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Employment on the South Coast: October 2026
South Coast Payroll Employment Trends Are Mixed Over the Year

Coos County total payroll employment rose by 240 jobs in October. A gain of 300 jobs in local education was the largest contributor to the month's increase. The only other industry posting a notable gain was wood product manufacturing, which added 20 jobs. Small losses were estimated in leisure and hospitality (-40) and food manufacturing (-20).

Since October 2025 Coos County payroll employment grew by 130 jobs for a gain of 0.6%. Jobs were lost in construction (-80); leisure and hospitality (-70); and mining and logging (-40). Industries adding jobs over the year were professional and business services (+120) and retail trade (+50). Government added 160 jobs over the year, mostly due to a gain of 230 jobs in Indian tribal local government. Non education and tribal local government fell by 30 jobs over the year. Local government education lost 50 jobs since September 2025.

Curry County payroll employment fell by 100 jobs in October. A seasonally typical loss of 70 jobs was accompanied by smaller declines in retail trade (-20) and government (-20).

Over the past year Curry County payroll slipped slightly, down by 70 jobs and was estimated to be 6,520 jobs in October. Job losses were tallied in financial activities (-70), professional and business services (-30), and construction (-20). A few Curry County sectors added jobs since October 2025 including health care (+30), retail trade (+20), and leisure and hospitality (+20).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, Dec. 22, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

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. There are no household survey estimates for October 2025. Household survey data, which provide the primary inputs to the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program, were not collected for October 2025 due to the federal government shutdown and were not collected retroactively. Therefore, this release does not include the typical analysis of over-the-year unemployment rate changes from October 2025 to October 2026.

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--	
	October 2026	September 2026	October 2025	September 2026	October 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	27,434	27,191	NA	243	NA
Unemployed	1,320	1,275	NA	45	NA
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.7%	NA	0.1	NA
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	*5.4%*	*5.5%*	*NA*	*-0.1*	*NA*
Employed	26,114	25,916	NA	198	NA
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,050	22,810	22,920	240	130
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	*22,990*	*22,860*	*22,860*	*130*	*130*
Total private	17,050	17,100	17,080	-50	-30
Mining, logging, and construction	1,380	1,380	1,500	0	-120
Mining and logging	280	280	320	0	-40
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,180	0	-80
Manufacturing	1,500	1,490	1,500	10	0
Wood product manufacturing	750	730	740	20	10
Food manufacturing	280	300	280	-20	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,120	4,130	4,070	-10	50
Wholesale trade	470	480	450	-10	20
Retail trade	2,890	2,900	2,840	-10	50
Food and beverage retailers	780	790	830	-10	-50
General merchandise retailers	770	780	690	-10	80
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	760	750	780	10	-20
Information	110	110	120	0	-10
Financial activities	830	830	830	0	0
Professional and business services	2,120	2,130	2,000	-10	120
Private education and health services	3,350	3,360	3,360	-10	-10
Leisure and hospitality	3,080	3,120	3,150	-40	-70
Other services	560	550	550	10	10
Government	6,000	5,710	5,840	290	160
Federal government	320	330	310	-10	10
State government	460	460	460	0	0
Local government	5,220	4,920	5,070	300	150
Indian tribal	1,190	1,200	960	-10	230
Local education	1,680	1,380	1,730	300	-50
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,350	2,340	2,380	10	-30

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

				--Change From--	
	October 2026	September 2026	October 2025	September 2026	October 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,224	8,306	NA	-82	NA
Unemployed	419	401	NA	18	NA
Unemployment rate	5.1%	4.8%	NA	0.3	NA
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	*5.8%*	*5.9%*	*NA*	*-0.1*	*NA*
Employed	7,805	7,905	NA	-100	NA
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,520	6,620	6,590	-100	-70
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	*6,490*	*6,450*	*6,550*	*40*	*-60*
Total private	5,200	5,280	5,280	-80	-80
Mining, logging, and construction	440	460	460	-20	-20
Mining and logging	100	110	100	-10	0
Construction	340	350	360	-10	-20
Manufacturing	700	700	710	0	-10
Wood product manufacturing	570	580	590	-10	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,170	1,180	1,150	-10	20
Retail trade	940	960	920	-20	20
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	260	250	330	10	-70
Professional and business services	300	300	330	0	-30
Private education and health services	910	900	880	10	30
Health care	650	640	620	10	30
Leisure and hospitality	1,190	1,260	1,170	-70	20
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	50	50	40	0	10
Accommodation and food services	1,140	1,210	1,130	-70	10
Other services	180	180	200	0	-20
Government	1,320	1,340	1,310	-20	10
Federal government	110	110	90	0	20
State government	160	170	160	-10	0
Local government	1,050	1,060	1,060	-10	-10
Local education	340	340	350	0	-10
Local government excluding educational services	710	720	710	-10	0

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