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## **Employment in South Coast: January 2019 Regional Winter Trend Continues with Slowing Employment**

Coos County's seasonally adjusted January unemployment rate increased to 5.9 percent from a revised 5.5 percent in December. The rate is above that of January 2018 (5.5%). Oregon's seasonally adjusted January unemployment rate was 4.3 percent; the national rate was 4.0 percent.

The county's total payroll employment decreased over the month by 820 jobs, in part reflecting losses associated with the winter break in the school year (-280). Additionally, the county's mix of federal agencies included several affected by January's partial government shutdown, which resulted in reported employment losses in that sector (-150). Since the impasse in Washington has been resolved and those workers are back on the job, look for a rebound in federal government jobs in the upcoming months. Other industries reporting over-the-month losses included seasonal retail trade (-70); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-60); professional and business services (-60); and private education and health services (-60). No substantive gains were reported.

Coos County shed 50 jobs over the year ending in January, a decline of 0.2 percent. However, manufacturing led the county with a gain of 90 jobs, a 5.4 percent annual growth rate with job gains primarily in food manufacturing. Other sectors adding jobs over the year included leisure and hospitality (+60) and wholesale trade (+30). Over-the-year losses were reported in private education and health services (-120); and construction and retail trade (-40, each). Government employment decreased over the year, particularly in the federal sector (-140).

Curry County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 6.8 percent from a revised 6.5 percent in December. The rate is above the January 2018 rate (6.3%).

Curry County's total nonfarm payroll employment decreased over the month by 80 jobs. Gains were reported in private education and health services (+60). Leisure and hospitality shed 40 jobs, which is typical this time of year. Trade, transportation, and utilities shed 30 jobs. The federal government shutdown did not noticeably impact Curry County's January federal government jobs tally.

Curry County reported a net gain of about 10 jobs over the year ending in January, resulting in a 0.2 percent over-the-year job gain. Private education and health services added 80 jobs over the year. However, manufacturing's gain of 40 jobs (6.3 %) dominated the county's over-the-

year employment growth. Industries losing jobs over the year included construction (-40) and professional and business services (-30). Local government education reported a decrease of 60 jobs over the year.

### Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Tuesday, March 19<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.

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## Coos County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	January 2019	December 2018	January 2018	December 2018	January 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	26,069	26,446	26,258	-377	-189
Unemployed	1,715	1,543	1,645	172	70
Unemployment rate	6.6%	5.8%	6.3%	0.8	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.9%	5.5%	5.5%	0.4	0.4
Employed	24,354	24,903	24,613	-549	-259
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	22,040	22,860	22,090	-820	-50
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,560	22,660	22,620	-100	-60
Total private	16,750	17,060	16,660	-310	90
Mining, logging, and construction	1,340	1,360	1,410	-20	-70
Mining and logging	460	460	490	0	-30
Construction	880	900	920	-20	-40
Manufacturing	1,760	1,760	1,670	0	90
Wood product manufacturing	900	890	890	10	10
Food manufacturing	340	350	300	-10	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,240	4,370	4,230	-130	10
Wholesale trade	390	390	360	0	30
Retail trade	2,920	2,990	2,960	-70	-40
Food and beverage stores	800	810	790	-10	10
General merchandise stores	700	730	730	-30	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	930	990	910	-60	20
Information	170	170	170	0	0
Financial activities	780	760	800	20	-20
Professional and business services	2,050	2,110	1,910	-60	140
Education and health services	3,280	3,340	3,400	-60	-120
Leisure and hospitality	2,580	2,630	2,520	-50	60
Other services	550	560	550	-10	0
Government	5,290	5,800	5,430	-510	-140
Federal government	170	320	310	-150	-140
State government	460	460	440	0	20
Local government	4,660	5,020	4,680	-360	-20
Indian tribal	750	800	780	-50	-30
Local education	1,550	1,830	1,570	-280	-20
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,360	2,390	2,330	-30	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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	January 2019	December 2018	January 2018	December 2018	January 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	8,661	8,633	8,707	28	-46
Unemployed	706	627	678	79	28
Unemployment rate	8.2%	7.3%	7.8%	0.9	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.8%	6.5%	6.3%	0.3	0.5
Employed	7,955	8,006	8,029	-51	-74
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	6,270	6,350	6,260	-80	10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,540	6,440	6,530	100	10
Total private	5,060	5,100	4,980	-40	80
Mining, logging, and construction	470	480	500	-10	-30
Mining and logging	130	130	120	0	10
Construction	340	350	380	-10	-40
Manufacturing	680	690	640	-10	40
Wood product manufacturing	460	470	460	-10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,180	1,210	1,170	-30	10
Retail trade	990	1,000	990	-10	0
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	320	330	340	-10	-20
Professional and business services	260	250	290	10	-30
Education and health services	870	810	790	60	80
Health care	550	560	550	-10	0
Leisure and hospitality	1,050	1,090	1,040	-40	10
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	40	40	40	0	0
Accommodation and food services	1,010	1,050	1,000	-40	10
Other services	180	190	160	-10	20
Government	1,210	1,250	1,280	-40	-70
Federal government	80	80	70	0	10
State government	100	100	110	0	-10
Local government	1,030	1,070	1,100	-40	-70
Local education	370	410	430	-40	-60
Local government excluding educational services	660	660	670	0	-10

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