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## **Employment in Josephine County: August 2024** **Private Education and Health Services Boosts Over-the-Year Job Gain**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County fell by 70 jobs in August. Private-sector industries losing jobs over the month were leisure and hospitality (-80); manufacturing (-20); and other services (-20). Private education and health services gained 70 jobs over the month. Government employment lost 50 jobs, 40 of the loss occurred in local government education and a drop of 10 federal government jobs accounted for the rest of the decline.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) climbed by 180 jobs, an increase of 0.7%. Industries adding jobs since August 2023 included private education and health services (+560), professional and business services (+80), and financial activities (+70). Industries with estimated losses were leisure and hospitality (-340); manufacturing (-120); retail trade (-50); construction (-50); and wholesale trade (-10). Transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 20 jobs over the year.

Government employment rose by 70 jobs over the year. Local government excluding education (+70), and state government (+50) added jobs since August 2023. Local government education employment slipped by 50 jobs.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.4% in August, little changed from July and up from the August 2023 rate of 5.0%.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 16<sup>th</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--				
	August 2024	July 2024	August 2023	July 2024	August 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	36,247	36,382	35,834	-135	413
Unemployed	2,002	2,231	1,901	-229	101
Unemployment rate	5.5%	6.1%	5.3%	-0.6	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.4%	5.5%	5.0%	-0.1	0.4
Employed	34,245	34,151	33,933	94	312
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	27,120	27,190	26,940	-70	180
Total private	24,180	24,200	24,070	-20	110
Mining, logging, and construction	1,310	1,300	1,360	10	-50
Mining and logging	80	80	80	0	0
Construction	1,230	1,220	1,280	10	-50
Manufacturing	2,890	2,910	3,010	-20	-120
Wood product manufacturing	550	550	570	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,270	5,270	5,350	0	-80
Wholesale trade	620	620	630	0	-10
Retail trade	4,150	4,150	4,200	0	-50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	500	500	520	0	-20
Information	260	260	260	0	0
Financial activities	1,700	1,690	1,630	10	70
Professional and business services	1,920	1,910	1,840	10	80
Private education and health services	6,490	6,420	5,930	70	560
Leisure and hospitality	3,360	3,440	3,700	-80	-340
Other services	980	1,000	990	-20	-10
Government	2,940	2,990	2,870	-50	70
Federal government	330	340	330	-10	0
State government	520	520	470	0	50
Local government	2,090	2,130	2,070	-40	20
Local education	1,170	1,210	1,220	-40	-50
Local government excluding educational services	920	920	850	0	70

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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