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Employment in Josephine County: August 2025

Job Losses Estimated in Most Industries Over the Year

Total payroll employment in Josephine County rose by 170 jobs in August. Local government education posted the largest increase with a seasonally typical gain of 90 jobs. Other industries with estimated job growth were private education and health services (+70) and manufacturing (+20). Other published industries showed little job change in August.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) was down by 1,030 jobs, a loss of 3.8%. Employment fell over the year in most private-sector industries. Declines occurred in private education and health services (-360); financial activities (-150); leisure and hospitality (-150); retail trade (-110); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-40); mining and logging (-30); and wholesale trade (-30).

Government employment fell by 100 jobs over the year. An increase in state government (+10) was offset by a loss of 140 jobs in local government education and 10 federal government jobs less than in August 2024.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 7.1% in August, from 6.8% in July and up from the August 2024 rate of 6.0%.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Oct. 21st, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 15th.

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 2025	July 2025	August 2024	July 2025	August 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	35,436	35,380	35,392	56	44
Unemployed	2,780	2,751	2,146	29	634
Unemployment rate	7.8%	7.8%	6.1%	0.0	1.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>7.1%</i>	<i>6.8%</i>	<i>6.0%</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>1.1</i>
Employed	32,656	32,629	33,246	27	-590
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	25,980	25,810	27,010	170	-1,030
Total private	23,050	22,970	23,980	80	-930
Mining, logging, and construction	1,280	1,290	1,320	-10	-40
Mining and logging	80	80	110	0	-30
Construction	1,200	1,210	1,210	-10	-10
Manufacturing	2,790	2,770	2,810	20	-20
Wood product manufacturing	550	550	540	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,090	5,090	5,270	0	-180
Wholesale trade	560	560	590	0	-30
Retail trade	4,020	4,030	4,130	-10	-110
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	510	500	550	10	-40
Information	240	240	240	0	0
Financial activities	1,440	1,440	1,590	0	-150
Professional and business services	1,770	1,770	1,790	0	-20
Private education and health services	6,010	5,940	6,370	70	-360
Leisure and hospitality	3,460	3,470	3,610	-10	-150
Other services	970	960	980	10	-10
Government	2,930	2,840	3,030	90	-100
Federal government	310	310	320	0	-10
State government	520	520	510	0	10
Local government	2,100	2,010	2,200	90	-100
Local education	1,210	1,120	1,350	90	-140
Local government excluding educational services	890	890	850	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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