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

Total payroll employment in Josephine County was essentially unchanged in December. Industries with estimated job losses were construction (-40) and leisure and hospitality (-20). Small job gains were estimated in professional and business services (+20), and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+20). Government employment had a net loss of 10 jobs, with a loss of 30 in federal government somewhat offset by gains of 10 in both local and state government.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) increased by 800 jobs, a gain of 2.9%. Those job gains leave the county now 480 jobs above the December 2019 pre-pandemic total. Industries adding jobs since December 2021 included private education and health services (+330), leisure and hospitality (+290), construction (+130), and manufacturing (+20). Industries losing jobs over the year were retail trade (-90); professional and business services (-60); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-20).

Government employment rose by 170 jobs over the year. A gain of 160 jobs in local government education and 10 jobs added in state government accounted for the yearly gain. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 6.1%, up slightly from 5.3% in December 2021.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 7<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--				
	December 2022	November 2022	December 2021	November 2022	December 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	37,109	37,228	36,951	-119	158
Unemployed	2,413	2,242	1,711	171	702
Unemployment rate	6.5%	6.0%	4.6%	0.5	1.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6.1%</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>0.8</i>
Employed	34,696	34,986	35,240	-290	-544
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	27,980	28,000	27,180	-20	800
Total private	24,520	24,530	23,890	-10	630
Mining, logging, and construction	1,600	1,640	1,470	-40	130
Mining and logging	80	80	80	0	0
Construction	1,520	1,560	1,390	-40	130
Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	2,980	0	20
Wood product manufacturing	560	560	550	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,590	5,570	5,680	20	-90
Wholesale trade	750	750	730	0	20
Retail trade	4,300	4,300	4,390	0	-90
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	540	520	560	20	-20
Information	300	300	310	0	-10
Financial activities	1,650	1,650	1,650	0	0
Professional and business services	1,840	1,820	1,900	20	-60
Education and health services	5,950	5,940	5,620	10	330
Leisure and hospitality	3,680	3,700	3,390	-20	290
Other services	910	910	890	0	20
Government	3,460	3,470	3,290	-10	170
Federal government	250	280	260	-30	-10
State government	430	420	420	10	10
Local government	2,780	2,770	2,610	10	170
Local education	1,930	1,930	1,770	0	160
Local government excluding educational services	850	840	840	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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