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Employment in South Coast: March 2025 South Coast Adds Job Over the Year

Coos County total payroll employment was little changed in March, up by 30 jobs. Private education and health services added 20 jobs. Other industries showed little movement in employment. Government employment was flat over the month.

Since March 2024, Coos County has gained 320 payroll jobs, an increase of 1.4%. Employment gains occurred in professional and business services (+210); manufacturing (+80); leisure and hospitality (+50); and retail trade (+10). Transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-60); and construction (-20) lost jobs over the year. Government employment was unchanged with local education adding 20 jobs and federal government employment down by 20.

Curry County payroll employment rose by 30 jobs in March. Employment changes were small with construction adding 30 jobs in construction employment up by 10. Wood product manufacturing; financial activities; and private education and health services all lost 10 jobs.

Over the past year, Curry County payroll employment gained 30 jobs, an increase of 0.5%. Losses were estimated in leisure and hospitality (-20); retail trade (-10); and mining and logging (-10). A few industries added jobs over the year including health care (+30), manufacturing (+20), and construction (+20). State government employment rose by 20 jobs over the year.

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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

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	March 2025	February 2025	March 2024	February 2025	March 2024	
Labor Force Status						
Civilian labor force	27,356	27,258	26,962	98	394	
Unemployed	1,593	1,588	1,380	5	213	
Unemployment rate	5.8%	5.8%	5.1%	0.0	0.7	
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	5.2%	5.1%	4.8%	0.1	0.4	
Employed	25,763	25,670	25,582	93	181	
Nonfarm Payroll Employment						
Total nonfarm employment	23,110	23,080	22,790	30	320	
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	23,180	23,210	22,860	-30	320	
Total private	17,230	17,200	16,910	30	320	
Mining, logging, and construction	1,430	1,430	1,440	0	-10	
Mining and logging	340	340	320	0	20	
Construction	1,090	1,090	1,120	0	-30	
Manufacturing	1,540	1,530	1,460	10	80	
Wood product manufacturing	750	750	730	0	20	
Food manufacturing	300	290	260	10	40	
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,130	4,130	4,190	0	-60	
Wholesale trade	420	430	430	-10	-10	
Retail trade	2,940	2,940	2,930	0	10	
Food and beverage retailers	810	820	830	-10	-20	
General merchandise retailers	730	730	730	0	0	
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	770	760	830	10	-60	
Information	140	140	140	0	0	
Financial activities	870	880	850	-10	20	
Professional and business services	2,150	2,160	1,940	-10	210	
Private education and health services	3,340	3,320	3,310	20	30	
Leisure and hospitality	3,060	3,050	3,010	10	50	
Other services	570	560	570	10	0	
Government	5,880	5,880	5,880	0	0	
Federal government	300	300	320	0	-20	
State government	450	450	450	0	0	
Local government	5,130	5,130	5,110	0	20	
Indian tribal	880	880	880	0	0	
Local education	1,800	1,790	1,780	10	20	
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,450	2,460	2,450	-10	0	

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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	March 2025	February 2025	March 2024	February 2025	March 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,212	8,132	8,204	80	8
Unemployed	541	533	520	8	21
Unemployment rate	6.6%	6.6%	6.3%	0.0	0.3
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	5.6%	5.6%	5.8%	0.0	0.2
Employed	7,671	7,599	7,684	72	-13
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,440	6,410	6,410	30	30
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	6,600	6,580	6,560	20	40
Total private	5,120	5,110	5,110	10	10
Mining, logging, and construction	470	460	460	10	10
Mining and logging	90	90	100	0	-10
Construction	380	370	360	10	20
Manufacturing	670	680	650	-10	20
Wood product manufacturing	550	560	530	-10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,170	1,170	1,200	0	-30
Retail trade	960	960	970	0	-10
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	290	300	290	-10	0
Professional and business services	370	370	360	0	10
Private education and health services	820	830	800	-10	20
Health care	570	570	540	0	30
Leisure and hospitality	1,090	1,060	1,110	30	-20
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	40	40	40	0	0
Accommodation and food services	1,050	1,020	1,070	30	-20
Other services	190	190	190	0	0
Government	1,320	1,300	1,300	20	20
Federal government	100	90	100	10	0
State government	160	160	140	0	20
Local government	1,060	1,050	1,060	10	0
Local education	350	350	360	0	-10
Local government excluding educational services	710	700	700	10	10

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