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

Total payroll employment in Josephine County fell by 70 jobs in November. Private education and health services had the largest decline, down by 80 jobs. Other losses were estimated in manufacturing (-30) and construction (-20). Employment rose in a few industries including professional and business services (+40); financial activities (+20); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+20). Government employment fell by 20 jobs over the month with a loss of 30 jobs in federal government slightly offset by a gain of 10 state government jobs.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) increased by 350 jobs, a gain of 1.3%. Those job losses leave the county 390 jobs below the November 2019 pre-pandemic total. Industries adding jobs since November 2020 included retail trade (+100); manufacturing (+90); professional and business services (+70); and financial activities (+40). Construction and information both added 20 jobs over the year.

Government employment dropped by 20 jobs over the year. Federal government (-10); local government education (-20); and local government excluding educational services (-20) lost jobs while state government employment rose by 30 jobs since November 2020.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Jan. 25th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Wednesday, Jan. 19th.

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--				
	November 2021	October 2021	November 2020	October 2021	November 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,799	37,055	36,798	-256	1
Unemployed	1,567	1,533	2,279	34	-712
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.1%	6.2%	0.2	-1.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.5%	6.8%	-0.2	-1.5
Employed	35,232	35,522	34,519	-290	713
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,280	27,350	26,930	-70	350
Total private	23,960	24,010	23,590	-50	370
Mining, logging, and construction	1,310	1,330	1,300	-20	10
Mining and logging	80	80	90	0	-10
Construction	1,230	1,250	1,210	-20	20
Manufacturing	3,020	3,050	2,930	-30	90
Wood product manufacturing	510	500	490	10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,630	5,600	5,490	30	140
Wholesale trade	750	750	720	0	30
Retail trade	4,380	4,370	4,280	10	100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	500	480	490	20	10
Information	290	290	270	0	20
Financial activities	1,640	1,620	1,600	20	40
Professional and business services	2,150	2,110	2,080	40	70
Education and health services	5,770	5,850	5,780	-80	-10
Leisure and hospitality	3,230	3,230	3,220	0	10
Other services	920	930	920	-10	0
Government	3,320	3,340	3,340	-20	-20
Federal government	250	280	260	-30	-10
State government	470	460	440	10	30
Local government	2,600	2,600	2,640	0	-40
Local education	1,750	1,750	1,770	0	-20
Local government excluding educational services	850	850	870	0	-20

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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