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Employment in South Coast: May 2020 Phase 2 Re-opening Stops the Bleeding of Jobs

Coos County total payroll employment rose by 270 jobs in May. Leisure and hospitality had the largest gain with 200 jobs added. The start of Phase 2 re-opening allowing restaurants to again serve meals inside their doors allowed some recall of laid-off workers. Other sectors with estimated gains during the infancy of re-opening included education and health services, which added 160 jobs. Small gains were estimated in construction (+90) and manufacturing (+50). Government employment declined by 180 jobs with losses in local government education (-110) and local government excluding education and tribal (-50).

Over the year total payroll employment fell by 3,190 jobs, or a drop of 13.7 percent. The largest decline, accounting for over one-third of total job losses, was in leisure and hospitality (-1,170). Job losses were widespread outside of a few jobs gained over the year in financial activities (+30) and general merchandise stores (+20). Sectors with substantial job loss also included professional and business services (-300); education and health services (-220); retail trade (-180); and manufacturing (-170). Government employment fell by 790 over the year with losses estimated in local education (-360); Indian tribal (-270); and non-tribal, non-education local government (-110).

Curry County trends were similar, with 130 jobs added over the month and 70 of those in leisure and hospitality. Gains were also estimated in private education and health services (+30). Small gains in a few other industries contributed to the overall gain.

Over the year, total payroll employment fell by 1,110 jobs, down 16.5 percent. Large declines occurred in leisure and hospitality jobs (-640) along with losses in private education and health services (-160); retail trade (-80); and professional and business services (-50) since May 2019. Employment in construction (-40) and mining and logging (-30) also fell over the year. Manufacturing employment rose by 20 jobs over the year.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, July 21st, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Tuesday, July 14th.

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--				
	May 2020	April 2020	May 2019	April 2020	May 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	26,771	26,811	26,244	-40	527
Unemployed	4,571	5,001	1,187	-430	3,384
Unemployment rate	17.1%	18.7%	4.5%	-1.6	12.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	17.8%	18.5%	5.1%	-0.7	12.7
Employed	22,200	21,810	25,057	390	-2,857
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	20,070	19,800	23,260	270	-3,190
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	19,830	19,880	22,980	-50	-3,150
Total private	14,990	14,540	17,390	450	-2,400
Mining, logging, and construction	1,340	1,330	1,480	10	-140
Mining and logging	400	400	450	0	-50
Construction	940	930	1,030	10	-90
Manufacturing	1,620	1,570	1,790	50	-170
Wood product manufacturing	800	800	910	0	-110
Food manufacturing	270	230	330	40	-60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,940	3,940	4,240	0	-300
Wholesale trade	380	380	390	0	-10
Retail trade	2,810	2,800	2,990	10	-180
Food and beverage stores	820	830	830	-10	-10
General merchandise stores	740	730	720	10	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	750	760	860	-10	-110
Information	160	160	230	0	-70
Financial activities	830	820	800	10	30
Professional and business services	1,840	1,830	2,140	10	-300
Education and health services	3,050	2,890	3,270	160	-220
Leisure and hospitality	1,700	1,500	2,870	200	-1,170
Other services	510	500	570	10	-60
Government	5,080	5,260	5,870	-180	-790
Federal government	300	300	310	0	-10
State government	480	480	490	0	-10
Local government	4,300	4,480	5,070	-180	-770
Indian tribal	530	530	800	0	-270
Local education	1,510	1,640	1,900	-130	-390
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,260	2,310	2,370	-50	-110

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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	May 2020	April 2020	May 2019	April 2020	May 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,748	8,684	8,832	64	-84
Unemployed	1,453	1,570	407	-117	1,046
Unemployment rate	16.6%	18.1%	4.6%	-1.5	12.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	17.3%	17.7%	5.3%	-0.4	12.0
Employed	7,295	7,114	8,425	181	-1,130
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,620	5,490	6,730	130	-1,110
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,600	5,610	6,710	-10	-1,110
Total private	4,330	4,210	5,430	120	-1,100
Mining, logging, and construction	480	470	550	10	-70
Mining and logging	110	110	140	0	-30
Construction	370	360	410	10	-40
Manufacturing	680	690	660	-10	20
Wood product manufacturing	520	520	490	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,100	1,080	1,210	20	-110
Retail trade	940	930	1,020	10	-80
Information	30	30	60	0	-30
Financial activities	340	340	360	0	-20
Professional and business services	230	240	280	-10	-50
Education and health services	680	650	840	30	-160
Health care	430	410	570	20	-140
Leisure and hospitality	650	580	1,290	70	-640
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	20	20	40	0	-20
Accommodation and food services	630	560	1,250	70	-620
Other services	140	130	180	10	-40
Government	1,290	1,280	1,300	10	-10
Federal government	90	90	110	0	-20
State government	120	110	110	10	10
Local government	1,080	1,080	1,080	0	0
Local education	370	380	390	-10	-20
Local government excluding educational services	710	700	690	10	20