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Employment in Josephine County: August 2023 **Private Education and Health Services Adds Most Jobs Over the Year**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County rose by an estimated 150 jobs in August. Private education and health services (+100) was the only private-sector industry with notable employment change over the month. Government employment climbed by 60 jobs over the month. A gain of 50 jobs in local government education and 10 jobs in federal government accounted for the increase in August.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) rose by 40 jobs, a gain of 0.1%. Industries adding jobs since August 2022 included private education and health services (+450); other services (+100); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+40); and professional and business services (+40). Industries losing jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (-270), retail trade (-140), manufacturing (-80), wholesale trade (-80), and financial activities (-50). Information, and mining and logging both lost 20 jobs over the year.

Government employment rose by 80 jobs over the year. Gains of 90 jobs in state government and 20 in federal government were somewhat offset by a loss of 30 jobs in local government.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.7% in August, the same as in July and down from the August 2022 rate at 5.9%.

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Josephine County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2023	July 2023	August 2022	July 2023	August 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,272	36,035	37,040	237	-768
Unemployed	1,833	1,781	2,279	52	-446
Unemployment rate	5.1%	4.9%	6.2%	0.2	-1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.7%	5.9%	0.0	-1.2
Employed	34,439	34,254	34,761	185	-322
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,190	27,040	27,150	150	40
Total private	24,170	24,080	24,210	90	-40
Mining and logging	70	70	90	0	-20
Mining, logging, and construction	1,340	1,340	1,370	0	-30
Construction	1,270	1,270	1,280	0	-10
Manufacturing	2,970	2,980	3,050	-10	-80
Wood product manufacturing	560	560	560	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,430	5,430	5,610	0	-180
Wholesale trade	640	640	720	0	-80
Retail trade	4,250	4,250	4,390	0	-140
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	540	540	500	0	40
Information	240	240	260	0	-20
Financial activities	1,650	1,660	1,700	-10	-50
Professional and business services	1,860	1,860	1,820	0	40
Private education and health services	5,970	5,870	5,520	100	450
Leisure and hospitality	3,680	3,670	3,950	10	-270
Other services	1,030	1,030	930	0	100
Government	3,020	2,960	2,940	60	80
Federal government	320	310	300	10	20
State government	550	550	460	0	90
Local government	2,150	2,100	2,180	50	-30
Local education	1,270	1,220	1,310	50	-40
Local government excluding educational services	880	880	870	0	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: 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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