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Employment in Josephine County: July 2023

Private Education and Health Services Adds Most Jobs Over the Year

Total payroll employment in Josephine County fell by an estimated 560 jobs in July. Leisure and hospitality had the largest monthly gain, up by 60 jobs. Private education and health services (+40) and professional and business services (+20) also added jobs over the month. Government employment decline by 700 jobs over the month. The loss in local government education is seasonally typical for July.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) rose by 160 jobs, a gain of 0.6%. Industries adding jobs since July 2022 included private education and health services (+460); other services (+90); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+40); professional and business services (+30); and construction (+20). Industries losing jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (-230), retail trade (-140), manufacturing (-80), wholesale trade (-60), and financial activities (-50).

Government employment rose by 100 jobs over the year. A gain of 80 jobs in state government, and 20 jobs in local government education accounted for the yearly gain.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.7% in July, from 4.9% in June and down from the July 2022 rate at 5.6%.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Sep. 19th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Wednesday, Sep. 13th.

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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

	--Change From--				
	July 2023	June 2023	July 2022	June 2023	July 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	35,938	36,120	36,553	-182	-615
Unemployed	1,787	1,649	2,108	138	-321
Unemployment rate	5.0%	4.6%	5.8%	0.4	-0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.9%	5.6%	-0.2	-0.9
Employed	34,151	34,471	34,445	-320	-294
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,020	27,580	26,860	-560	160
Total private	24,060	23,920	24,000	140	60
Mining and logging	70	70	90	0	-20
Mining, logging, and construction	1,330	1,320	1,330	10	0
Construction	1,260	1,250	1,240	10	20
Manufacturing	2,980	2,990	3,060	-10	-80
Wood product manufacturing	560	550	560	10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,410	5,410	5,570	0	-160
Wholesale trade	640	640	700	0	-60
Retail trade	4,230	4,220	4,370	10	-140
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	540	550	500	-10	40
Information	250	240	250	10	0
Financial activities	1,660	1,650	1,710	10	-50
Professional and business services	1,860	1,840	1,830	20	30
Private education and health services	5,870	5,830	5,410	40	460
Leisure and hospitality	3,670	3,610	3,900	60	-230
Other services	1,030	1,030	940	0	90
Government	2,960	3,660	2,860	-700	100
Federal government	310	310	310	0	0
State government	550	550	470	0	80
Local government	2,100	2,800	2,080	-700	20
Local education	1,220	1,920	1,220	-700	0
Local government excluding educational services	880	880	860	0	20

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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