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Employment in Josephine County: February 2025 **Leisure and Hospitality Adds Most Jobs Over the Year**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County was little changed in February and was estimated at 26,710 jobs. Industries losing jobs in February were private education and health services (-30) and financial activities (-20). Both manufacturing, and professional and business services added 20 jobs over the month. Other industries showed little job change in February.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) declined slightly, down by 100 jobs, a loss of 0.4%. Industries adding jobs since February 2024 included leisure and hospitality (+260); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+60); and other services (+40). Industries losing jobs over the year were retail trade (-160); manufacturing (-90); financial activities (-90); professional and business services (-50); wholesale trade (-30); and construction (-30).

Government employment rose by 80 jobs over the year. Gains were posted in state (+50) and local government (+30).

Josephine County's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 7.3% in February, little changed from 7.4% in January and up from the February 2024 rate of 6.5%.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, April 22nd, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Wednesday, April 16th.

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.

Labor force statistics for Oregon metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) are produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Through June 2025, seasonally adjusted data are not available for Oregon MSAs or other MSAs around the country. New MSA definitions resulting from the 2020 Census are being incorporated into the history of the data series back to 1990, as well as other updates to the processing of labor force estimates for substate areas. Read more on this pause in seasonally adjusted metro area data [here](#)

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

	--Change From--				
	February 2025	January 2025	February 2024	January 2025	February 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	34,990	35,020	35,201	-30	-211
Unemployed	2,550	2,590	2,280	-40	270
Unemployment rate	7.3%	7.4%	6.5%	-0.1	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	32,440	32,430	32,921	10	-481
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	26,710	26,720	26,810	-10	-100
Total private	23,110	23,130	23,290	-20	-180
Mining, logging, and construction	1,210	1,210	1,220	0	-10
Mining and logging	100	100	80	0	20
Construction	1,110	1,110	1,140	0	-30
Manufacturing	2,770	2,750	2,860	20	-90
Wood product manufacturing	530	530	530	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,160	5,180	5,290	-20	-130
Wholesale trade	580	580	610	0	-30
Retail trade	4,020	4,030	4,180	-10	-160
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	560	570	500	-10	60
Information	240	240	250	0	-10
Financial activities	1,550	1,570	1,640	-20	-90
Professional and business services	1,800	1,780	1,850	20	-50
Private education and health services	6,100	6,130	6,200	-30	-100
Leisure and hospitality	3,270	3,270	3,010	0	260
Other services	1,010	1,000	970	10	40
Government	3,600	3,590	3,520	10	80
Federal government	270	260	270	10	0
State government	510	510	460	0	50
Local government	2,820	2,820	2,790	0	30
Local education	1,960	1,950	1,890	10	70
Local government excluding educational services	860	870	900	-10	-40

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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