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Employment on the South Coast: March 2026 **South Coast Unemployment Rates Show Little Change Over the Year**

Coos County total payroll employment rose by 80 jobs in March. Most industries showed little change over the month. Small changes were estimated in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+20); leisure and hospitality (+20); and private education and health services (+20).

Since March 2025 Coos County payroll employment rose by 80 jobs, a gain of 0.3%. Employment gains occurred in leisure and hospitality (+50); private education and health services (+50); construction (+40); manufacturing (+30); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+20). Jobs were lost in professional and business services (-60); mining and logging (-40); and information (-20). Government employment was down by 10 in Coos County over the year.

Curry County payroll employment declined by 30 jobs in March. Individual industry sectors showed little job movement. Government employment slipped by 20 jobs over the month.

Over the past year Curry County payroll fell by 100 jobs, a loss of 1.5%. Industries shedding jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (-60); retail trade (-50); professional and business services (-30); and financial activities (-20). Manufacturing employment rose by 30 over the year. Government added 30 jobs over the year with local government (+20) and federal government (+10) up slightly.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Wednesday, May 27th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Wednesday, May 20th.

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.

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--				
	March 2026	February 2026	March 2025	February 2026	March 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	27,443	27,376	27,293	67	150
Unemployed	1,588	1,674	1,609	-86	-21
Unemployment rate	5.8%	6.1%	5.9%	-0.3	-0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.7%	5.8%	5.2%	-0.1	0.5
Employed	25,855	25,702	25,684	153	171
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,000	22,920	22,920	80	80
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,100	23,070	23,020	30	80
Total private	16,980	16,910	16,890	70	90
Mining, logging, and construction	1,410	1,400	1,410	10	0
Mining and logging	290	290	330	0	-40
Construction	1,120	1,110	1,080	10	40
Manufacturing	1,540	1,550	1,510	-10	30
Wood product manufacturing	770	780	760	-10	10
Food manufacturing	260	270	270	-10	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,120	4,090	4,100	30	20
Wholesale trade	450	450	450	0	0
Retail trade	2,860	2,850	2,870	10	-10
Food and beverage retailers	830	830	800	0	30
General merchandise retailers	720	700	720	20	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	810	790	780	20	30
Information	120	120	140	0	-20
Financial activities	830	830	810	0	20
Professional and business services	2,020	2,030	2,080	-10	-60
Private education and health services	3,310	3,290	3,260	20	50
Leisure and hospitality	3,070	3,050	3,020	20	50
Other services	560	550	560	10	0
Government	6,020	6,010	6,030	10	-10
Federal government	340	340	310	0	30
State government	460	460	470	0	-10
Local government	5,220	5,210	5,250	10	-30
Indian tribal	960	960	970	0	-10
Local education	1,840	1,840	1,850	0	-10
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,420	2,410	2,430	10	-10

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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	March 2026	February 2026	March 2025	February 2026	March 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,217	8,237	8,250	-20	-33
Unemployed	540	578	538	-38	2
Unemployment rate	6.6%	7.0%	6.5%	-0.4	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.4%	6.6%	5.6%	-0.2	0.8
Employed	7,677	7,659	7,712	18	-35
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,420	6,450	6,520	-30	-100
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,540	6,580	6,640	-40	-100
Total private	5,080	5,090	5,210	-10	-130
Mining, logging, and construction	470	460	470	10	0
Mining and logging	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	370	360	370	10	0
Manufacturing	720	720	690	0	30
Wood product manufacturing	590	590	560	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,120	1,130	1,180	-10	-60
Retail trade	900	910	950	-10	-50
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	290	300	310	-10	-20
Professional and business services	320	320	350	0	-30
Private education and health services	870	870	870	0	0
Health care	600	600	600	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	1,040	1,030	1,100	10	-60
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	40	40	40	0	0
Accommodation and food services	1,000	990	1,060	10	-60
Other services	200	210	190	-10	10
Government	1,340	1,360	1,310	-20	30
Federal government	100	100	90	0	10
State government	160	170	160	-10	0
Local government	1,080	1,090	1,060	-10	20
Local education	350	360	360	-10	-10
Local government excluding educational services	730	730	700	0	30

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