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Employment in Josephine County: January 2025 **Seasonal Losses in Leisure and Hospitality, and Retail Trade**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County fell by 290 jobs in January. Retail trade (-80) had the largest estimated decline. Seasonal industries leisure and hospitality (-60) and construction (-50) also lost jobs in January. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 30 jobs over the month. Industries losing 20 jobs in January were professional and business services; private education and health services; and financial activities. Manufacturing bucked the overall trend with a gain of 20 jobs in January. Federal government employment fell by 20 jobs.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) was little changed, up by 20 jobs, a gain of 0.1%. Industries adding jobs since January 2024 included leisure and hospitality (+260) and other services (+70). Industries losing jobs over the year were retail trade (-130); manufacturing (-110); professional and business services (-70); wholesale trade (-40); and construction (-30).

Government employment rose by 80 jobs over the year. Gains were posted in state (+50) and local government (+30).

Josephine County's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 7.4% in January, up from 5.8% in December and up slightly from the January 2024 rate of 6.7%.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, April 1st, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Wednesday, March 26th.

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--				
	January 2025	December 2024	January 2024	December 2024	January 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	35,033	34,531	35,009	502	24
Unemployed	2,597	2,008	2,342	589	255
Unemployment rate	7.4%	5.8%	6.7%	1.6	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	32,436	32,523	32,667	-87	-231
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	26,700	26,990	26,680	-290	20
Total private	23,110	23,380	23,170	-270	-60
Mining, logging, and construction	1,200	1,250	1,220	-50	-20
Mining and logging	100	100	90	0	10
Construction	1,100	1,150	1,130	-50	-30
Manufacturing	2,750	2,730	2,860	20	-110
Wood product manufacturing	530	530	520	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,160	5,270	5,260	-110	-100
Wholesale trade	580	580	620	0	-40
Retail trade	4,020	4,100	4,150	-80	-130
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	560	590	490	-30	70
Information	240	240	250	0	-10
Financial activities	1,570	1,590	1,620	-20	-50
Professional and business services	1,780	1,800	1,850	-20	-70
Private education and health services	6,140	6,160	6,170	-20	-30
Leisure and hospitality	3,270	3,330	3,010	-60	260
Other services	1,000	1,010	930	-10	70
Government	3,590	3,610	3,510	-20	80
Federal government	260	280	260	-20	0
State government	510	510	460	0	50
Local government	2,820	2,820	2,790	0	30
Local education	1,950	1,940	1,890	10	60
Local government excluding educational services	870	880	900	-10	-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.

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