

**Special Topic: Highest vs Lowest Paid Occupations**

**Josephine County's Highest & Lowest Paid Occupations by Median Wage (2023)**

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 by Median Wage (2023)**

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Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	\$48.09
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Architecture and Engineering Occupations	\$37.49
Legal Occupations	\$35.38

**The 5 Lowest Paid Occupation Groups in the Rogue Valley  
 by Median Wage (2023)**

Occupation Title	Median Hourly Wage
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	\$18.93
Personal Care and Service Occupations	\$17.42
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Sales and Related Occupations	\$16.93
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	\$14.64

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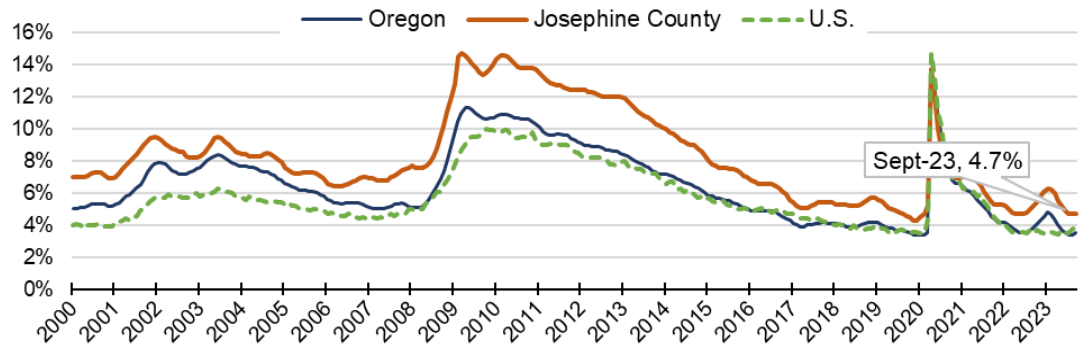
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Source: Oregon Employment Department, 2023 Oregon Wage Information

**Unemployment Rate at 4.7%**

- Unemployment rate September 2022 was 5.2%
- Unemployment rate remained unchanged over-the-month

[More info on unemployment](#)

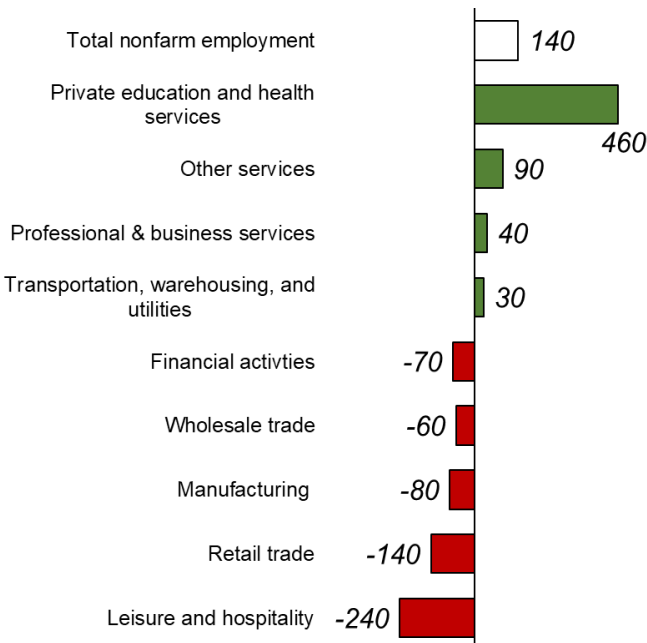


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**Industry Employment Change: Sept. 2022 to Sept. 2023**

*Josephine County adds 140 jobs over the year*

- Payroll employment up **0.5%** over the year
- [Detailed September Employment Press Release](#)



Source: Oregon Employment Department, CES

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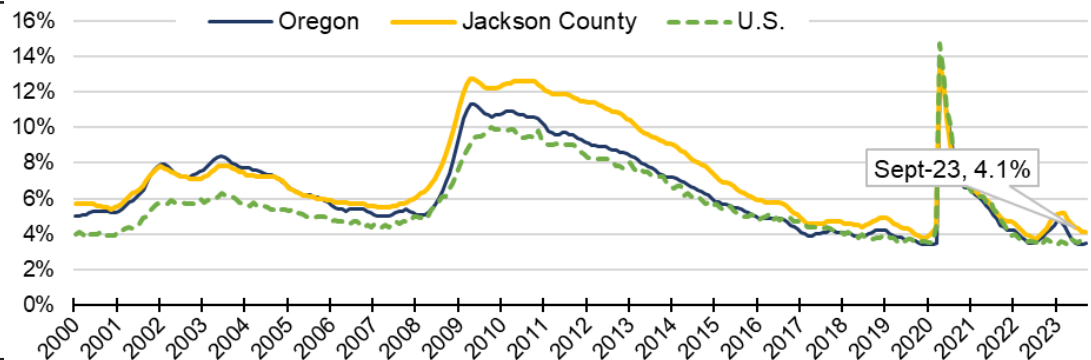
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**Unemployment Rate at 4.1%**

- Jackson County continues to have the lowest unemployment rate in Southern Oregon
- Unemployment rate September 2022 was 4.1%



Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS

**Total nonfarm employment**



**Industry Employment Change: Sept. 2022 to Sept. 2023**

*Jackson County sheds 160 jobs over the year*

- Payroll employment up **0.2%** over the year
- [Detailed September Employment Press Release](#)

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