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Employment in South Coast: August 2025

Coos County Payroll Employment Down Slightly Over the Year

Coos County total payroll employment rose by 170 jobs in August. Gains were small but dispersed among numerous industries. Those with estimated gains over the month were leisure and hospitality (+30); private education and health services (+30); professional and business services (+20); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+20). Government employment increased by 40 jobs in August with gains in local government education (+20); Indian tribal local government (+10); and local government excluding education and tribal (+10).

Since August 2024, Coos County payroll employment fell by 320 jobs, a decline of 1.4%. Employment gains occurred in wood product manufacturing (+40); and other services (+30). Professional and business services (-170); financial activities (-90); private education and health services (-50); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-40); retail trade (-30); and leisure and hospitality (-20) lost jobs over the year. Government employment was up by 40 jobs. Losses in local government excluding education and tribal (-50) and federal government (-10) were offset by gains in Indian tribal (+80), and state government (+30).

Curry County payroll employment increased by 50 jobs in August, mostly due to a seasonally expected increase of 40 jobs in local government education. Other published industries showed little employment movement in August.

Over the past year, Curry County payroll employment climbed by 40 jobs for an increase of 0.6%. Losses were estimated in leisure and hospitality (-50); mining, logging, and construction (-20); and retail trade (-20). However, the county saw employment rising in manufacturing (+60); and health care (+50).

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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

	--Change From--				
	August 2025	July 2025	August 2024	July 2025	August 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	27,401	27,265	27,402	136	-1
Unemployed	1,772	1,687	1,397	85	375
Unemployment rate	6.5%	6.2%	5.1%	0.3	1.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>5.5%</i>	<i>4.9%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.8</i>
Employed	25,629	25,578	26,005	51	-376
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,830	22,660	23,150	170	-320
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>22,800</i>	<i>22,780</i>	<i>23,110</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>-310</i>
Total private	17,250	17,120	17,610	130	-360
Mining, logging, and construction	1,470	1,460	1,480	10	-10
Mining and logging	340	330	340	10	0
Construction	1,130	1,130	1,140	0	-10
Manufacturing	1,530	1,520	1,520	10	10
Wood product manufacturing	780	780	740	0	40
Food manufacturing	270	260	300	10	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,120	4,090	4,180	30	-60
Wholesale trade	450	450	440	0	10
Retail trade	2,910	2,900	2,940	10	-30
Food and beverage retailers	810	810	830	0	-20
General merchandise retailers	710	720	740	-10	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	760	740	800	20	-40
Information	140	140	140	0	0
Financial activities	830	830	920	0	-90
Professional and business services	2,100	2,080	2,270	20	-170
Private education and health services	3,260	3,230	3,310	30	-50
Leisure and hospitality	3,200	3,170	3,220	30	-20
Other services	600	600	570	0	30
Government	5,580	5,540	5,540	40	40
Federal government	320	320	330	0	-10
State government	490	490	460	0	30
Local government	4,770	4,730	4,750	40	20
Indian tribal	1,010	1,000	930	10	80
Local education	1,360	1,340	1,370	20	-10
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,400	2,390	2,450	10	-50

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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	August 2025	July 2025	August 2024	July 2025	August 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,481	8,462	8,387	19	94
Unemployed	578	580	474	-2	104
Unemployment rate	6.8%	6.9%	5.7%	-0.1	1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6.5%</i>	<i>6.3%</i>	<i>5.9%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Employed	7,903	7,882	7,913	21	-10
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,770	6,720	6,730	50	40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6,580</i>	<i>6,620</i>	<i>6,540</i>	<i>-40</i>	<i>40</i>
Total private	5,500	5,500	5,480	0	20
Mining, logging, and construction	470	470	490	0	-20
Mining and logging	100	100	110	0	-10
Construction	370	370	380	0	-10
Manufacturing	700	690	640	10	60
Wood product manufacturing	560	560	520	0	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,240	1,240	1,260	0	-20
Retail trade	980	980	1,000	0	-20
Information	50	50	40	0	10
Financial activities	320	320	320	0	0
Professional and business services	340	340	340	0	0
Private education and health services	850	860	810	-10	40
Health care	610	610	560	0	50
Leisure and hospitality	1,330	1,330	1,380	0	-50
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	50	50	50	0	0
Accommodation and food services	1,280	1,280	1,330	0	-50
Other services	200	200	200	0	0
Government	1,270	1,220	1,250	50	20
Federal government	110	110	110	0	0
State government	170	170	170	0	0
Local government	990	940	970	50	20
Local education	280	240	280	40	0
Local government excluding educational services	710	700	690	10	20

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