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## **Employment in Josephine County: April 2025**

### **Leisure and Hospitality Adds Most Jobs Over the Month**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County rose by 180 jobs in April. Leisure and hospitality gained 80 jobs. Other industries posting estimated employment increases were private education and health services (+30) and construction (+30). Government employment slipped by 10 jobs due to a slight decline in local government education (-20).

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) was down by 640 jobs, a loss of -2.3%. Employment fell over the year in most private-sector industries. The most notable declines occurred in retail trade (-190); financial activities (-150); leisure and hospitality (-110); construction (-70); and wholesale trade (-50). Both manufacturing as well as professional and business services lost 40 jobs over the year. Other services added 20 jobs since April 2024.

Government employment rose by 20 jobs over the year. An increase of 50 jobs in state government was offset by a loss of 30 federal government jobs.

Josephine County's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.7% in April, down from 7.1% in March and up from the April 2024 rate of 5.0%.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Wednesday, June 18<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.

Labor force statistics for Oregon metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) are produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Through June 2025, seasonally adjusted data are not available for Oregon MSAs or other MSAs around the country. New MSA definitions resulting from the 2020 Census are being incorporated into the history of the data series back to 1990, as well as other updates to the processing of labor force estimates for substate areas. Read more on this pause in seasonally adjusted metro area data [here](#)

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

	--Change From--				
	April 2025	March 2025	April 2024	March 2025	April 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	34,921	35,133	35,247	-212	-326
Unemployed	1,991	2,507	1,746	-516	245
Unemployment rate	5.7%	7.1%	5.0%	-1.4	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	32,930	32,626	33,501	304	-571
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	26,770	26,590	27,410	180	-640
Total private	23,160	22,970	23,820	190	-660
Mining, logging, and construction	1,210	1,170	1,270	40	-60
Mining and logging	100	90	90	10	10
Construction	1,110	1,080	1,180	30	-70
Manufacturing	2,820	2,810	2,860	10	-40
Wood product manufacturing	550	550	540	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,060	5,050	5,310	10	-250
Wholesale trade	570	570	620	0	-50
Retail trade	3,980	3,970	4,170	10	-190
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	510	510	520	0	-10
Information	250	250	250	0	0
Financial activities	1,510	1,500	1,660	10	-150
Professional and business services	1,840	1,830	1,880	10	-40
Private education and health services	6,260	6,230	6,290	30	-30
Leisure and hospitality	3,210	3,130	3,320	80	-110
Other services	1,000	1,000	980	0	20
Government	3,610	3,620	3,590	-10	20
Federal government	280	270	310	10	-30
State government	520	520	470	0	50
Local government	2,810	2,830	2,810	-20	0
Local education	1,970	1,990	1,930	-20	40
Local government excluding educational services	840	840	880	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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