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Employment on the South Coast: July 2026

South Coast Payroll Employment Shows Small Decline Over the Year

Coos County total payroll employment fell by 470 jobs in July, mostly due to a seasonally expected decrease of 470 jobs in local government education. Other industries with estimated job changes were construction (+20), and professional and business services (+20). Industries that showed losses included transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-40), and private education and health services (-20).

Since July 2025 Coos County payroll employment fell by 450 jobs for a loss of 2.0%. Jobs were lost in manufacturing (-150); professional and business services (-120); leisure and hospitality (-120); retail trade (-80); and construction (-70). Industries adding jobs over the year were private education and health services (+100) and financial activities (+10). Government added 40 jobs over the year, mostly due to a gain of 110 jobs in Indian tribal local government. Federal government fell by 20 jobs since July 2025.

Curry County payroll employment fell by 30 jobs in July. Local government education employment decreased by 120 jobs. In private-sector industries, the only notable change was a gain of 60 jobs in leisure and hospitality. Other published industries showed little or no estimated employment change in July.

Over the past year Curry County payrolls slipped slightly, down by 20 jobs to an estimated 6,670 jobs in July. Job losses were estimated in construction (-30); leisure and hospitality (-30); and local government education (-20). On the positive side, jobs were added in professional and business services (+20); retail trade (+20); and local government excluding educational services (+20).

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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--				
	July 2026	June 2026	July 2025	June 2026	July 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	27,106	27,192	27,631	-86	-525
Unemployed	1,640	1,553	1,727	87	-87
Unemployment rate	6.1%	5.7%	6.3%	0.4	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>6.0%</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>-0.3</i>
Employed	25,466	25,639	25,904	-173	-438
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,390	22,860	22,840	-470	-450
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>22,440</i>	<i>22,460</i>	<i>22,890</i>	<i>-20</i>	<i>-450</i>
Total private	16,810	16,820	17,300	-10	-490
Mining, logging, and construction	1,420	1,400	1,510	20	-90
Mining and logging	300	300	320	0	-20
Construction	1,120	1,100	1,190	20	-70
Manufacturing	1,400	1,390	1,550	10	-150
Wood product manufacturing	710	700	740	10	-30
Food manufacturing	240	230	320	10	-80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,060	4,090	4,150	-30	-90
Wholesale trade	480	470	500	10	-20
Retail trade	2,850	2,850	2,930	0	-80
Food and beverage retailers	790	800	850	-10	-60
General merchandise retailers	700	710	710	-10	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	730	770	720	-40	10
Information	120	120	130	0	-10
Financial activities	840	830	830	10	10
Professional and business services	1,950	1,930	2,070	20	-120
Private education and health services	3,350	3,370	3,250	-20	100
Leisure and hospitality	3,120	3,130	3,240	-10	-120
Other services	550	560	570	-10	-20
Government	5,580	6,040	5,540	-460	40
Federal government	310	310	330	0	-20
State government	480	480	490	0	-10
Local government	4,790	5,250	4,720	-460	70
Indian tribal	1,100	1,090	990	10	110
Local education	1,270	1,740	1,320	-470	-50
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,420	2,420	2,410	0	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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	July 2026	June 2026	July 2025	June 2026	July 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,450	8,463	8,500	-13	-50
Unemployed	499	532	582	-33	-83
Unemployment rate	5.9%	6.3%	6.8%	-0.4	-0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.2%	6.3%	6.8%	-0.1	-0.6
Employed	7,951	7,931	7,918	20	33
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,670	6,700	6,690	-30	-20
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,590	6,580	6,610	10	-20
Total private	5,460	5,380	5,470	80	-10
Mining, logging, and construction	460	460	480	0	-20
Mining and logging	110	110	100	0	10
Construction	350	350	380	0	-30
Manufacturing	710	710	700	0	10
Wood product manufacturing	590	590	580	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,240	1,220	1,220	20	20
Retail trade	980	980	960	0	20
Information	40	40	50	0	-10
Financial activities	320	310	320	10	0
Professional and business services	320	330	300	-10	20
Private education and health services	860	860	850	0	10
Health care	610	600	600	10	10
Leisure and hospitality	1,310	1,250	1,340	60	-30
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	40	40	50	0	-10
Accommodation and food services	1,270	1,210	1,290	60	-20
Other services	200	200	210	0	-10
Government	1,210	1,320	1,220	-110	-10
Federal government	100	100	110	0	-10
State government	180	170	180	10	0
Local government	930	1,050	930	-120	0
Local education	220	340	240	-120	-20
Local government excluding educational services	710	710	690	0	20

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