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Employment in Josephine County: October 2022 **Josephine County Recovers from Pandemic Job Losses**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County increased by 120 jobs in October. Local government education had the largest gain over the month, up by 80 jobs. Leisure and hospitality employment fell by 40 jobs in October. Private education and health services added 60 jobs and employment rose by 20 in retail trade. Government employment had a net gain of 70 jobs with the increase in local government education slightly offset by a loss of 20 jobs in federal government and 10 jobs lost in state government.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) increased by 660 jobs, a gain of 2.4%. Those job gains leave the county now 90 jobs above the October 2019 pre-pandemic total. Industries adding jobs since October 2021 included private education and health services (+310); leisure and hospitality (+260); and construction (+190). Smaller job increases were estimated in manufacturing (+90) and information (+30). Industries losing jobs over the year were professional and business services (-150); retail trade (-120); and wholesale trade (-20).

Government employment was up by 50 jobs over the year. A gain of 80 jobs in local government education was offset by a loss of 30 jobs in state government. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.5%, up slightly from 5.3% in October 2021.

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

	--Change From--				
	October 2022	September 2022	October 2021	September 2022	October 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,473	37,421	37,012	52	461
Unemployed	1,978	1,930	1,702	48	276
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.2%	4.6%	0.1	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.5%	5.2%	5.3%	0.3	0.2
Employed	35,495	35,491	35,310	4	185
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,990	27,870	27,330	120	660
Total private	24,550	24,500	23,940	50	610
Mining, logging, and construction	1,680	1,670	1,490	10	190
Mining and logging	80	80	80	0	0
Construction	1,600	1,590	1,410	10	190
Manufacturing	3,010	3,010	2,920	0	90
Wood product manufacturing	560	560	530	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,520	5,500	5,640	20	-120
Wholesale trade	740	750	760	-10	-20
Retail trade	4,270	4,250	4,390	20	-120
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	510	500	490	10	20
Information	300	300	270	0	30
Financial activities	1,650	1,640	1,640	10	10
Professional and business services	1,810	1,820	1,960	-10	-150
Education and health services	5,890	5,830	5,580	60	310
Leisure and hospitality	3,780	3,820	3,520	-40	260
Other services	910	910	920	0	-10
Government	3,440	3,370	3,390	70	50
Federal government	280	300	280	-20	0
State government	440	450	470	-10	-30
Local government	2,720	2,620	2,640	100	80
Local education	1,870	1,790	1,790	80	80
Local government excluding educational services	850	830	850	20	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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