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Employment on the South Coast: February 2026 **South Coast Payroll Employment Shows Little Change Over the Year**

Coos County total payroll employment rose by 330 jobs in February, with the largest increase due to a seasonally typical gain in local government education (+290). Professional and business services added 30 jobs over the month.

Since February 2025 Coos County payroll employment rose by 40 jobs, a gain of 0.2%. Employment gains occurred in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+70); construction (+50); leisure and hospitality (+50); and manufacturing (+40). Jobs were lost in professional and business services (-90); retail trade (-70); and mining and logging (-30). Government added 20 jobs over the year. Gains were posted in federal government (+30), Indian tribal (+20), and local government education (+10). State government employment slipped by 10.

Curry County payroll employment climbed by 70 jobs in February. Local government excluding educational services added 30 jobs over the month. Other sectors showed little job movement.

Over the past year Curry County payrolls slipped by 50 jobs, a loss of 0.7%. Industries shedding jobs over the year were retail trade (-60); leisure and hospitality (-60); professional and business services (-30); and financial activities (-20). Manufacturing employment rose by 40 over the year. Government added 60 jobs over the year with local government (+40), federal (+10), and state government (+10) all up slightly.

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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-- | | | | |
|---|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | February 2026 | January 2026 | February 2025 | January 2026 | February 2025 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 27,371 | 27,034 | 27,140 | 337 | 231 |
| Unemployed | 1,675 | 1,752 | 1,609 | -77 | 66 |
| Unemployment rate | 6.1% | 6.5% | 5.9% | -0.4 | 0.2 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 5.8% | 5.9% | 5.1% | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| Employed | 25,696 | 25,282 | 25,531 | 414 | 165 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 22,900 | 22,570 | 22,860 | 330 | 40 |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 23,050 | 23,080 | 23,010 | -30 | 40 |
| Total private | 16,900 | 16,870 | 16,880 | 30 | 20 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 1,400 | 1,380 | 1,380 | 20 | 20 |
| Mining and logging | 290 | 280 | 320 | 10 | -30 |
| Construction | 1,110 | 1,100 | 1,060 | 10 | 50 |
| Manufacturing | 1,550 | 1,550 | 1,510 | 0 | 40 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 780 | 780 | 740 | 0 | 40 |
| Food manufacturing | 270 | 280 | 280 | -10 | -10 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 4,080 | 4,100 | 4,080 | -20 | 0 |
| Wholesale trade | 450 | 450 | 450 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail trade | 2,840 | 2,850 | 2,910 | -10 | -70 |
| Food and beverage retailers | 830 | 830 | 820 | 0 | 10 |
| General merchandise retailers | 700 | 700 | 720 | 0 | -20 |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 790 | 800 | 720 | -10 | 70 |
| Information | 120 | 120 | 140 | 0 | -20 |
| Financial activities | 830 | 820 | 820 | 10 | 10 |
| Professional and business services | 2,030 | 2,000 | 2,120 | 30 | -90 |
| Private education and health services | 3,290 | 3,310 | 3,280 | -20 | 10 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 3,050 | 3,040 | 3,000 | 10 | 50 |
| Other services | 550 | 550 | 550 | 0 | 0 |
| Government | 6,000 | 5,700 | 5,980 | 300 | 20 |
| Federal government | 340 | 340 | 310 | 0 | 30 |
| State government | 460 | 460 | 470 | 0 | -10 |
| Local government | 5,200 | 4,900 | 5,200 | 300 | 0 |
| Indian tribal | 960 | 960 | 940 | 0 | 20 |
| Local education | 1,840 | 1,550 | 1,830 | 290 | 10 |
| Local government excluding education and tribal | 2,400 | 2,390 | 2,430 | 10 | -30 |

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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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| | February 2026 | January 2026 | February 2025 | January 2026 | February 2025 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 8,238 | 8,166 | 8,229 | 72 | 9 |
| Unemployed | 578 | 616 | 528 | -38 | 50 |
| Unemployment rate | 7.0% | 7.5% | 6.4% | -0.5 | 0.6 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 6.6% | 6.7% | 5.6% | -0.1 | 1.0 |
| Employed | 7,660 | 7,550 | 7,701 | 110 | -41 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 6,450 | 6,380 | 6,500 | 70 | -50 |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 6,580 | 6,550 | 6,640 | 30 | -60 |
| Total private | 5,090 | 5,060 | 5,200 | 30 | -110 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 460 | 450 | 460 | 10 | 0 |
| Mining and logging | 100 | 100 | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Construction | 360 | 350 | 360 | 10 | 0 |
| Manufacturing | 720 | 720 | 680 | 0 | 40 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 590 | 590 | 550 | 0 | 40 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 1,130 | 1,130 | 1,210 | 0 | -80 |
| Retail trade | 910 | 910 | 970 | 0 | -60 |
| Information | 50 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Financial activities | 300 | 300 | 320 | 0 | -20 |
| Professional and business services | 320 | 320 | 350 | 0 | -30 |
| Private education and health services | 870 | 870 | 840 | 0 | 30 |
| Health care | 600 | 600 | 580 | 0 | 20 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 1,030 | 1,020 | 1,090 | 10 | -60 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 40 | 40 | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Accommodation and food services | 990 | 980 | 1,050 | 10 | -60 |
| Other services | 210 | 200 | 200 | 10 | 10 |
| Government | 1,360 | 1,320 | 1,300 | 40 | 60 |
| Federal government | 100 | 100 | 90 | 0 | 10 |
| State government | 170 | 170 | 160 | 0 | 10 |
| Local government | 1,090 | 1,050 | 1,050 | 40 | 40 |
| Local education | 360 | 350 | 370 | 10 | -10 |
| Local government excluding educational services | 730 | 700 | 680 | 30 | 50 |

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