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## **Employment in Josephine County: May 2024** **Leisure and Hospitality Boosts Employment Over the Month**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County rose by 320 jobs in May. The three industries accounting for most of the change were leisure and hospitality (+120); private education and health services (+70); and retail trade (+40). Other industries showed little change. Government employment increased by 50 jobs with gains in local (+20), federal (+20), and state government (+10).

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) slipped by 190 jobs, a decrease of 0.7%. Industries adding jobs since May 2023 included private education and health services (+320), professional and business services (+100), and financial activities (+20). Industries with estimated losses were leisure and hospitality (-240), manufacturing (-140), retail trade (-110), wholesale trade (-60), and other services (-40). Transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 70 jobs over the year.

Government employment rose by 50 jobs over the year. State government (+30), Federal government (+10), and local government education (+10) added jobs since May 2023.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.4 in May, unchanged from April and up from the May 2023 rate of 4.7%.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Wednesday, July 17<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--				
	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024	May 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	36,211	36,036	35,491	175	720
Unemployed	1,766	1,712	1,530	54	236
Unemployment rate	4.9%	4.8%	4.3%	0.1	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.4%	5.4%	4.7%	0.0	0.7
Employed	34,445	34,324	33,961	121	484
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	27,200	26,880	27,390	320	-190
Total private	23,630	23,360	23,870	270	-240
Mining, logging, and construction	1,290	1,280	1,320	10	-30
Mining and logging	80	80	80	0	0
Construction	1,210	1,200	1,240	10	-30
Manufacturing	2,850	2,840	2,990	10	-140
Wood product manufacturing	580	580	560	0	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,240	5,200	5,480	40	-240
Wholesale trade	610	610	670	0	-60
Retail trade	4,110	4,070	4,220	40	-110
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	520	520	590	0	-70
Information	250	250	240	0	10
Financial activities	1,640	1,630	1,620	10	20
Professional and business services	1,910	1,910	1,810	0	100
Private education and health services	6,170	6,100	5,850	70	320
Leisure and hospitality	3,300	3,180	3,540	120	-240
Other services	980	970	1,020	10	-40
Government	3,570	3,520	3,520	50	50
Federal government	320	300	310	20	10
State government	460	450	430	10	30
Local government	2,790	2,770	2,780	20	10
Local education	1,900	1,890	1,890	10	10
Local government excluding educational services	890	880	890	10	0

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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