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Employment in South Coast: September 2025

Coos County Payroll Employment Rises Over the Year

Coos County total payroll employment rose by 20 jobs in September. Industries with estimated job gains over the month were private education and health services (+60); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+30). Job losses were estimated in leisure and hospitality (-30); construction (-20); mining and logging (-20); retail trade (-20); and professional and business services (-20). Government employment increased by 60 jobs in September with a gain in local government education (+90) offset by job losses in Indian tribal (-20); and local government excluding education and tribal (-10).

Since September 2024, Coos County payroll employment rose by 270 jobs, a gain of 1.2%. Employment gains occurred in leisure and hospitality (+90); private education and health services (+70); retail trade (+60); manufacturing (+60); and construction (+30). Government employment was up by 70 jobs. A loss of 40 jobs in local government excluding education and tribal was offset by gains in Indian tribal (+90), local education (+10), and state government (+30).

Curry County payroll employment increased by 60 jobs in September, mostly due to a seasonally expected increase of 70 jobs in local government education. Leisure and hospitality employment fell by 30 jobs. Private education and health services employment increased by 20 jobs.

Over the past year, Curry County payroll employment climbed by 140 jobs for an increase of 2.0%. Job gains were estimated in private education and health services (+70); financial activities (+60); manufacturing (+50); and leisure and hospitality (+30).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October and November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Jan. 13th, and the statewide data for October and November on Wednesday, Jan. 7th. The October employment survey jobs data will be released along with November's data, but there won't be October labor force or unemployment data published.

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.

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.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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Coos County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	September 2025	August 2025	September 2024	August 2025	September 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	27,504	27,773	26,954	-269	550
Unemployed	1,623	1,759	1,249	-136	374
Unemployment rate	5.9%	6.3%	4.6%	-0.4	1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>5.0%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.8</i>
Employed	25,881	26,014	25,705	-133	176
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,240	23,220	22,970	20	270
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>23,220</i>	<i>23,190</i>	<i>22,950</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>270</i>
Total private	17,560	17,600	17,360	-40	200
Mining, logging, and construction	1,450	1,490	1,450	-40	0
Mining and logging	310	330	340	-20	-30
Construction	1,140	1,160	1,110	-20	30
Manufacturing	1,550	1,560	1,490	-10	60
Wood product manufacturing	770	770	740	0	30
Food manufacturing	310	310	270	0	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,200	4,200	4,130	0	70
Wholesale trade	460	470	460	-10	0
Retail trade	2,960	2,980	2,900	-20	60
Food and beverage retailers	840	840	820	0	20
General merchandise retailers	710	710	720	0	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	780	750	770	30	10
Information	130	130	130	0	0
Financial activities	880	880	890	0	-10
Professional and business services	2,100	2,120	2,180	-20	-80
Private education and health services	3,400	3,340	3,330	60	70
Leisure and hospitality	3,270	3,300	3,180	-30	90
Other services	580	580	580	0	0
Government	5,680	5,620	5,610	60	70
Federal government	330	330	330	0	0
State government	480	480	470	0	10
Local government	4,870	4,810	4,810	60	60
Indian tribal	990	1,010	900	-20	90
Local education	1,460	1,370	1,450	90	10
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,420	2,430	2,460	-10	-40

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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Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,429	8,497	8,246	-68	183
Unemployed	562	579	427	-17	135
Unemployment rate	6.7%	6.8%	5.2%	-0.1	1.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6.8%</i>	<i>6.5%</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>1.0</i>
Employed	7,867	7,918	7,819	-51	48
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,870	6,810	6,730	60	140
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6,640</i>	<i>6,620</i>	<i>6,510</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>130</i>
Total private	5,510	5,520	5,400	-10	110
Mining, logging, and construction	490	480	490	10	0
Mining and logging	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	390	380	390	10	0
Manufacturing	710	710	660	0	50
Wood product manufacturing	580	580	540	0	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,190	1,200	1,240	-10	-50
Retail trade	960	960	1,000	0	-40
Information	50	50	40	0	10
Financial activities	360	360	300	0	60
Professional and business services	320	320	380	0	-60
Private education and health services	880	860	810	20	70
Health care	610	610	560	0	50
Leisure and hospitality	1,310	1,340	1,280	-30	30
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	50	50	40	0	10
Accommodation and food services	1,260	1,290	1,240	-30	20
Other services	200	200	200	0	0
Government	1,360	1,290	1,330	70	30
Federal government	120	120	110	0	10
State government	170	170	170	0	0
Local government	1,070	1,000	1,050	70	20
Local education	350	280	360	70	-10
Local government excluding educational services	720	720	690	0	30

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