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Employment in Josephine County: December 2023

Private Education and Health Services Boosts Over-the-Year Employment

Total payroll employment in Josephine County climbed by 80 jobs in December. Gains included estimated increases in private education and health services (+50), retail trade (+40), and leisure and hospitality (+40). Sectors with job declines over the month were construction (-20) and federal government (-20). Other industries had little employment change in December.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) rose by 570 jobs, an increase of 2.1%. Industries adding jobs since December 2022 included private education and health services (+520); leisure and hospitality (+100); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+80); and manufacturing (+50). Sectors with estimated losses over the year included retail trade (-100), professional and business services (-80), and financial activities (-50). Government employment rose by 70 jobs over the year. Local government (+30), state government (+20), and federal government (+20) all added jobs since December 2022. Josephine County payroll employment is now 50 jobs above the December 2019 total prior to the pandemic.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.0% in December, from 4.6% in November and down from the December 2022 rate of 6.6%.

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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

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|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | December 2023 | November 2023 | December 2022 | November 2023 | December 2022 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 36,400 | 36,318 | 36,851 | 82 | -451 |
| Unemployed | 1,824 | 1,654 | 2,414 | 170 | -590 |
| Unemployment rate | 5.0% | 4.6% | 6.6% | 0.4 | -1.6 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | | | | | |
| Employed | 34,576 | 34,664 | 34,437 | -88 | 139 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 27,550 | 27,470 | 26,980 | 80 | 570 |
| Total private | 24,040 | 23,940 | 23,540 | 100 | 500 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 1,280 | 1,300 | 1,290 | -20 | -10 |
| Mining and logging | 80 | 80 | 70 | 0 | 10 |
| Construction | 1,200 | 1,220 | 1,220 | -20 | -20 |
| Manufacturing | 2,990 | 3,000 | 2,940 | -10 | 50 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 580 | 570 | 560 | 10 | 20 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 5,550 | 5,510 | 5,590 | 40 | -40 |
| Wholesale trade | 660 | 670 | 680 | -10 | -20 |
| Retail trade | 4,260 | 4,220 | 4,360 | 40 | -100 |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 630 | 620 | 550 | 10 | 80 |
| Information | 240 | 240 | 250 | 0 | -10 |
| Financial activities | 1,670 | 1,670 | 1,720 | 0 | -50 |
| Professional and business services | 1,750 | 1,750 | 1,830 | 0 | -80 |
| Private education and health services | 6,120 | 6,070 | 5,600 | 50 | 520 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 3,440 | 3,400 | 3,340 | 40 | 100 |
| Other services | 1,000 | 1,000 | 980 | 0 | 20 |
| Government | 3,510 | 3,530 | 3,440 | -20 | 70 |
| Federal government | 270 | 290 | 250 | -20 | 20 |
| State government | 460 | 460 | 440 | 0 | 20 |
| Local government | 2,780 | 2,780 | 2,750 | 0 | 30 |
| Local education | 1,890 | 1,890 | 1,880 | 0 | 10 |
| Local government excluding educational services | 890 | 890 | 870 | 0 | 20 |

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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