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Employment in Josephine County: April 2022 **Leisure and Hospitality Shows Largest Job Gain Over the Month and Year**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County climbed by 170 jobs in April. Leisure and hospitality had the largest employment gain, up by 80. Construction (+70) and private education and health services (+50) also added jobs over the month. Government employment was little changed over the month with a gain posted in federal government (+20) and losses in local (-20) and state government (-10).

Over the past year payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) increased by 480 jobs, a gain of 1.8%. Those job gains leave the county just 240 jobs below the April 2019 pre-pandemic total. Industries adding jobs since April 2021 included leisure and hospitality (+390); construction (+220); and private education and health services (+190). Smaller job increases were estimated in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+30); information (+30); and other services (+30). Industries losing jobs over the year were professional and business services (-320); wholesale trade (-50); and manufacturing (-20).

Government employment fell by 20 jobs over the year. Gains in local government education (+40) and federal government (+10) were offset by losses local government excluding education (-40) and state government (-30).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Wednesday, June 22nd, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Wednesday, June 15th.

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--				
	April 2022	March 2022	April 2021	March 2022	April 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,659	37,666	37,110	-7	549
Unemployed	1,784	1,956	2,447	-172	-663
Unemployment rate	4.7%	5.2%	6.6%	-0.5	-1.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.8%	6.9%	-0.1	-2.2
Employed	35,875	35,710	34,663	165	1,212
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,400	27,230	26,920	170	480
Total private	24,090	23,910	23,590	180	500
Mining, logging, and construction	1,560	1,490	1,340	70	220
Mining and logging	80	80	80	0	0
Construction	1,480	1,410	1,260	70	220
Manufacturing	2,970	2,970	2,990	0	-20
Wood product manufacturing	560	550	520	10	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,530	5,540	5,550	-10	-20
Wholesale trade	730	730	780	0	-50
Retail trade	4,290	4,300	4,290	-10	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	510	510	480	0	30
Information	300	300	270	0	30
Financial activities	1,650	1,650	1,650	0	0
Professional and business services	1,850	1,860	2,170	-10	-320
Education and health services	5,720	5,670	5,530	50	190
Leisure and hospitality	3,620	3,540	3,230	80	390
Other services	890	890	860	0	30
Government	3,310	3,320	3,330	-10	-20
Federal government	270	250	260	20	10
State government	410	420	440	-10	-30
Local government	2,630	2,650	2,630	-20	0
Local education	1,810	1,820	1,770	-10	40
Local government excluding educational services	820	830	860	-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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