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Employment in Josephine County: October 2023

Private Education and Health Services Adds Most Jobs Over the Year

Total payroll employment in Josephine County rose by an estimated 60 jobs in October. Private education and health services added 80 jobs over the month, and a smaller gain of 20 jobs was posted in professional and business services. On the other hand, leisure and hospitality shed 60 jobs in October. Government employment was little changed over the month. Local government education added 70 jobs, while there were slight declines in federal government (-30) and local government excluding educational services (-20).

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) rose by 250 jobs, a gain of 0.9%. Industries adding jobs since October 2022 included private education and health services (+500); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+80); and construction (+40). Sectors with estimated losses over the year included retail trade (-140), leisure and hospitality (-120), and manufacturing (-70). Smaller losses totalling 40 jobs each were estimated in professional and business services, wholesale trade, and financial activities. Government employment rose by 80 jobs over the year. Local government education (+40) state government (+30), and federal government (+20) all added jobs since October 2022. Josephine County payroll employment is now 340 jobs below the October 2019 total prior to the pandemic.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 4.8% in October, a slight uptick from September and down from the October 2022 rate of 6.4%.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Wednesday, Dec. 27th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Wednesday, Dec. 20th.

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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

	--Change From--				
	October 2023	September 2023	October 2022	September 2023	October 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,229	36,145	36,966	84	-737
Unemployed	1,523	1,614	2,125	-91	-602
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.5%	5.7%	-0.3	-1.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	4.7%	6.4%	0.1	-1.6
Employed	34,706	34,531	34,841	175	-135
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,560	27,500	27,310	60	250
Total private	24,020	23,970	23,850	50	170
Mining, logging, and construction	1,330	1,320	1,300	10	30
Mining and logging	80	80	90	0	-10
Construction	1,250	1,240	1,210	10	40
Manufacturing	3,010	3,000	3,080	10	-70
Wood product manufacturing	570	570	560	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,470	5,460	5,570	10	-100
Wholesale trade	670	660	710	10	-40
Retail trade	4,200	4,200	4,340	0	-140
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	600	600	520	0	80
Information	240	250	250	-10	-10
Financial activities	1,680	1,680	1,720	0	-40
Professional and business services	1,770	1,750	1,810	20	-40
Private education and health services	6,030	5,950	5,530	80	500
Leisure and hospitality	3,480	3,540	3,600	-60	-120
Other services	1,010	1,020	990	-10	20
Government	3,540	3,530	3,460	10	80
Federal government	310	340	290	-30	20
State government	490	500	460	-10	30
Local government	2,740	2,690	2,710	50	30
Local education	1,870	1,800	1,830	70	40
Local government excluding educational services	870	890	880	-20	-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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