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## **Employment in Josephine County: February 2021 Josephine Job Loss Relatively Less than Statewide**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County rose by 90 jobs in February. The largest increase was estimated in private education and health services, up by 150 jobs. Other industry changes were small, including gains of 20 in manufacturing, retail trade, and financial activities. Government employment rose by 50 with job increases in local government education (+30) and state government (+20).

Over the past year payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) fell by 780, a drop of 2.9%. Since February 2020 estimates show industries losing the most jobs included leisure and hospitality (-450); wholesale trade (-120); manufacturing (-110); professional and business services (-110); and other services (-70). Leisure and hospitality accounts for more than one-half of the county's jobs losses since February 2020. The only published private-sector industries showing gains over the year were private education and health services (+150) and retail trade (+120). Government employment declined by 140 jobs over the year, with a loss of 220 in local government education slightly offset by increases in state government (+30) and federal government (+20).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Tuesday, April 13<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.

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### Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2021	January 2021	February 2020	January 2021	February 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	37,282	37,287	35,570	-5	1,712
Unemployed	2,745	2,972	1,729	-227	1,016
Unemployment rate	7.4%	8.0%	4.9%	-0.6	2.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.7%	6.7%	4.3%	0.0	2.4
Employed	34,537	34,315	33,841	222	696
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	26,570	26,280	27,350	290	-780
Total private	23,220	22,980	23,860	240	-640
Mining, logging, and construction	1,220	1,210	1,210	10	10
Mining and logging	80	80	80	0	0
Construction	1,140	1,130	1,130	10	10
Manufacturing	2,930	2,910	3,040	20	-110
Wood product manufacturing	500	500	550	0	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,340	5,320	5,390	20	-50
Wholesale trade	670	660	790	10	-120
Retail trade	4,220	4,200	4,100	20	120
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	450	460	500	-10	-50
Information	260	260	270	0	-10
Financial activities	1,620	1,600	1,620	20	0
Professional and business services	2,110	2,100	2,220	10	-110
Education and health services	5,930	5,780	5,780	150	150
Leisure and hospitality	2,930	2,930	3,380	0	-450
Other services	880	870	950	10	-70
Government	3,350	3,300	3,490	50	-140
Federal government	240	240	220	0	20
State government	440	420	410	20	30
Local government	2,670	2,640	2,860	30	-190
Local education	1,790	1,760	2,010	30	-220
Local government excluding educational services	880	880	850	0	30

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.

