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Employment in Josephine County: September 2023 **Private Education and Health Services Adds Most Jobs Over the Year**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County rose by an estimated 330 jobs in September. Private-sector losses totaled 250 jobs while government-sector employment gained 580 jobs. All of the government gain was due to seasonally typical increases in local government education totaling 600 jobs. Leisure and hospitality showed the largest decrease, down by 170 jobs over the month. Smaller losses were estimated in retail trade (-30), construction (-20), and private education and health services (-20).

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) rose by 140 jobs, a gain of 0.5%. Industries adding jobs since September 2022 included private education and health services (+460); other services (+90); professional and business services (+40); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+30). Industries losing jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (-240), retail trade (-140), manufacturing (-80), financial activities (-70), and wholesale trade (-60).

Government employment rose by 150 jobs over the year. State government (+90), local government education (+60), and federal government all added jobs since September 2022.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.7% in September, the same as in September and down from the September 2022 rate at 6.2%.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Nov. 21st, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Wednesday, Nov. 15th.

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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.

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

	September 2023	August 2023	September 2022	--Change From--	
				August 2023	September 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,197	36,253	36,895	-56	-698
Unemployed	1,604	1,830	1,985	-226	-381
Unemployment rate	4.4%	5.0%	5.4%	-0.6	-1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.7%	6.2%	0.0	-1.5
Employed	34,593	34,423	34,910	170	-317
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,490	27,160	27,350	330	140
Total private	23,910	24,160	23,920	-250	-10
Mining, logging, and construction	1,320	1,340	1,350	-20	-30
Mining and logging	70	70	90	0	-20
Construction	1,250	1,270	1,260	-20	-10
Manufacturing	2,970	2,970	3,050	0	-80
Wood product manufacturing	560	560	560	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,370	5,410	5,540	-40	-170
Wholesale trade	640	640	700	0	-60
Retail trade	4,190	4,220	4,330	-30	-140
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	540	550	510	-10	30
Information	240	240	250	0	-10
Financial activities	1,660	1,650	1,730	10	-70
Professional and business services	1,850	1,860	1,810	-10	40
Private education and health services	5,980	6,000	5,520	-20	460
Leisure and hospitality	3,500	3,670	3,740	-170	-240
Other services	1,020	1,020	930	0	90
Government	3,580	3,000	3,430	580	150
Federal government	320	320	300	0	20
State government	550	550	460	0	90
Local government	2,710	2,130	2,670	580	40
Local education	1,850	1,250	1,790	600	60
Local government excluding educational services	860	880	880	-20	-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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