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## **Employment in Josephine County: December 2024**

### **Losses in Leisure and Hospitality Offset by Gains in Private Education and Health Services**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County was little changed and declined in December by 20 jobs. Leisure and hospitality lost 60 jobs over the month. Private education and health services gained 60 jobs over the month. Retail trade added 20 jobs in December. Local government education employment decreased by 20 jobs and federal government lost 10 jobs. Other published industries showed little change over the month.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) increased by 100 jobs, a gain of 0.4%. Industries adding jobs since December 2023 included private education and health services (+500); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+50); financial activities (+40); and leisure and hospitality (+20). Industries with estimated losses were manufacturing (-190); professional and business services (-100); construction (-30); and information (-20).

Government employment fell by 160 jobs over the year, mostly due to a decline of 150 jobs in local government education.

Josephine County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.6% in December, unchanged from November and up slightly from the December 2023 rate of 5.3%.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Monday, March 10<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--				
	December 2024	November 2024	December 2023	November 2024	December 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	35,584	35,707	35,652	-123	-68
Unemployed	1,987	1,792	1,903	195	84
Unemployment rate	5.6%	5.0%	5.3%	0.6	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	5.6%	5.3%	0.0	0.3
Employed	33,597	33,915	33,749	-318	-152
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	27,180	27,200	27,080	-20	100
Total private	23,830	23,830	23,570	0	260
Mining, logging, and construction	1,250	1,260	1,270	-10	-20
Mining and logging	90	90	80	0	10
Construction	1,160	1,170	1,190	-10	-30
Manufacturing	2,740	2,750	2,930	-10	-190
Wood product manufacturing	480	480	590	0	-110
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,350	5,330	5,320	20	30
Wholesale trade	600	610	610	-10	-10
Retail trade	4,170	4,150	4,180	20	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	580	570	530	10	50
Information	240	240	260	0	-20
Financial activities	1,670	1,660	1,630	10	40
Professional and business services	1,790	1,790	1,890	0	-100
Private education and health services	6,570	6,510	6,070	60	500
Leisure and hospitality	3,230	3,290	3,210	-60	20
Other services	990	1,000	990	-10	0
Government	3,350	3,370	3,510	-20	-160
Federal government	280	290	270	-10	10
State government	450	450	460	0	-10
Local government	2,620	2,630	2,780	-10	-160
Local education	1,740	1,760	1,890	-20	-150
Local government excluding educational services	880	870	890	10	-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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