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Employment on the South Coast: January 2026 Coos County Payroll Employment Rises Over the Year

Coos County total payroll employment fell by 340 jobs in January, with the largest declines due to seasonally typical losses in local government education (-140), and retail trade (-50). Other industries losing jobs were transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-40); construction (-30); professional and business services (-30); and private education and health services (-30). Government employment slipped by 140 jobs in January, largely due to a decline of 140 jobs in local government education.

Since January 2025 Coos County payroll employment rose by 160 jobs, a gain of 0.7%. Employment gains occurred in private education and health services (+120); leisure and hospitality (+50); manufacturing (+50); and construction (+40). Losses were estimated in professional and business services (-120); mining and logging (-30); and information (-20). Government employment fell by 10 jobs. Local government excluding education and tribal employment fell by 60 jobs while Indian tribal local government employment rose by 30 jobs over the year. Federal (+20) and state government (+10) both added jobs.

Curry County payroll employment fell by 100 jobs in January, mostly due to seasonally typical declines of 30 jobs in leisure and hospitality and 20 jobs in construction. Other sectors showed little job movement.

Over the past year Curry County payroll employment slipped by 90 jobs, a loss of 1.4%. Industries shedding jobs over the year were retail trade (-60); leisure and hospitality (-60); professional and business services (-40); and financial activities (-40). Manufacturing employment rose by 60 over the year. Government added 40 jobs over the year with local government (+20), federal (+10), and state government (+10) all up 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--				
	January 2026	December 2025	January 2025	December 2025	January 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	27,119	27,160	26,960	-41	159
Unemployed	1,753	1,559	1,652	194	101
Unemployment rate	6.5%	5.7%	6.1%	0.8	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.9%	6.0%	5.0%	-0.1	0.9
Employed	25,366	25,601	25,308	-235	58
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,680	23,020	22,520	-340	160
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,190	22,980	23,030	210	160
Total private	16,950	17,150	16,780	-200	170
Mining, logging, and construction	1,390	1,420	1,380	-30	10
Mining and logging	290	290	320	0	-30
Construction	1,100	1,130	1,060	-30	40
Manufacturing	1,560	1,560	1,510	0	50
Wood product manufacturing	780	780	740	0	40
Food manufacturing	290	280	300	10	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,120	4,210	4,070	-90	50
Wholesale trade	460	460	450	0	10
Retail trade	2,860	2,910	2,860	-50	0
Food and beverage retailers	830	840	810	-10	20
General merchandise retailers	700	720	700	-20	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	800	840	760	-40	40
Information	120	120	140	0	-20
Financial activities	840	830	810	10	30
Professional and business services	2,020	2,050	2,140	-30	-120
Private education and health services	3,310	3,340	3,190	-30	120
Leisure and hospitality	3,040	3,060	2,990	-20	50
Other services	550	560	550	-10	0
Government	5,730	5,870	5,740	-140	-10
Federal government	340	350	320	-10	20
State government	470	470	460	0	10
Local government	4,920	5,050	4,960	-130	-40
Indian tribal	960	970	930	-10	30
Local education	1,560	1,700	1,570	-140	-10
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,400	2,380	2,460	20	-60

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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	January 2026	December 2025	January 2025	December 2025	January 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,147	8,141	8,260	6	-113
Unemployed	616	540	550	76	66
Unemployment rate	7.6%	6.6%	6.7%	1.0	0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.7%	6.9%	5.6%	-0.2	1.1
Employed	7,531	7,601	7,710	-70	-179
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,380	6,480	6,470	-100	-90
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,550	6,570	6,650	-20	-100
Total private	5,050	5,150	5,180	-100	-130
Mining, logging, and construction	450	470	450	-20	0
Mining and logging	100	100	90	0	10
Construction	350	370	360	-20	-10
Manufacturing	730	720	670	10	60
Wood product manufacturing	590	590	550	0	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,130	1,160	1,190	-30	-60
Retail trade	910	920	970	-10	-60
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	290	300	330	-10	-40
Professional and business services	310	310	350	0	-40
Private education and health services	870	880	860	-10	10
Health care	600	610	600	-10	0
Leisure and hospitality	1,020	1,050	1,080	-30	-60
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	40	40	40	0	0
Accommodation and food services	980	1,010	1,040	-30	-60
Other services	200	210	200	-10	0
Government	1,330	1,330	1,290	0	40
Federal government	100	100	90	0	10
State government	170	170	160	0	10
Local government	1,060	1,060	1,040	0	20
Local education	350	350	360	0	-10
Local government excluding educational services	710	710	680	0	30

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