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Employment in Josephine County: July 2024 **Private Education and Health Services Boosts Over-the-Year Job Gain**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County fell by 300 jobs in July. Government employment decreased by 480 jobs with gains in state government (+10) and federal government (+10). Local government fell by 500 over the month with all the loss due to seasonally typical declines in local government education. Private education and health services (+80); leisure and hospitality (+60); and construction (+30) added jobs over the month. Other published industries showed little job change in July.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) climbed by 520 jobs, an increase of 1.9%. Industries adding jobs since July 2023 included private education and health services (+570), professional and business services (+100), and financial activities (+20). Industries with estimated losses were leisure and hospitality (-240); manufacturing (-100); retail trade (-70); construction (-50); and wholesale trade (-20). Transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 40 jobs over the year.

Government employment rose by 350 jobs over the year. Local government education (+220), local government excluding education (+80), and state government (+40) added jobs since July 2023.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.5% in July, little changed from June and up from the July 2023 rate of 4.9%.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, September 24th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Wednesday, September 18th.

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

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|---|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | July 2024 | June 2024 | July 2023 | June 2024 | July 2023 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 36,633 | 36,552 | 35,609 | 81 | 1,024 |
| Unemployed | 2,248 | 1,980 | 1,786 | 268 | 462 |
| Unemployment rate | 6.1% | 5.4% | 5.0% | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | <i>5.5%</i> | <i>5.4%</i> | <i>4.9%</i> | <i>0.1</i> | <i>0.6</i> |
| Employed | 34,385 | 34,572 | 33,823 | -187 | 562 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 27,430 | 27,730 | 26,910 | -300 | 520 |
| Total private | 24,250 | 24,070 | 24,080 | 180 | 170 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 1,300 | 1,270 | 1,350 | 30 | -50 |
| Mining and logging | 80 | 80 | 80 | 0 | 0 |
| Construction | 1,220 | 1,190 | 1,270 | 30 | -50 |
| Manufacturing | 2,900 | 2,910 | 3,000 | -10 | -100 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 550 | 550 | 570 | 0 | -20 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 5,280 | 5,280 | 5,410 | 0 | -130 |
| Wholesale trade | 620 | 620 | 640 | 0 | -20 |
| Retail trade | 4,160 | 4,150 | 4,230 | 10 | -70 |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 500 | 510 | 540 | -10 | -40 |
| Information | 260 | 260 | 260 | 0 | 0 |
| Financial activities | 1,680 | 1,680 | 1,660 | 0 | 20 |
| Professional and business services | 1,910 | 1,900 | 1,810 | 10 | 100 |
| Private education and health services | 6,440 | 6,360 | 5,870 | 80 | 570 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 3,480 | 3,420 | 3,720 | 60 | -240 |
| Other services | 1,000 | 990 | 1,000 | 10 | 0 |
| Government | 3,180 | 3,660 | 2,830 | -480 | 350 |
| Federal government | 340 | 330 | 330 | 10 | 10 |
| State government | 520 | 510 | 480 | 10 | 40 |
| Local government | 2,320 | 2,820 | 2,020 | -500 | 300 |
| Local education | 1,400 | 1,900 | 1,180 | -500 | 220 |
| Local government excluding educational services | 920 | 920 | 840 | 0 | 80 |

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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