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Employment in Josephine County: March 2024 **Leisure and Hospitality, and Government Add Jobs**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County rose by 120 jobs in March to reach 26,760. Job gains were estimated in leisure and hospitality (+50), and professional and business services (+20). Government employment climbed by 60 jobs over the month. Local government education (+30), federal government (+20), and state government (+10) all saw an uptick in jobs counts in March. Other published industries showed little change in job totals.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) slipped by 170 jobs, a decrease of 0.6%. Industries adding jobs since March 2023 included private education and health services (+290), and mining and logging (+20). Industries with estimated losses were retail trade (-130), leisure and hospitality (-80), professional and business services (-80), other services (-70), manufacturing (-70), and wholesale trade (-60).

Government employment rose by 80 jobs over the year. Federal government (+40), local government (+30), and state government (+10) added jobs since March 2023.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.5% in March, unchanged from February and down from the March 2023 rate of 6.0%.

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

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Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2024	February 2024	March 2023	February 2024	March 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,267	36,205	35,672	62	595
Unemployed	2,122	2,283	1,894	-161	228
Unemployment rate	5.9%	6.3%	5.3%	-0.4	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.5%	5.5%	6.0%	0.0	-0.5
Employed	34,145	33,922	33,778	223	367
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	26,760	26,640	26,930	120	-170
Total private	23,240	23,180	23,490	60	-250
Mining, logging, and construction	1,230	1,240	1,250	-10	-20
Mining and logging	90	90	70	0	20
Construction	1,140	1,150	1,180	-10	-40
Manufacturing	2,880	2,880	2,950	0	-70
Wood product manufacturing	560	560	560	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,220	5,230	5,420	-10	-200
Wholesale trade	610	610	670	0	-60
Retail trade	4,070	4,080	4,200	-10	-130
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	540	540	550	0	-10
Information	240	240	240	0	0
Financial activities	1,570	1,570	1,590	0	-20
Professional and business services	1,830	1,810	1,910	20	-80
Private education and health services	6,040	6,030	5,750	10	290
Leisure and hospitality	3,290	3,240	3,370	50	-80
Other services	940	940	1,010	0	-70
Government	3,520	3,460	3,440	60	80
Federal government	290	270	250	20	40
State government	440	430	430	10	10
Local government	2,790	2,760	2,760	30	30
Local education	1,900	1,870	1,870	30	30
Local government excluding educational services	890	890	890	0	0

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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