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Employment in Josephine County: October 2021 **Josephine County Close to Recovering Pandemic Job Losses**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County fell by 40 jobs in October. Private education and health services had the largest estimated decline, down by 210 jobs over the month. Other industries posting job losses in October were manufacturing, leisure and hospitality, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities, each down by 20 jobs. A couple industries added jobs over the month including retail trade (+80) and local government education (+60). Federal government employment declined slightly, down by 20 jobs in October.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) increased by 420 jobs, a gain of 1.6%. Those job losses leave the county 430 jobs below the October 2019 pre-pandemic total. Industries adding jobs since October 2020 included professional and business services (+170); private education and health services (+140); retail trade (+110); manufacturing (+100); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+20). Leisure and hospitality employment fell by 110 jobs over the year.

Government employment dropped by 80 jobs over the year. Federal government (-40); local government education (-30); and local government excluding educational services (-30) lost jobs while state government employment rose by 20 jobs since October 2020.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Dec. 21st, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, Dec. 14th.

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--				
	October 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2021	October 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,121	37,393	37,031	-272	90
Unemployed	1,525	1,841	2,371	-316	-846
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.9%	6.4%	-0.8	-2.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.5%	5.9%	7.1%	-0.4	-1.6
Employed	35,596	35,552	34,660	44	936
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,470	27,510	27,050	-40	420
Total private	24,120	24,200	23,620	-80	500
Mining, logging, and construction	1,330	1,330	1,340	0	-10
Mining and logging	80	80	90	0	-10
Construction	1,250	1,250	1,250	0	0
Manufacturing	3,050	3,070	2,950	-20	100
Wood product manufacturing	510	510	510	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,620	5,560	5,470	60	150
Wholesale trade	750	750	730	0	20
Retail trade	4,390	4,310	4,280	80	110
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	480	500	460	-20	20
Information	290	290	270	0	20
Financial activities	1,640	1,630	1,600	10	40
Professional and business services	2,220	2,110	2,050	110	170
Education and health services	5,870	6,080	5,730	-210	140
Leisure and hospitality	3,170	3,190	3,280	-20	-110
Other services	930	940	930	-10	0
Government	3,350	3,310	3,430	40	-80
Federal government	280	300	320	-20	-40
State government	470	470	450	0	20
Local government	2,600	2,540	2,660	60	-60
Local education	1,750	1,690	1,780	60	-30
Local government excluding educational services	850	850	880	0	-30

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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