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## **Employment in South Coast: October 2018** **Fall Shifts in Employment Apparent in South Coast**

Coos County's seasonally adjusted October unemployment rate increased slightly to 5.1 percent from a revised 4.9 percent in September. The rate is below the October 2017 rate (5.5%). Oregon's seasonally adjusted October unemployment rate was 3.8 percent; the national rate was 3.7 percent.

The county's total payroll employment decreased over the month by 30 jobs, reflecting seasonal shifts in leisure and hospitality (-60), retail trade (-30), and professional and business services (-30). Additional small losses were spread across other sectors. Seasonal gains in local government education continue to be reported (+200).

Coos County added 120 jobs over the year ending in October for a 0.5 percent annual job change. Leisure and hospitality notably added to the growth (+150) and dominated the county's over-the-year employment growth. Other industries with employment growth included project-driven professional and business services (+120); construction (+40); and food and beverage stores (+30). Industries losing jobs over the year included general merchandise stores (-50); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-30). 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 increased slightly to 5.8 percent from a revised 5.6 percent in September. The rate is below the October 2017 rate of 6.2 percent.

Curry County's total nonfarm payroll employment decreased over the month by 190 jobs. No substantive employment gains were reported outside local government education (+20), reflecting the beginning of the new school year. Leisure and hospitality shed 130 jobs, which is typical at the end of the summer season. Additional small losses were spread across other sectors.

Curry County reported no net employment change over the year ending in October. Manufacturing (+70) dominated the county's over-the-year employment growth. Other services reported an increase of 20 jobs. Industries losing jobs over the year included professional and business services (-40), and leisure and hospitality (-20). Government employment decreased over the year, reflecting a legislatively mandated reclassification of

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### Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

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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## Coos County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2018	September 2018	October 2017	September 2018	October 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	26,603	26,584	26,985	19	-382
Unemployed	1,393	1,247	1,437	146	-44
Unemployment rate	5.2%	4.7%	5.3%	0.5	-0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	4.9%	5.5%	0.2	-0.4
Employed	25,210	25,337	25,548	-127	-338
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	22,960	22,990	22,840	-30	120
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,840	22,880	22,720	-40	120
Total private	17,520	17,700	16,510	-180	1,010
Mining, logging, and construction	1,510	1,530	1,460	-20	50
Mining and logging	480	480	470	0	10
Construction	1,030	1,050	990	-20	40
Manufacturing	1,710	1,730	1,690	-20	20
Wood product manufacturing	900	910	900	-10	0
Food manufacturing	290	300	300	-10	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,370	4,380	4,370	-10	0
Wholesale trade	390	390	380	0	10
Retail trade	3,080	3,110	3,060	-30	20
Food and beverage stores	830	830	800	0	30
General merchandise stores	720	740	770	-20	-50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	900	880	930	20	-30
Information	170	180	180	-10	-10
Financial activities	760	770	750	-10	10
Professional and business services	2,150	2,180	2,030	-30	120
Education and health services	3,400	3,420	2,780	-20	620
Leisure and hospitality	2,860	2,920	2,710	-60	150
Other services	590	590	540	0	50
Government	5,440	5,290	6,330	150	-890
Federal government	300	310	330	-10	-30
State government	450	460	1,080	-10	-630
Local government	4,690	4,520	4,920	170	-230
Indian tribal	780	800	770	-20	10
Local education	1,580	1,380	1,790	200	-210
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,330	2,340	2,360	-10	-30

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: 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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## Curry County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	October 2018	September 2018	October 2017	September 2018	October 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	9,017	9,090	9,204	-73	-187
Unemployed	518	450	531	68	-13
Unemployment rate	5.7%	5.0%	5.8%	0.7	-0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.8%	5.6%	6.2%	0.2	-0.4
Employed	8,499	8,640	8,673	-141	-174
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	6,590	6,780	6,590	-190	0
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,440	6,530	6,440	-90	0
Total private	5,300	5,470	5,150	-170	150
Mining, logging, and construction	540	550	520	-10	20
Mining and logging	140	140	120	0	20
Construction	400	410	400	-10	0
Manufacturing	700	700	630	0	70
Wood product manufacturing	480	480	450	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,190	1,210	1,200	-20	-10
Retail trade	990	1,010	1,000	-20	-10
Information	50	50	60	0	-10
Financial activities	360	360	370	0	-10
Professional and business services	270	290	310	-20	-40
Education and health services	780	770	650	10	130
Health care	540	530	540	10	0
Leisure and hospitality	1,220	1,350	1,240	-130	-20
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	40	50	50	-10	-10
Accommodation and food services	1,180	1,300	1,190	-120	-10
Other services	190	190	170	0	20
Government	1,290	1,310	1,440	-20	-150
Federal government	100	100	90	0	10
State government	120	130	250	-10	-130
Local government	1,070	1,080	1,100	-10	-30
Local education	420	400	440	20	-20
Local government excluding educational services	650	680	660	-30	-10

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