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Employment in South Coast: February 2019 Unemployment Rate Is 5.9 Percent in Coos; 6.7 Percent in Curry

Coos County's seasonally adjusted February unemployment rate remained 5.9 percent. The rate is above that of February 2018 (5.5%). Oregon's seasonally adjusted February unemployment rate was 4.4 percent; the national rate was 3.8 percent.

The county's total payroll employment increased over the month by 440 jobs, in part reflecting federal workers returning to work after the partial government shutdown. Additionally, the return of local education workers from the winter break in the school year added to this notable increase (+180). Other industries reporting over-the-month gains included professional and business services (+170); and leisure and hospitality (+40). Industries reporting over-the-year losses included manufacturing (-40, especially food manufacturing); trade, transportation, and utilities (-140); and construction (-30).

Coos County reported no net job change over the year ending in February. However, professional and business services led the county with a gain of 270 jobs, a 13.8 percent annual growth rate. Leisure and hospitality also reported over-the-year job gains (+80). Over-the-year losses were reported in private education and health services (-80); construction (-70); retail trade (-60); and food manufacturing (-50). Local government education employment decreased over the year (-130).

Curry County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 6.7 percent from a revised 6.9 percent in January. The rate is above the February 2018 rate (6.2%).

Curry County's total nonfarm payroll employment increased over the month by 60 jobs. Job gains were reported in leisure and hospitality (+40). No substantive over-the-month losses were reported.

Curry County reported a loss of 30 jobs over the year ending in February, resulting in a 0.2 percent over-the-year job loss. Private education and health services added 90 jobs over the year, and leisure and hospitality added 40 jobs during this period. Industries losing jobs over the year included construction (-40); and financial activities, and professional and business services (-30, each). Government employment reported a decrease of 80 jobs over the year.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, April 23rd, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Tuesday, April 16th.

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.

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Coos County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2019	January 2019	February 2018	January 2019	February 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	26,545	26,081	26,621	464	-76
Unemployed	1,609	1,725	1,594	-116	15
Unemployment rate	6.1%	6.6%	6.0%	-0.5	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.9%	5.9%	5.5%	0.0	0.4
Employed	24,936	24,356	25,027	580	-91
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,490	22,050	22,490	440	0
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,730	22,570	22,730	160	0
Total private	16,870	16,750	16,760	120	110
Mining, logging, and construction	1,310	1,340	1,400	-30	-90
Mining and logging	460	460	480	0	-20
Construction	850	880	920	-30	-70
Manufacturing	1,720	1,760	1,750	-40	-30
Wood product manufacturing	900	900	900	0	0
Food manufacturing	300	340	350	-40	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,200	4,240	4,220	-40	-20
Wholesale trade	380	390	360	-10	20
Retail trade	2,910	2,920	2,970	-10	-60
Food and beverage stores	800	800	800	0	0
General merchandise stores	690	700	720	-10	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	910	930	890	-20	20
Information	170	170	170	0	0
Financial activities	770	780	790	-10	-20
Professional and business services	2,220	2,050	1,950	170	270
Education and health services	3,310	3,290	3,390	20	-80
Leisure and hospitality	2,610	2,570	2,530	40	80
Other services	560	550	560	10	0
Government	5,620	5,300	5,730	320	-110
Federal government	320	180	320	140	0
State government	450	460	440	-10	10
Local government	4,850	4,660	4,970	190	-120
Indian tribal	760	750	760	10	0
Local education	1,730	1,550	1,860	180	-130
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,360	2,360	2,350	0	10

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

	--Change From--				
	February 2019	January 2019	February 2018	January 2019	February 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,790	8,664	8,874	126	-84
Unemployed	604	712	627	-108	-23
Unemployment rate	6.9%	8.2%	7.1%	-1.3	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.7%	6.9%	6.2%	-0.2	0.5
Employed	8,186	7,952	8,247	234	-61
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,320	6,260	6,350	60	-30
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,500	6,530	6,530	-30	-30
Total private	5,110	5,060	5,060	50	50
Mining, logging, and construction	460	470	510	-10	-50
Mining and logging	120	130	130	-10	-10
Construction	340	340	380	0	-40
Manufacturing	690	680	690	10	0
Wood product manufacturing	460	460	460	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,180	1,180	1,170	0	10
Retail trade	990	990	990	0	0
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	320	320	350	0	-30
Professional and business services	260	260	290	0	-30
Education and health services	870	870	780	0	90
Health care	560	550	550	10	10
Leisure and hospitality	1,090	1,050	1,050	40	40
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	40	40	40	0	0
Accommodation and food services	1,050	1,010	1,010	40	40
Other services	190	180	170	10	20
Government	1,210	1,200	1,290	10	-80
Federal government	80	80	80	0	0
State government	90	90	110	0	-20
Local government	1,040	1,030	1,100	10	-60
Local education	380	370	450	10	-70
Local government excluding educational services	660	660	650	0	10

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