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## **Employment in Josephine County: October 2024**

### **Local Government Education Gains Offset by Losses in Leisure and Hospitality**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County was little changed in October and stood at 27,230 jobs. Private-sector industries losing jobs over the month were leisure and hospitality (-100), and construction (-20). Private education and health services gained 60 jobs over the month. Government employment gained 40 jobs with an increase of 70 jobs in local government education slightly offset by losses in federal (-20), and state government (-10).

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) climbed by 50 jobs, an increase of 0.2%. Industries adding jobs since October 2023 included private education and health services (+530); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+40); leisure and hospitality (+40); and financial activities (+30). Industries with estimated losses were professional and business services (-150); manufacturing (-180), construction (-60), and information (-20).

Government employment fell by 200 jobs over the year, mostly due to a decline of 190 jobs in local government education.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.6% in October, little changed from the September rate of 5.5% and up slightly from the October 2023 rate of 5.3%.

### **Next Press Releases**

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

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

	--Change From--				
	October 2024	September 2024	October 2023	September 2024	October 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	36,041	36,013	35,780	28	261
Unemployed	1,835	1,804	1,629	31	206
Unemployment rate	5.1%	5.0%	4.6%	0.1	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	5.5%	5.3%	0.1	0.3
Employed	34,206	34,209	34,151	-3	55
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	27,230	27,240	27,180	-10	50
Total private	23,920	23,970	23,670	-50	250
Mining, logging, and construction	1,260	1,280	1,320	-20	-60
Mining and logging	90	90	90	0	0
Construction	1,170	1,190	1,230	-20	-60
Manufacturing	2,780	2,780	2,960	0	-180
Wood product manufacturing	480	490	580	-10	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,280	5,280	5,240	0	40
Wholesale trade	610	600	620	10	-10
Retail trade	4,120	4,130	4,110	-10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	550	550	510	0	40
Information	240	240	260	0	-20
Financial activities	1,660	1,650	1,630	10	30
Professional and business services	1,790	1,800	1,940	-10	-150
Private education and health services	6,480	6,420	5,950	60	530
Leisure and hospitality	3,420	3,520	3,380	-100	40
Other services	1,010	1,000	990	10	20
Government	3,310	3,270	3,510	40	-200
Federal government	300	320	310	-20	-10
State government	450	460	440	-10	10
Local government	2,560	2,490	2,760	70	-200
Local education	1,680	1,610	1,870	70	-190
Local government excluding educational services	880	880	890	0	-10

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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