sheds **120 jobs** over the year*

- Payroll employment down **-0.1%** over the year
- Health care and social assistance adding most jobs over the year
- [Detailed August Employment Press Release](#)

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