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## **Employment in Josephine County: April 2024** **Total Payroll Employment Down Slightly Over the Year**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County rose by 170 jobs in April to reach 26,890. Job gains were estimated in construction (+40); leisure and hospitality (+40); and private education and health services (+40). Manufacturing, retail trade, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities each added 20 jobs over the month. Government employment slipped by 20 jobs with a loss of 30 in local government education slightly offset by a gain of 10 federal government jobs.

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 April 2023 included private education and health services (+330), and financial activities (+20). Industries with estimated losses were leisure and hospitality (-240), manufacturing (-120), retail trade (-100), wholesale trade (-50), and other services (-40).

Government employment rose by 60 jobs over the year. Federal government (+30), state government (+20), and local government education (+10) added jobs since April 2023.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.4% in April, edging down from 5.5% in March and up from the April 2023 rate of 4.8%.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly payroll employment and labor force data for Oregon's metropolitan areas and counties. The estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other sources.

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--				
	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024	April 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	36,083	36,286	35,312	-203	771
Unemployed	1,730	2,115	1,483	-385	247
Unemployment rate	4.8%	5.8%	4.2%	-1.0	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.4%	5.5%	4.8%	-0.1	0.6
Employed	34,353	34,171	33,829	182	524
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	26,890	26,720	27,060	170	-170
Total private	23,370	23,180	23,600	190	-230
Mining, logging, and construction	1,280	1,240	1,280	40	0
Mining and logging	80	80	70	0	10
Construction	1,200	1,160	1,210	40	-10
Manufacturing	2,850	2,830	2,970	20	-120
Wood product manufacturing	580	580	570	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,220	5,180	5,410	40	-190
Wholesale trade	610	610	660	0	-50
Retail trade	4,090	4,070	4,190	20	-100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	520	500	560	20	-40
Information	250	250	250	0	0
Financial activities	1,630	1,630	1,610	0	20
Professional and business services	1,890	1,880	1,880	10	10
Private education and health services	6,100	6,060	5,770	40	330
Leisure and hospitality	3,180	3,140	3,420	40	-240
Other services	970	970	1,010	0	-40
Government	3,520	3,540	3,460	-20	60
Federal government	300	290	270	10	30
State government	450	450	430	0	20
Local government	2,770	2,800	2,760	-30	10
Local education	1,890	1,920	1,880	-30	10
Local government excluding educational services	880	880	880	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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