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Employment in Josephine County: December 2023 **Private Education and Health Services Boosts Over-the-Year Employment**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County climbed by 80 jobs in December. Gains included estimated increases in private education and health services (+50), retail trade (+40), and leisure and hospitality (+40). Sectors with job declines over the month were construction (-20) and federal government (-20). Other industries had little employment change in December.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) rose by 570 jobs, an increase of 2.1%. Industries adding jobs since December 2022 included private education and health services (+520); leisure and hospitality (+100); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+80); and manufacturing (+50). Sectors with estimated losses over the year included retail trade (-100), professional and business services (-80), and financial activities (-50). Government employment rose by 70 jobs over the year. Local government (+30), state government (+20), and federal government (+20) all added jobs since December 2022. Josephine County payroll employment is now 50 jobs above the December 2019 total prior to the pandemic.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.0% in December, from 4.6% in November and down from the December 2022 rate of 6.6%.

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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--				
	December 2023	November 2023	December 2022	November 2023	December 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,400	36,318	36,851	82	-451
Unemployed	1,824	1,654	2,414	170	-590
Unemployment rate	5.0%	4.6%	6.6%	0.4	-1.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	34,576	34,664	34,437	-88	139
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,550	27,470	26,980	80	570
Total private	24,040	23,940	23,540	100	500
Mining, logging, and construction	1,280	1,300	1,290	-20	-10
Mining and logging	80	80	70	0	10
Construction	1,200	1,220	1,220	-20	-20
Manufacturing	2,990	3,000	2,940	-10	50
Wood product manufacturing	580	570	560	10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,550	5,510	5,590	40	-40
Wholesale trade	660	670	680	-10	-20
Retail trade	4,260	4,220	4,360	40	-100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	630	620	550	10	80
Information	240	240	250	0	-10
Financial activities	1,670	1,670	1,720	0	-50
Professional and business services	1,750	1,750	1,830	0	-80
Private education and health services	6,120	6,070	5,600	50	520
Leisure and hospitality	3,440	3,400	3,340	40	100
Other services	1,000	1,000	980	0	20
Government	3,510	3,530	3,440	-20	70
Federal government	270	290	250	-20	20
State government	460	460	440	0	20
Local government	2,780	2,780	2,750	0	30
Local education	1,890	1,890	1,880	0	10
Local government excluding educational services	890	890	870	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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