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Employment in Josephine County: February 2023 **Josephine County Adds Jobs in Private Education and Health Services**

Total payroll employment in Josephine County increased by 60 jobs in February. Private education and health services had the largest gain, up by 60 jobs. Construction also had a small estimated gain of 20 jobs over the month. Employment losses occurred in retail trade (-30); transportation, warehousing, and utilities; and manufacturing (-20). Government employment rose by 40 jobs with gains in both local (+30) and federal government (+10).

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Grants Pass MSA (Josephine County) increased by 400 jobs, a gain of 1.5%. Those job gains leave the county now 60 jobs above the February 2020 pre-pandemic total. Industries adding jobs since February 2022 included private education and health services (+310), leisure and hospitality (+190), financial activities (+70), and other services (+40). Industries losing jobs over the year were professional and business services (-200) and construction (-50).

Government employment rose by 120 jobs over the year. A gain of 70 jobs in local government education and 40 jobs in local government excluding educational services, accounted for most of the yearly gain.

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

	--Change From--				
	February 2023	January 2023	February 2022	January 2023	February 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,581	36,975	36,842	-394	-261
Unemployed	2,384	2,725	1,923	-341	461
Unemployment rate	6.5%	7.4%	5.2%	-0.9	1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.2%	6.3%	5.0%	-0.1	1.2
Employed	34,197	34,250	34,919	-53	-722
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,410	27,350	27,010	60	400
Total private	23,950	23,930	23,670	20	280
Mining, logging, and construction	1,270	1,250	1,310	20	-40
Mining and logging	90	90	80	0	10
Construction	1,180	1,160	1,230	20	-50
Manufacturing	3,000	3,020	3,000	-20	0
Wood product manufacturing	570	580	560	-10	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,550	5,600	5,640	-50	-90
Wholesale trade	740	740	770	0	-30
Retail trade	4,310	4,340	4,370	-30	-60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	500	520	500	-20	0
Information	250	250	250	0	0
Financial activities	1,730	1,730	1,660	0	70
Professional and business services	1,800	1,790	2,000	10	-200
Private education and health services	5,800	5,740	5,490	60	310
Leisure and hospitality	3,630	3,630	3,440	0	190
Other services	920	920	880	0	40
Government	3,460	3,420	3,340	40	120
Federal government	250	240	250	10	0
State government	420	420	410	0	10
Local government	2,790	2,760	2,680	30	110
Local education	1,880	1,860	1,810	20	70
Local government excluding educational services	910	900	870	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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