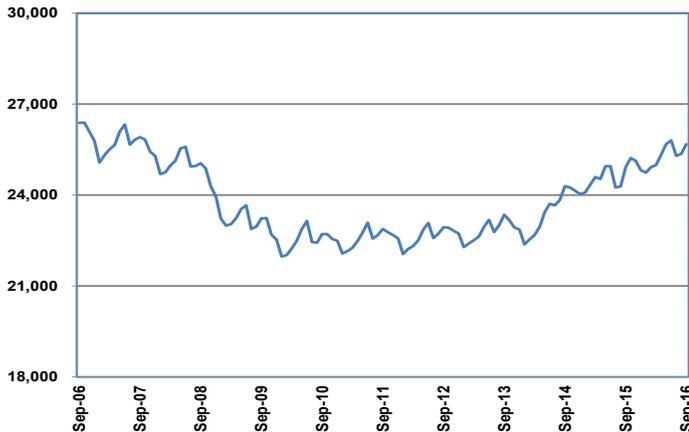


JOSEPHINE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

October 2016

Total Nonfarm Employment

not seasonally adjusted, through September 2016



The Unemployment Rate — 7.4%

Nonfarm Jobs – 25,680

Workforce Issues in Manufacturing

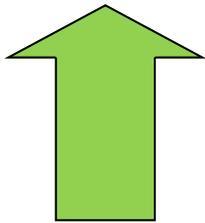
National debates about the decline of manufacturing jobs often name outsourcing and technology as the main culprits. According to the Manufacturing Institute, the current shortage of workers may be the biggest challenge yet.

The Institute states that at present, six out of 10 open skilled production positions go unfilled due to worker shortages or failure to pass a drug test. By 2025, the U.S. will need about 3.4 million manufacturing jobs but only 1.4 million will be filled. This is in spite of the fact that manufacturing jobs do not require advanced education and pay better than average wages.

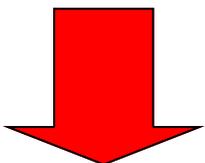
Unlike in many other communities, Josephine County manufacturing has experienced growth in recent years. Still, because of the steady decline over the long term, the share of manufacturing jobs is now down to 12 percent of total employment. Perhaps, if more workers would seek careers with local manufacturing companies, the industry could keep expanding, against all odds.

Nonfarm Employment Change

by sector, September 2015 - September 2016

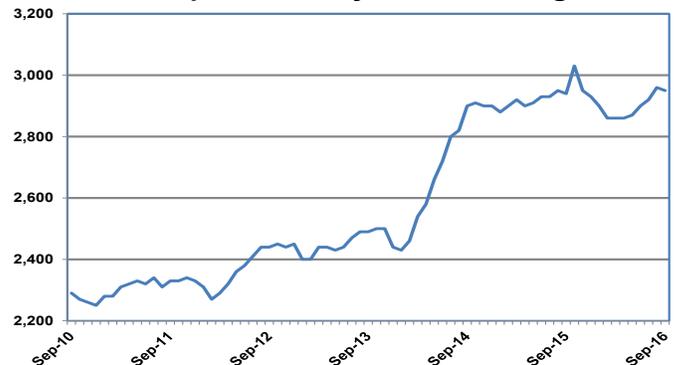


Leisure & hospitality (260)
Construction (140)
Retail trade (110)
Private educational & health services (80)



Manufacturing (-50)
Wholesale trade (-60)
Professional & business services (-80)
Local government (-160)

Josephine County Manufacturing



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