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Employment in South Coast: October 2020 **South Coast Not as Impacted from Pandemic as Oregon Statewide**

Coos County total payroll employment rose by 160 jobs in October, following a gain of 250 jobs in September. In October, 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 October. 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.

Rarely does the South Coast outpace Oregon's overall job growth rate, or in this case, job losses in this corner of Oregon are slightly less than the state overall. Coos County's over the year total payroll employment fell by 1,270 jobs, a drop of 5.5 percent. Oregon's statewide payroll employment fell by 7.5 percent over the year. Coos County job losses were widespread outside of a few jobs gained over the year in construction (+20) and general merchandise stores (+20). Sectors with job loss included leisure and hospitality (-210); private education and health services (-210); retail trade (-120); professional and business services (-90); and construction (-90). Government employment fell by 370 over the year with losses estimated in Indian tribal local government (-160) and local education (-140).

Curry County lost 180 payroll jobs in October. Leisure and hospitality employment fell by 140 jobs and government employment slipped by 20 jobs. Over the year, payroll employment fell by 210 jobs or a loss of 3.1 percent. Industries shedding the most jobs since October 2019 were leisure and hospitality (-40); financial activities (-40); manufacturing (-30); construction (-30); and information (-20). A few industries had estimated jobs gains over the year including retail trade, other services, and health care, each adding 20 jobs.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, December 22nd, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, December 15th.

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--				
	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	September 2020	October 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	26,680	25,369	25,935	1,311	745
Unemployed	1,846	2,081	999	-235	847
Unemployment rate	6.9%	8.2%	3.9%	-1.3	3.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.3%	8.7%	4.2%	-1.4	3.1
Employed	24,834	23,288	24,936	1,546	-102
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	21,880	21,720	23,150	160	-1,270
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	21,840	21,710	23,100	130	-1,260
Total private	16,610	16,640	17,510	-30	-900
Mining, logging, and construction	1,520	1,540	1,530	-20	-10
Mining and logging	400	400	430	0	-30
Construction	1,120	1,140	1,100	-20	20
Manufacturing	1,550	1,530	1,640	20	-90
Wood product manufacturing	740	730	790	10	-50
Food manufacturing	300	300	320	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,100	4,090	4,290	10	-190
Wholesale trade	410	400	420	10	-10
Retail trade	2,910	2,930	3,030	-20	-120
Food and beverage stores	810	810	820	0	-10
General merchandise stores	770	780	750	-10	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	780	760	840	20	-60
Information	150	150	160	0	-10
Financial activities	790	790	830	0	-40
Professional and business services	2,260	2,230	2,350	30	-90
Education and health services	3,070	3,070	3,280	0	-210
Leisure and hospitality	2,650	2,710	2,860	-60	-210
Other services	520	530	570	-10	-50
Government	5,270	5,080	5,640	190	-370
Federal government	310	350	300	-40	10
State government	490	490	540	0	-50
Local government	4,470	4,240	4,800	230	-330
Indian tribal	650	640	810	10	-160
Local education	1,480	1,230	1,620	250	-140
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,340	2,370	2,370	-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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	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	September 2020	October 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	9,187	8,926	8,984	261	203
Unemployed	605	670	350	-65	255
Unemployment rate	6.6%	7.5%	3.9%	-0.9	2.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.4%	8.7%	4.5%	-1.3	2.9
Employed	8,582	8,256	8,634	326	-52
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,570	6,750	6,780	-180	-210
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,420	6,510	6,630	-90	-210
Total private	5,320	5,480	5,440	-160	-120
Mining, logging, and construction	550	560	590	-10	-40
Mining and logging	120	120	130	0	-10
Construction	430	440	460	-10	-30
Manufacturing	640	650	670	-10	-30
Wood product manufacturing	500	500	500	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,250	1,260	1,230	-10	20
Retail trade	1,040	1,050	1,020	-10	20
Information	20	20	40	0	-20
Financial activities	320	320	360	0	-40
Professional and business services	280	280	270	0	10
Education and health services	830	820	830	10	0
Health care	590	590	570	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	1,240	1,380	1,280	-140	-40
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	40	50	40	-10	0
Accommodation and food services	1,200	1,330	1,240	-130	-40
Other services	190	190	170	0	20
Government	1,250	1,270	1,340	-20	-90
Federal government	130	140	110	-10	20
State government	110	120	110	-10	0
Local government	1,010	1,010	1,120	0	-110
Local education	380	370	410	10	-30
Local government excluding educational services	630	640	710	-10	-80

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