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Employment in South Coast: March 2020

March data from Oregon's establishment and household surveys do not reflect the early effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on the labor market. This is because the data used for today's report was collected prior to public health measures related to social distancing began on March 17th. We expect the county April data, published on May 27th, to show the early effects on employment and the unemployment rate in Oregon.

More information on Unemployment Insurance benefits can be found here:

https://govstatus.egov.com/ORUnemployment_COVID19

Data and analysis related to COVID-19 can be found here: <https://www.qualityinfo.org/covid-19>

Coos County total payroll employment was unchanged in March. Private education and health services as well as local government education each added 30 jobs over the month. Offsetting those gains, losses were estimated in retail trade (-20) and professional and business services (-20).

Over the year, there was also little change in total payroll employment, Losses were estimated in manufacturing (-100); transportation, warehousing and utilities (-60); professional and business services (-30); and leisure and hospitality (-20). Sectors with employment increase over the year included local government (+100); retail trade (+50); and construction (+30).

Curry County total payroll employment also unchanged in March. A loss of 20 jobs in local government education was offset by small increases in other industries.

Over the past year, total payroll employment increased by 100 jobs. Manufacturing added 50 jobs and local government employment also rose, up by 60 jobs. Losses of 20 jobs were estimated in information; professional and business services; and leisure and hospitality.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Wednesday, May 27th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Tuesday, May 19th.

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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To file an Unemployment Insurance claim, visit our online claims system or call our contact centers, where Employment Department staff are ready to help by phone, at 1-877-FILE-4-UI (1-877-345-3484). For coronavirus questions related to employer and job seeker programs and services, visit www.oregon.gov/employ/Pages/COVID-19.aspx. For help finding jobs and training resources, go to: www.WorkSourceOregon.org.

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Coos County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2020	February 2020	March 2019	February 2020	March 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	26,097	26,084	26,310	13	-213
Unemployed	1,261	1,218	1,533	43	-272
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.7%	5.8%	0.1	-1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.3%	4.4%	5.7%	-0.1	-1.4
Employed	24,836	24,866	24,777	-30	59
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,820	22,820	22,810	0	10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,900	22,980	22,900	-80	0
Total private	16,970	17,000	17,070	-30	-100
Mining, logging, and construction	1,410	1,410	1,420	0	-10
Mining and logging	410	420	450	-10	-40
Construction	1,000	990	970	10	30
Manufacturing	1,650	1,670	1,750	-20	-100
Wood product manufacturing	810	800	920	10	-110
Food manufacturing	330	360	310	-30	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,200	4,200	4,210	0	-10
Wholesale trade	400	400	400	0	0
Retail trade	2,980	3,000	2,930	-20	50
Food and beverage stores	800	830	800	-30	0
General merchandise stores	720	720	710	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	820	800	880	20	-60
Information	170	170	180	0	-10
Financial activities	850	860	830	-10	20
Professional and business services	2,080	2,100	2,110	-20	-30
Education and health services	3,380	3,350	3,320	30	60
Leisure and hospitality	2,660	2,670	2,680	-10	-20
Other services	570	570	570	0	0
Government	5,850	5,820	5,740	30	110
Federal government	300	300	300	0	0
State government	470	480	460	-10	10
Local government	5,080	5,040	4,980	40	100
Indian tribal	790	790	790	0	0
Local education	1,900	1,870	1,880	30	20
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,390	2,380	2,310	10	80

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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	March 2020	February 2020	March 2019	February 2020	March 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,677	8,698	8,840	-21	-163
Unemployed	485	474	577	11	-92
Unemployment rate	5.6%	5.4%	6.5%	0.2	-0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.8%	6.4%	-0.1	-1.7
Employed	8,192	8,224	8,263	-32	-71
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,510	6,510	6,410	0	100
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,730	6,710	6,630	20	100
Total private	5,210	5,190	5,170	20	40
Mining, logging, and construction	530	510	520	20	10
Mining and logging	130	120	130	10	0
Construction	400	390	390	10	10
Manufacturing	710	720	660	-10	50
Wood product manufacturing	530	530	460	0	70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,220	1,210	1,180	10	40
Retail trade	1,010	1,010	1,000	0	10
Information	40	40	60	0	-20
Financial activities	360	360	350	0	10
Professional and business services	260	260	280	0	-20
Education and health services	820	830	820	-10	0
Health care	550	560	560	-10	-10
Leisure and hospitality	1,090	1,090	1,110	0	-20
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	40	40	50	0	-10
Accommodation and food services	1,050	1,050	1,060	0	-10
Other services	180	170	190	10	-10
Government	1,300	1,320	1,240	-20	60
Federal government	90	80	80	10	10
State government	90	100	100	-10	-10
Local government	1,120	1,140	1,060	-20	60
Local education	390	410	380	-20	10
Local government excluding educational services	730	730	680	0	50

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