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Employment on the South Coast: December 2025

South Coast Payroll Employment Rises Over the Year

Coos County total payroll employment fell by 100 jobs in December, mostly due to seasonally typical losses in local government education (-120), and leisure and hospitality (-60). Financial activities employment was down by 20 jobs over the month. Job gains were estimated in private education and health services (+40); and professional and business services (+20). Government employment slipped by 110 jobs in December, largely due to a decline of 120 jobs in local government education.

Since December 2024 Coos County payroll employment rose by 140 jobs, a gain of 0.6%. Employment gains occurred in retail trade (+120); private education and health services (+70); leisure and hospitality (+60); manufacturing (+30); and construction (+30). Losses were estimated in other services (-40); professional and business services (-20); and mining and logging (-20). Government employment fell by 100 jobs. Local government excluding education and tribal employment fell by 140 jobs while Indian tribal local government employment rose by 30 jobs over the year.

Curry County payroll employment fell by 50 jobs in December, mostly due to a seasonally typical decline of 60 jobs in leisure and hospitality. Government employment decreased by 20 jobs. Other sectors showed little job movement.

Over the past year Curry County payroll employment climbed by 60 jobs for an increase of 0.9%. Job gains were estimated in financial activities (+80); private education and health services (+40); and manufacturing (+40). Losses were estimated in leisure and hospitality (-60); construction (-20); professional and business services (-20); and retail trade (-20).

Next Press Releases

We are awaiting notification from the Bureau of Labor Statistics regarding publication dates for the rest of the year and will update our [schedule of future releases](#) as dates become available.

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Please note- October data are blank and MSA Seasonally Adjusted data for November are blank until BLS determines whether or not to provide these data.

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

	--Change From--				
	December 2025	November 2025	December 2024	November 2025	December 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	27,334	27,654	26,752	-320	582
Unemployed	1,573	1,522	1,327	51	246
Unemployment rate	5.8%	5.5%	5.0%	0.3	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6.0%</i>	<i>6.0%</i>	<i>5.0%</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>1.0</i>
Employed	25,761	26,132	25,425	-371	336
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,340	23,440	23,200	-100	140
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>23,330</i>	<i>23,270</i>	<i>23,200</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>130</i>
Total private	17,500	17,490	17,260	10	240
Mining, logging, and construction	1,420	1,430	1,410	-10	10
Mining and logging	300	300	320	0	-20
Construction	1,120	1,130	1,090	-10	30
Manufacturing	1,570	1,550	1,540	20	30
Wood product manufacturing	790	780	740	10	50
Food manufacturing	290	280	310	10	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,280	4,250	4,140	30	140
Wholesale trade	470	460	470	10	0
Retail trade	3,000	2,990	2,880	10	120
Food and beverage retailers	840	830	830	10	10
General merchandise retailers	730	730	690	0	40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	810	800	790	10	20
Information	130	130	140	0	-10
Financial activities	860	880	860	-20	0
Professional and business services	2,130	2,110	2,150	20	-20
Private education and health services	3,430	3,390	3,360	40	70
Leisure and hospitality	3,110	3,170	3,050	-60	60
Other services	570	580	610	-10	-40
Government	5,840	5,950	5,940	-110	-100
Federal government	330	330	330	0	0
State government	470	470	470	0	0
Local government	5,040	5,150	5,140	-110	-100
Indian tribal	980	980	950	0	30
Local education	1,700	1,820	1,690	-120	10
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,360	2,350	2,500	10	-140

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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	December 2025	November 2025	December 2024	November 2025	December 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,150	8,237	7,964	-87	186
Unemployed	552	527	437	25	115
Unemployment rate	6.8%	6.4%	5.5%	0.4	1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.9%	6.9%	5.7%	0.0	1.2
Employed	7,598	7,710	7,527	-112	71
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,570	6,620	6,510	-50	60
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,680	6,650	6,620	30	60
Total private	5,250	5,280	5,200	-30	50
Mining, logging, and construction	450	460	470	-10	-20
Mining and logging	90	90	90	0	0
Construction	360	370	380	-10	-20
Manufacturing	710	710	670	0	40
Wood product manufacturing	580	580	540	0	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,180	1,160	1,190	20	-10
Retail trade	950	950	970	0	-20
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	360	350	280	10	80
Professional and business services	320	320	340	0	-20
Private education and health services	900	890	860	10	40
Health care	620	620	600	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	1,080	1,140	1,140	-60	-60
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	40	40	40	0	0
Accommodation and food services	1,040	1,100	1,100	-60	-60
Other services	200	200	200	0	0
Government	1,320	1,340	1,310	-20	10
Federal government	100	110	90	-10	10
State government	160	160	170	0	-10
Local government	1,060	1,070	1,050	-10	10
Local education	350	360	360	-10	-10
Local government excluding educational services	710	710	690	0	20

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