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Employment on the South Coast: April 2026

South Coast Payroll Employment Shows Small Declines Over the Year

Coos County total payroll employment slipped by 90 jobs in April, mostly due to a seasonally typical loss of 170 jobs in local government education. Job gains were estimated in leisure and hospitality (+50) and professional and business services (+20). Local government excluding education and tribal lost 20 jobs in April.

Since April 2025 Coos County payroll employment fell 180 jobs for a loss of -0.8%. Jobs were lost in professional and business services (-90); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-70); retail trade (-70); and mining and logging (-40). Industries adding jobs over the year were private education and health services (+70) and construction (+30). Government added 50 jobs over the year, mostly due to a gain of 60 jobs in Indian tribal local government.

Curry County payroll employment rose by 60 jobs in April. Leisure and hospitality added 60 jobs, and financial activities gained 20 jobs over the month. Other published industries showed little job change in April.

Over the past year Curry County payroll fell by 60 jobs, a loss of -0.9%. Job losses were estimated in retail trade (-50); financial activities (-30); and construction (-30). Health care added 20 jobs since April 2025. Government added 20 jobs over the year with local government (+20) rising and federal government jobs (-10) going down 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--				
	April 2026	March 2026	April 2025	March 2026	April 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	27,002	27,289	27,082	-287	-80
Unemployed	1,388	1,587	1,381	-199	7
Unemployment rate	5.1%	5.8%	5.1%	-0.7	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	5.7%	5.1%	-0.1	0.5
Employed	25,614	25,702	25,701	-88	-87
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,820	22,910	23,000	-90	-180
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,860	23,010	23,050	-150	-190
Total private	16,880	16,790	17,110	90	-230
Mining, logging, and construction	1,430	1,420	1,440	10	-10
Mining and logging	280	280	320	0	-40
Construction	1,150	1,140	1,120	10	30
Manufacturing	1,470	1,470	1,470	0	0
Wood product manufacturing	720	720	740	0	-20
Food manufacturing	260	260	260	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,020	4,020	4,170	0	-150
Wholesale trade	450	450	460	0	-10
Retail trade	2,850	2,840	2,920	10	-70
Food and beverage retailers	800	800	820	0	-20
General merchandise retailers	730	720	720	10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	720	730	790	-10	-70
Information	120	120	130	0	-10
Financial activities	840	840	840	0	0
Professional and business services	1,950	1,930	2,040	20	-90
Private education and health services	3,380	3,380	3,310	0	70
Leisure and hospitality	3,110	3,060	3,130	50	-20
Other services	560	550	580	10	-20
Government	5,940	6,120	5,890	-180	50
Federal government	330	320	340	10	-10
State government	470	470	470	0	0
Local government	5,140	5,330	5,080	-190	60
Indian tribal	1,060	1,060	1,000	0	60
Local education	1,670	1,840	1,680	-170	-10
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,410	2,430	2,400	-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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	April 2026	March 2026	April 2025	March 2026	April 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,266	8,264	8,306	2	-40
Unemployed	478	540	481	-62	-3
Unemployment rate	5.8%	6.5%	5.8%	-0.7	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.3%	6.4%	5.6%	-0.1	0.7
Employed	7,788	7,724	7,825	64	-37
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,530	6,470	6,590	60	-60
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,570	6,590	6,640	-20	-70
Total private	5,190	5,130	5,270	60	-80
Mining, logging, and construction	440	450	460	-10	-20
Mining and logging	100	100	90	0	10
Construction	340	350	370	-10	-30
Manufacturing	700	710	690	-10	10
Wood product manufacturing	580	580	570	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,140	1,130	1,190	10	-50
Retail trade	920	910	970	10	-50
Information	50	50	40	0	10
Financial activities	320	300	350	20	-30
Professional and business services	330	340	330	-10	0
Private education and health services	880	880	870	0	10
Health care	620	620	600	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	1,140	1,080	1,140	60	0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	40	40	40	0	0
Accommodation and food services	1,100	1,040	1,100	60	0
Other services	190	190	200	0	-10
Government	1,340	1,340	1,320	0	20
Federal government	90	90	100	0	-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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