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Employment in Josephine County: November 2024 **Losses in Leisure and Hospitality Drop Total Employment Over the Month**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County declined in November by 160 jobs. Private-sector industries losing jobs over the month were leisure and hospitality (-140), manufacturing (-50), and financial activities (-40). Private education and health services gained 40 jobs over the month. Both retail trade and transportation, warehousing, and utilities added 20 jobs in November. Local government education employment increased by 20 jobs while federal government and local government excluding educational services each lost 10 jobs.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) increased by 80 jobs, a gain of 0.3%. Industries adding jobs since November 2023 included private education and health services (+520); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+50); and financial activities (+30). Industries with estimated losses were manufacturing (-220); professional and business services (-120); construction (-30); and leisure and hospitality (-20).

Government employment fell by 140 jobs over the year, mostly due to a decline of 140 jobs in local government education.

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

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Jan. 28th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Thursday, Jan. 23rd.

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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

	November 2024	October 2024	November 2023	--Change From--	
				October 2024	November 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	35,697	36,010	35,795	-313	-98
Unemployed	1,798	1,819	1,754	-21	44
Unemployment rate	5.0%	5.1%	4.9%	-0.1	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	5.6%	5.3%	0.0	0.3
Employed	33,899	34,191	34,041	-292	-142
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,150	27,310	27,070	-160	80
Total private	23,790	23,950	23,570	-160	220
Mining, logging, and construction	1,260	1,260	1,280	0	-20
Mining and logging	90	90	80	0	10
Construction	1,170	1,170	1,200	0	-30
Manufacturing	2,730	2,780	2,950	-50	-220
Wood product manufacturing	480	480	570	0	-90
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,330	5,290	5,280	40	50
Wholesale trade	610	610	620	0	-10
Retail trade	4,150	4,130	4,140	20	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	570	550	520	20	50
Information	240	240	250	0	-10
Financial activities	1,630	1,670	1,600	-40	30
Professional and business services	1,780	1,790	1,900	-10	-120
Private education and health services	6,520	6,480	6,000	40	520
Leisure and hospitality	3,290	3,430	3,310	-140	-20
Other services	1,010	1,010	1,000	0	10
Government	3,360	3,360	3,500	0	-140
Federal government	290	300	290	-10	0
State government	450	450	440	0	10
Local government	2,620	2,610	2,770	10	-150
Local education	1,750	1,730	1,890	20	-140
Local government excluding educational services	870	880	880	-10	-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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