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Employment on the South Coast: May 2026

South Coast Payroll Employment Shows Small Decline Over the Year

Coos County total payroll employment rose by 340 jobs in May. In private-sector industries, jobs were gained in professional and business services (+30); leisure and hospitality (+30); and construction (+30). Within the public sector, local government added 200 jobs over the month, with increases in local government education (+170); non-education and tribal local government (+20); and Indian tribal (+10).

Since May 2025 Coos County payroll employment fell 190 jobs for a loss of -0.8%. Jobs were lost in professional and business services (-100); manufacturing (-60); retail trade (-50); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-40); leisure and hospitality (-30); and mining and logging (-20). Industries adding jobs over the year were private education and health services (+70) and construction (+50). Government added 20 jobs over the year, mostly due to a gain of 50 jobs in Indian tribal local government. Federal government fell by 30 jobs since May 2025.

Curry County payroll employment rose by 140 jobs in May. Leisure and hospitality added 90 jobs, and trade, transportation, and utilities gained 20 jobs over the month. Other published industries showed little job change in May.

Over the past year Curry County payroll was essentially unchanged and was estimated at 6,610 jobs in May. Job losses were estimated in retail trade (-40); other services (-10); and construction (-10). Health care added 20 jobs since May 2025. Government added 20 jobs over the year with local government (+30) rising and federal government jobs (-10) dropping 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--				
	May 2026	April 2026	May 2025	April 2026	May 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	27,411	26,986	27,313	425	98
Unemployed	1,453	1,379	1,437	74	16
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.1%	5.3%	0.2	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	0.0	0.0
Employed	25,958	25,607	25,876	351	82
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,170	22,830	23,360	340	-190
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,890	22,870	23,090	20	-200
Total private	17,040	16,890	17,250	150	-210
Mining, logging, and construction	1,460	1,430	1,430	30	30
Mining and logging	290	280	310	10	-20
Construction	1,170	1,150	1,120	20	50
Manufacturing	1,480	1,470	1,540	10	-60
Wood product manufacturing	720	720	750	0	-30
Food manufacturing	270	260	310	10	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,040	4,020	4,150	20	-110
Wholesale trade	460	450	480	10	-20
Retail trade	2,850	2,850	2,900	0	-50
Food and beverage retailers	800	800	830	0	-30
General merchandise retailers	720	730	710	-10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	730	720	770	10	-40
Information	120	120	130	0	-10
Financial activities	850	840	830	10	20
Professional and business services	1,980	1,950	2,080	30	-100
Private education and health services	3,390	3,380	3,320	10	70
Leisure and hospitality	3,150	3,120	3,180	30	-30
Other services	570	560	590	10	-20
Government	6,130	5,940	6,110	190	20
Federal government	320	330	350	-10	-30
State government	470	470	470	0	0
Local government	5,340	5,140	5,290	200	50
Indian tribal	1,070	1,060	1,020	10	50
Local education	1,840	1,670	1,850	170	-10
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,430	2,410	2,420	20	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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	May 2026	April 2026	May 2025	April 2026	May 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,390	8,264	8,343	126	47
Unemployed	489	477	502	12	-13
Unemployment rate	5.8%	5.8%	6.0%	0.0	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.3%	6.3%	6.5%	0.0	-0.2
Employed	7,901	7,787	7,841	114	60
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,670	6,530	6,660	140	10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,610	6,570	6,600	40	10
Total private	5,320	5,190	5,330	130	-10
Mining, logging, and construction	450	440	450	10	0
Mining and logging	100	100	90	0	10
Construction	350	340	360	10	-10
Manufacturing	700	700	690	0	10
Wood product manufacturing	570	580	570	-10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,160	1,140	1,200	20	-40
Retail trade	930	920	970	10	-40
Information	50	50	40	0	10
Financial activities	320	320	320	0	0
Professional and business services	340	330	330	10	10
Private education and health services	880	880	870	0	10
Health care	620	620	600	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	1,230	1,140	1,230	90	0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	50	40	50	10	0
Accommodation and food services	1,180	1,100	1,180	80	0
Other services	190	190	200	0	-10
Government	1,350	1,340	1,330	10	20
Federal government	100	90	110	10	-10
State government	160	160	160	0	0
Local government	1,090	1,090	1,060	0	30
Local education	350	350	360	0	-10
Local government excluding educational services	740	740	700	0	40

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