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Employment in Josephine County: December 2021 Most Industries Showing Job Gains Over the Year

Total payroll employment in Josephine County fell by 50 jobs in December. Private education and health services employment rose by 110 jobs. Smaller gains were estimated in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+20), and in retail trade (+20). Employment dipped by 30 jobs in both construction, and professional and business services. Government employment fell by 20 jobs over the month with the loss in local government education.

Over the past year payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) increased by 920 jobs, a gain of 3.5%. Those job gains leave the county 220 jobs below the December 2019 pre-pandemic total. Industries adding jobs since December 2020 included leisure and hospitality (+550); retail trade (+90); manufacturing (+70); other services (+70); and financial activities (+40). Other industries showed relatively little employment change over the year, but all gained jobs with the exception of mining and logging, which was only down by 10 jobs.

Government employment dropped by 10 jobs over the year. Local government education (-40) lost jobs while state government employment rose by 20 jobs and federal government added 10 since December 2020.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Mar. 8th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, Mar. 8th.

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 2021	November 2021	December 2020	November 2021	December 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,750	36,801	37,040	-51	-290
Unemployed	1,731	1,604	2,512	127	-781
Unemployment rate	4.7%	4.4%	6.8%	0.3	-2.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.3%	6.6%	-0.2	-1.5
Employed	35,019	35,197	34,528	-178	491
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,280	27,230	26,360	50	920
Total private	24,000	23,950	23,070	50	930
Mining, logging, and construction	1,280	1,310	1,280	-30	0
Mining and logging	80	80	90	0	-10
Construction	1,200	1,230	1,190	-30	10
Manufacturing	3,000	3,010	2,930	-10	70
Wood product manufacturing	510	510	500	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,670	5,640	5,540	30	130
Wholesale trade	740	750	720	-10	20
Retail trade	4,400	4,380	4,310	20	90
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	530	510	510	20	20
Information	290	290	270	0	20
Financial activities	1,630	1,630	1,600	0	30
Professional and business services	2,080	2,110	2,060	-30	20
Education and health services	5,910	5,800	5,870	110	40
Leisure and hospitality	3,230	3,240	2,680	-10	550
Other services	910	920	840	-10	70
Government	3,280	3,280	3,290	0	-10
Federal government	260	250	250	10	10
State government	430	430	410	0	20
Local government	2,590	2,600	2,630	-10	-40
Local education	1,730	1,750	1,770	-20	-40
Local government excluding educational services	860	850	860	10	0

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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