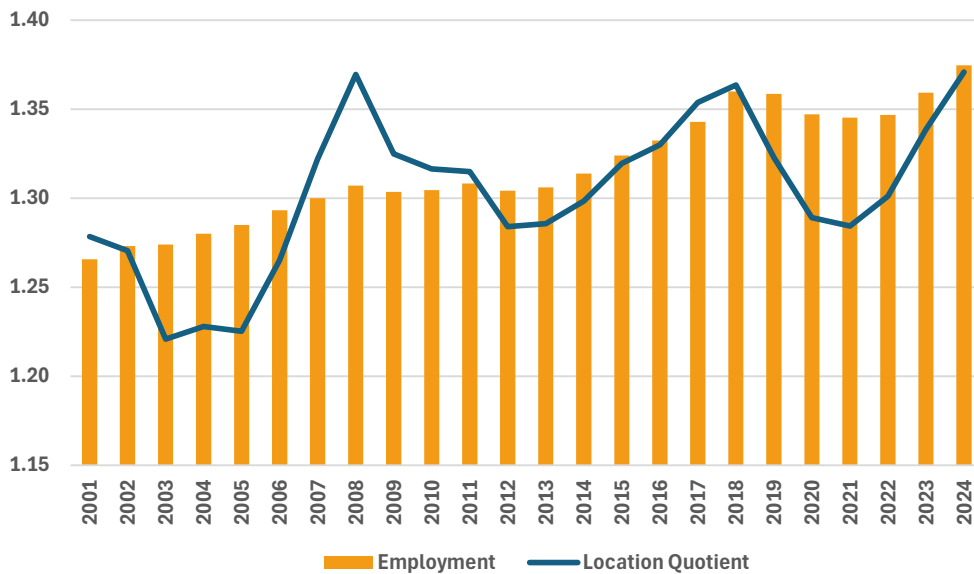


Special Topic: Private Education & Health Services Cluster Analysis



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Historically this sector's location quotient has been the highest in Josephine County relative to the other nine sectors. In 2024 the LQ was 1.37, meaning there were over a third more employees in this sector compared to what we saw at the state level.

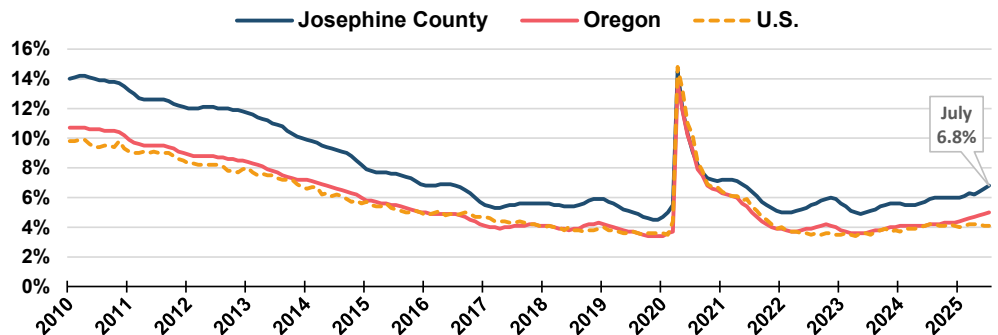
The lowest LQ during this time period was 1.22 in 2003. The highest was 1.37 in 2008 and 2024.

Source: Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Estimates

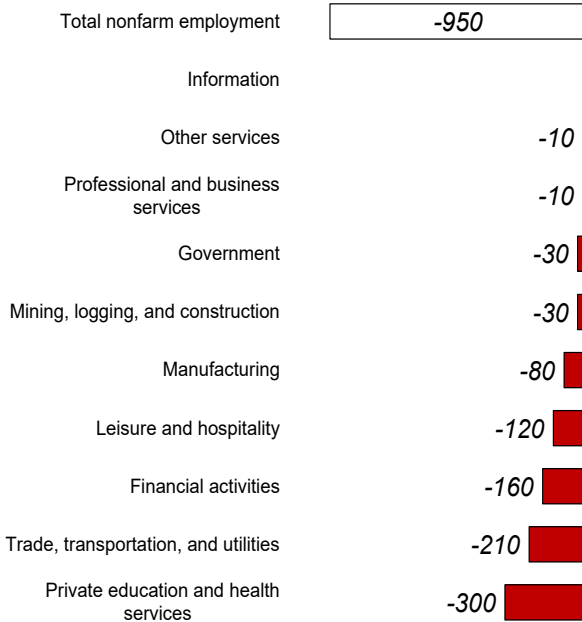
Unemployment Rate at 6.8%

- The unemployment rate in July 2024 was 5.9%
- The unemployment rate has ranged from 6.0% to 6.8% over the year

[More info on unemployment](#)



Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS



Source: Oregon Employment Department, CES

Industry Employment Change: July 2024 to July 2025

Josephine County employment lost **950 jobs** over the year

- Payroll employment down **3.5%** over the year
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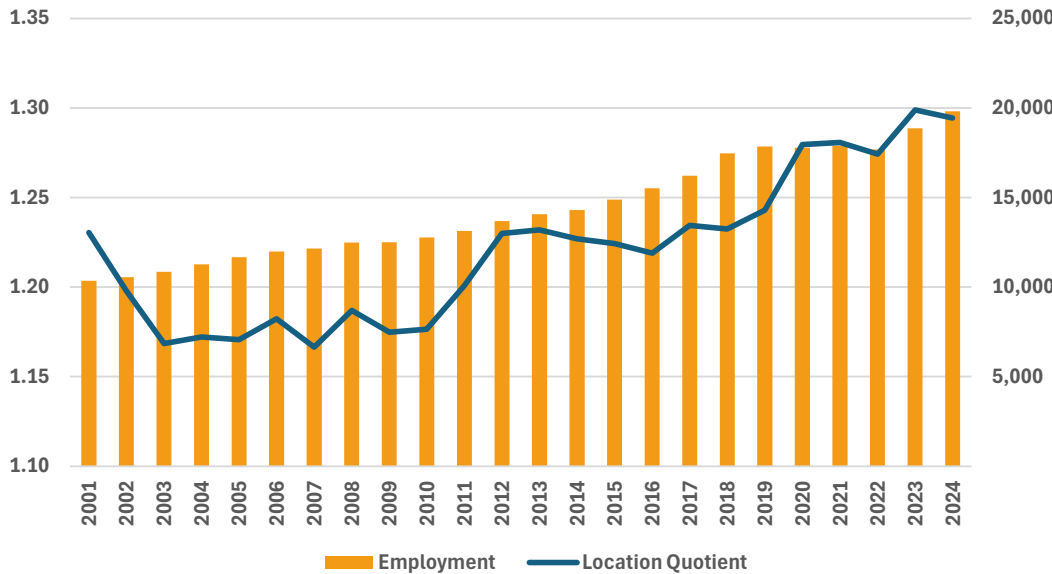
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Special Topic: Private Education & Health Services Cluster Analysis



Location quotients measure employment concentration in a local area compared to that of a broader base area. This report analyzes the location quotient of the private education and health services sector in Jackson County with Oregon as the base area.

Historically this sector's location quotient has been the highest in Jackson County relative to the other nine sectors. In 2024 the LQ was 1.29, meaning there were nearly a third more employees in this sector compared to what we saw at the state level.

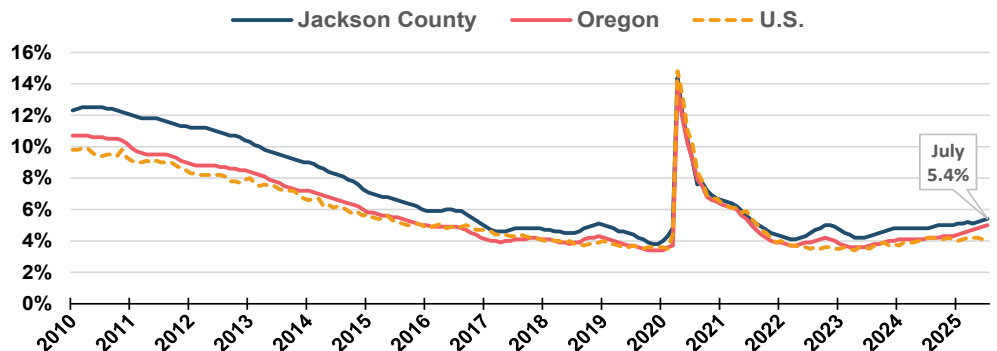
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Source: Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Estimates

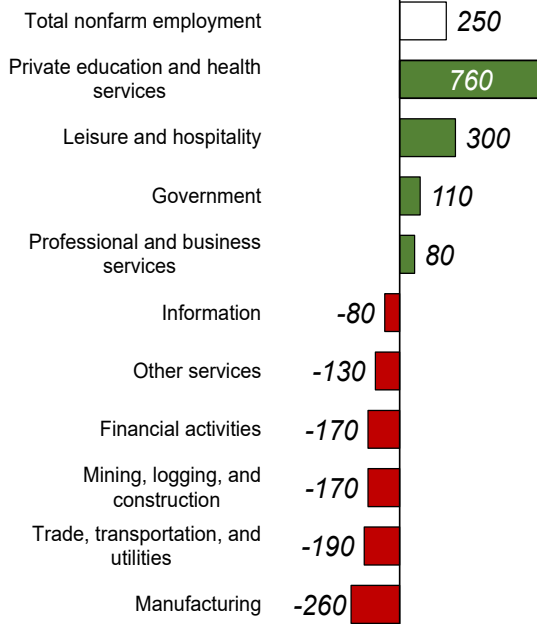
Unemployment Rate at 5.4%

- The unemployment rate in June 2024 was 4.8%
- The unemployment rate has ranged from 4.9% to 5.4% over the year

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Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS



Source: Oregon Employment Department, CES

Industry Employment Change: July 2024 to July 2025

Jackson County employment gained **250 jobs** over the year

- Payroll employment up **0.3%** over the year
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