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Employment in South Coast: April 2018

South Coast Economy Sees Uptick in Leisure and Hospitality

Coos County's seasonally adjusted April unemployment rate decreased to 5.4 percent from a revised 5.5 percent in March. The rate is the same as this time last year (5.4%). Oregon's seasonally adjusted April unemployment rate was 4.1 percent; the national rate was 3.9 percent.

The county's total nonfarm payroll employment declined over the month by 30 jobs, primarily in local government education (-210) and retail trade (-20). Statewide, Oregon also reported losses in these two sectors. Industries reporting over-the-month employment gains included leisure and hospitality (+80); professional and business services (+40); and construction and manufacturing (+30, each).

Coos County gained 60 jobs over the year ending in April for a 0.3 percent annual growth rate. Industries with employment growth included professional and business services (+190); construction (+130); and leisure and hospitality (+60). Industries losing jobs over the year included retail trade (-80) and local government education (-80). Government employment decreased over the year, reflecting a legislatively mandated reclassification of home care workers from state government to private education and health services, which reported a corresponding uptick.

Curry County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.9 percent from a revised 6.1 percent in March. The rate is slightly below the April 2017 rate of 6.0 percent.

Curry County's total nonfarm payroll employment increased over the month by 150 jobs resulting in a 3.9 percent over-the-year growth rate. Leisure and hospitality reported gaining 70 jobs, primarily in accommodation and food services. Construction and federal government employment showed slight job gains (+20, each). There were no substantive over-the-month private sector losses.

Curry County reported a gain of 250 jobs over the year ending in April. Industries gaining jobs over the year included construction, manufacturing, and local government (+70, each); and professional and business services (+40). Retail trade reported a decline of 20 jobs over the year. Government employment decreased over the year, reflecting a legislatively mandated reclassification of home care workers from state government to private education and health services.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 19th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 12th.

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.

Effective with the January 2018 data, employment of Oregon's approximately 17,000 home care workers are counted in private health care and social assistance instead of state government. The change was due to legislative action clarifying that for purposes of workforce and labor market information, home care workers are not employees of state government. The reclassification affects private sector and government monthly change figures for January 2018 and will affect over-the-year change figures through December 2018. It does not affect total payroll employment levels.

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For help finding jobs and training resources, visit one of the state's WorkSource Oregon Centers or go to: www.WorkSourceOregon.org.

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2017 Benchmark

COOS COUNTY CURRENT LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017	-Change from-	
				Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian Labor Force	26,298	26,722	26,793	-424	-495
Unemployed	1,357	1,509	1,259	-152	98
Unemployment rate	5.2%	5.6%	4.7%	-0.5	0.5
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate	5.4%	5.5%	5.4%	-0.1	0.0
Employed	24,941	25,213	25,534	-272	-593
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017	-Change from-	
				Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017
Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment	22,400	22,430	22,340	-30	60
Total private	16,900	16,710	16,060	190	840
Mining and logging	480	470	470	10	10
Construction	980	950	850	30	130
Manufacturing	1,690	1,660	1,740	30	-50
Wood product manufacturing	890	880	910	10	-20
Food manufacturing	260	250	340	10	-80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,210	4,210	4,310	0	-100
Wholesale trade	380	380	390	0	-10
Retail trade	2,930	2,950	3,010	-20	-80
Food and beverage stores	790	790	770	0	20
General merchandise stores	730	740	750	-10	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	900	880	910	20	-10
Information	170	170	160	0	10
Financial activities	750	740	740	10	10
Professional and business services	2,030	1,990	1,840	40	190
Education and health services	3,310	3,330	2,740	-20	570
Leisure and hospitality	2,730	2,650	2,670	80	60
Other services	550	540	540	10	10
Government	5,500	5,720	6,280	-220	-780
Federal government	320	320	310	0	10
State government	430	420	1,090	10	-660
Local government	4,750	4,980	4,880	-230	-130
Indian tribal	750	760	740	-10	10
Local education	1,630	1,840	1,850	-210	-220
Labor/Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	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.

Labor Force Status: Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm 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: 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.



Workforce and Economic Research
2017 Benchmark

CURRY COUNTY CURRENT LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force Status	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	-Change from-	
	2018	2018	2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017
Civilian Labor Force	9,097	9,041	8,966	56	131
Unemployed	522	600	495	-78	27
Unemployment rate	5.7%	6.6%	5.5%	-0.9	0.2
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate	5.9%	6.1%	6.0%	-0.2	-0.1
Employed	8,575	8,441	8,471	134	104
Nonfarm Payroll Employment	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	-Change from-	
	2018	2018	2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017
Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment	6,620	6,470	6,370	150	250
Total private	5,280	5,150	4,960	130	320
Mining and logging	140	130	130	10	10
Construction	410	390	360	20	50
Manufacturing	660	650	610	10	50
Wood product manufacturing	450	460	430	-10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,150	1,140	1,160	10	-10
Retail trade	980	970	1,000	10	-20
Information	50	50	60	0	-10
Financial activities	350	340	360	10	-10
Professional and business services	400	400	360	0	40
Education and health services	790	790	650	0	140
Health care	690	690	530	0	160
Leisure and hospitality	1,150	1,080	1,100	70	50
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	50	40	40	10	10
Accommodation and food services	1,100	1,040	1,060	60	40
Other services	180	180	170	0	10
Government	1,340	1,320	1,410	20	-70
Federal government	90	70	70	20	20
State government	90	90	250	0	-160
Local government	1,160	1,160	1,090	0	70
Labor/Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0 ¹

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