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Employment in South Coast: September 2020 **South Coast Pandemic Recovery Job Gain Pace Slows**

Coos County total payroll employment rose by 60 jobs in September, following a gain of 250 jobs in August. In September, job losses were estimated in professional and business services (-60); manufacturing (-50); and leisure and hospitality (-30). Private education and health services employment rose by 50 jobs in September. Gains of 20 jobs were tallied in both construction and Indian tribal local government. Total government employment rose by 160 jobs over the month with a seasonally expected increase of 150 jobs in local government education accounting for most of the rise.

Over the year total payroll employment fell by 1,490 jobs, a drop of 6.5 percent. The largest decline, accounting for about one-quarter of total job losses, was in leisure and hospitality (-360). Job losses were widespread outside of a few jobs gained over the year in federal government (+40) and general merchandise stores (+20). Sectors with job loss also included retail trade (-180); private education and health services (-120); professional and business services (-80); manufacturing (-70) and construction (-40). Government employment fell by 490 over the year with losses estimated in local education (-160) and Indian tribal local government (-250).

Curry County gained 30 payroll jobs in September. Local government education gained 110 jobs over the month. Professional and business services also added 20 jobs. Industries losing jobs over the month were leisure and hospitality (-40); construction (-30); and federal government (-20). Over the year, total payroll employment fell by 740 jobs, or a decline of 10.5 percent. Industries shedding the most jobs since September 2019 were leisure and hospitality (-330); manufacturing (-80); retail trade (-80); financial activities (-50); and health care (-50). Government employment declined by 100 jobs over the year with losses mostly in local government.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, November 24th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Tuesday, November 17th.

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--	
	September 2020	August 2020	September 2019	August 2020	September 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	25,459	25,875	26,057	-416	-598
Unemployed	2,079	2,344	1,000	-265	1,079
Unemployment rate	8.2%	9.1%	3.8%	-0.9	4.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	8.8%	9.0%	4.4%	-0.2	4.4
Employed	23,380	23,531	25,057	-151	-1,677
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	21,450	21,390	22,940	60	-1,490
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	21,440	21,410	22,920	30	-1,480
Total private	16,410	16,490	17,410	-80	-1,000
Mining, logging, and construction	1,440	1,420	1,540	20	-100
Mining and logging	380	380	440	0	-60
Construction	1,060	1,040	1,100	20	-40
Manufacturing	1,590	1,640	1,660	-50	-70
Wood product manufacturing	730	740	790	-10	-60
Food manufacturing	340	360	340	-20	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,060	4,060	4,260	0	-200
Wholesale trade	400	400	400	0	0
Retail trade	2,880	2,890	3,060	-10	-180
Food and beverage stores	840	840	840	0	0
General merchandise stores	760	750	740	10	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	780	770	800	10	-20
Information	150	150	170	0	-20
Financial activities	820	820	850	0	-30
Professional and business services	2,100	2,160	2,180	-60	-80
Education and health services	3,160	3,110	3,280	50	-120
Leisure and hospitality	2,560	2,590	2,920	-30	-360
Other services	530	540	550	-10	-20
Government	5,040	4,900	5,530	140	-490
Federal government	350	370	310	-20	40
State government	490	490	580	0	-90
Local government	4,200	4,040	4,640	160	-440
Indian tribal	550	530	800	20	-250
Local education	1,260	1,110	1,420	150	-160
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,390	2,400	2,420	-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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	September 2020	August 2020	September 2019	August 2020	September 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,613	8,763	9,170	-150	-557
Unemployed	662	774	354	-112	308
Unemployment rate	7.7%	8.8%	3.9%	-1.1	3.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	9.0%	9.6%	4.7%	-0.6	4.3
Employed	7,951	7,989	8,816	-38	-865
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,300	6,270	7,040	30	-740
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,080	6,080	6,790	0	-710
Total private	5,030	5,080	5,670	-50	-640
Mining, logging, and construction	570	600	590	-30	-20
Mining and logging	110	110	130	0	-20
Construction	460	490	460	-30	0
Manufacturing	630	630	710	0	-80
Wood product manufacturing	490	480	500	10	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,180	1,180	1,280	0	-100
Retail trade	980	980	1,060	0	-80
Information	30	30	40	0	-10
Financial activities	320	320	370	0	-50
Professional and business services	280	260	280	20	0
Education and health services	770	760	810	10	-40
Health care	500	500	550	0	-50
Leisure and hospitality	1,090	1,130	1,420	-40	-330
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	30	30	50	0	-20
Accommodation and food services	1,060	1,100	1,370	-40	-310
Other services	160	170	170	-10	-10
Government	1,270	1,190	1,370	80	-100
Federal government	120	140	120	-20	0
State government	110	110	120	0	-10
Local government	1,040	940	1,130	100	-90
Local education	370	260	410	110	-40
Local government excluding educational services	670	680	720	-10	-50

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