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## **Employment in Josephine County: January 2023** **Josephine County Recovers from Pandemic Job Losses**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County fell by 250 jobs in January. Private-sector industries with estimated job losses included retail trade (-70); construction (-40); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-30); professional and business services (-30); and leisure and hospitality (-30). Private education and health services was the only industry to have a notable gain in employment, up by 90 jobs in January. Government employment fell by 130, mostly resulting from a loss of 110 in local government education.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) increased by 730 jobs, a gain of 2.7%. Those job gains leave the county now 180 jobs above the January 2020 pre-pandemic total. Industries adding jobs since January 2022 included private education and health services (+340), leisure and hospitality (+280), manufacturing (+100), financial activities (+80), and other services (+50). Industries losing jobs over the year were professional and business services (-190) and construction (-50).

Government employment rose by 90 jobs over the year. A gain of 40 jobs both in local government education and local government excluding educational services, and 10 jobs added in state government accounted for the yearly gain.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

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--		
	January 2023	December 2022	January 2022	December 2022	January 2022
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	37,034	36,851	36,647	183	387
Unemployed	2,713	2,414	2,101	299	612
Unemployment rate	7.3%	6.6%	5.7%	0.7	1.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.2%	6.1%	5.2%	0.1	1.0
Employed	34,321	34,437	34,546	-116	-225
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	27,400	27,650	26,670	-250	730
Total private	24,030	24,150	23,390	-120	640
Mining, logging, and construction	1,260	1,300	1,300	-40	-40
Mining and logging	90	90	80	0	10
Construction	1,170	1,210	1,220	-40	-50
Manufacturing	3,050	3,040	2,950	10	100
Wood product manufacturing	570	570	560	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,610	5,720	5,580	-110	30
Wholesale trade	740	750	750	-10	-10
Retail trade	4,350	4,420	4,320	-70	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	520	550	510	-30	10
Information	250	250	260	0	-10
Financial activities	1,730	1,740	1,650	-10	80
Professional and business services	1,790	1,820	1,980	-30	-190
Private education and health services	5,780	5,690	5,440	90	340
Leisure and hospitality	3,640	3,670	3,360	-30	280
Other services	920	920	870	0	50
Government	3,370	3,500	3,280	-130	90
Federal government	240	250	240	-10	0
State government	420	430	410	-10	10
Local government	2,710	2,820	2,630	-110	80
Local education	1,810	1,920	1,770	-110	40
Local government excluding educational services	900	900	860	0	40

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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