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Employment in Josephine County: September 2024 **Local Government Education Boosts Over-the-Month Job Gain**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County rose by 440 jobs in September. Private-sector industries losing jobs over the month were leisure and hospitality (-60), and construction (-40). Private education and health services gained 30 jobs over the month. Government employment gained 530 jobs with a seasonally typical increase of 560 jobs in local government education slightly offset by losses in local government excluding educational services (-20), and state government (-10).

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) climbed by 150 jobs, an increase of 0.5%. Industries adding jobs since September 2023 included private education and health services (+520); financial activities (+50); and professional and business services (+30). Industries with estimated losses were leisure and hospitality (-190), manufacturing (-80), construction (-70), and retail trade (-40). Transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 60 jobs over the year.

Government employment rose by 10 jobs over the year. State government (+30), and local government excluding educational services (+10) added jobs since September 2023. Local government education employment slipped by 20 jobs.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.5% in September, little changed from August and up slightly from the September 2023 rate of 5.2%.

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

	--Change From--				
	September 2024	August 2024	September 2023	August 2024	September 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,229	36,273	35,989	-44	240
Unemployed	1,818	1,991	1,652	-173	166
Unemployment rate	5.0%	5.5%	4.6%	-0.5	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.5%</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Employed	34,411	34,282	34,337	129	74
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,580	27,140	27,430	440	150
Total private	24,060	24,150	23,920	-90	140
Mining, logging, and construction	1,270	1,310	1,350	-40	-80
Mining and logging	80	80	90	0	-10
Construction	1,190	1,230	1,260	-40	-70
Manufacturing	2,880	2,880	2,960	0	-80
Wood product manufacturing	550	550	560	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,250	5,260	5,350	-10	-100
Wholesale trade	620	620	620	0	0
Retail trade	4,130	4,140	4,170	-10	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	500	500	560	0	-60
Information	260	260	260	0	0
Financial activities	1,670	1,670	1,620	0	50
Professional and business services	1,910	1,920	1,880	-10	30
Private education and health services	6,520	6,490	6,000	30	520
Leisure and hospitality	3,310	3,370	3,500	-60	-190
Other services	990	990	1,000	0	-10
Government	3,520	2,990	3,510	530	10
Federal government	330	330	340	0	-10
State government	510	520	480	-10	30
Local government	2,680	2,140	2,690	540	-10
Local education	1,780	1,220	1,800	560	-20
Local government excluding educational services	900	920	890	-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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