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Employment on the South Coast: August 2026

South Coast Payroll Employment Shows Small Decline Over the Year

Coos County total payroll employment climbed by 140 jobs in August. Local government education had the largest job gain, up by 50 over the month. Smaller increases were also estimated in private education and health services (+30), and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+20). Other published sectors showed little job change over the month.

Since August 2025 Coos County payroll employment fell 320 jobs for a loss of 1.4%. Jobs were lost in manufacturing (-130); professional and business services (-130); leisure and hospitality (-110); construction (-90); and retail trade (-40). Industries adding jobs over the year were private education and health services (+80) and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+30). Government added 60 jobs over the year, mostly due to a gain of 130 jobs in Indian tribal local government. Local government education lost 30 jobs and federal government fell by 20 jobs since August 2025.

Curry County payroll employment rose by 50 jobs in August. The largest gain was in local government education, which added 30 jobs over the month. Local government excluding educational services added 20 jobs. Private-sector industries showed little job change in August.

Over the past year Curry County payroll decreased slightly, down by 30 jobs and was estimated at 6,720 jobs in August. Job losses were estimated in construction (-30); leisure and hospitality (-30); and local government education (-30). On the positive side, jobs were added in professional and business services (+20); health care (+20); retail trade (+20); and local government excluding educational services (+20).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, Oct. 20, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

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.

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--				
	August 2026	July 2026	August 2025	July 2026	August 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	27,226	27,103	27,608	123	-382
Unemployed	1,549	1,630	1,754	-81	-205
Unemployment rate	5.7%	6.0%	6.4%	-0.3	-0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>6.1%</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>-0.5</i>
Employed	25,677	25,473	25,854	204	-177
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,520	22,380	22,840	140	-320
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>22,520</i>	<i>22,430</i>	<i>22,830</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>-310</i>
Total private	16,890	16,800	17,270	90	-380
Mining, logging, and construction	1,420	1,410	1,520	10	-100
Mining and logging	310	300	320	10	-10
Construction	1,110	1,110	1,200	0	-90
Manufacturing	1,410	1,400	1,540	10	-130
Wood product manufacturing	720	710	740	10	-20
Food manufacturing	240	240	320	0	-80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,100	4,070	4,080	30	20
Wholesale trade	480	480	470	0	10
Retail trade	2,870	2,860	2,890	10	-20
Food and beverage retailers	800	790	840	10	-40
General merchandise retailers	720	710	700	10	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	750	730	720	20	30
Information	120	120	120	0	0
Financial activities	840	840	830	0	10
Professional and business services	1,950	1,950	2,080	0	-130
Private education and health services	3,370	3,340	3,290	30	80
Leisure and hospitality	3,130	3,120	3,240	10	-110
Other services	550	550	570	0	-20
Government	5,630	5,580	5,570	50	60
Federal government	310	310	330	0	-20
State government	480	480	480	0	0
Local government	4,840	4,790	4,760	50	80
Indian tribal	1,110	1,100	980	10	130
Local education	1,320	1,270	1,350	50	-30
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,410	2,420	2,430	-10	-20

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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	August 2026	July 2026	August 2025	July 2026	August 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,506	8,454	8,538	52	-32
Unemployed	459	497	568	-38	-109
Unemployment rate	5.4%	5.9%	6.7%	-0.5	-1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6.1%</i>	<i>6.2%</i>	<i>6.9%</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>-0.8</i>
Employed	8,047	7,957	7,970	90	77
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,720	6,670	6,750	50	-30
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6,550</i>	<i>6,590</i>	<i>6,580</i>	<i>-40</i>	<i>-30</i>
Total private	5,460	5,460	5,470	0	-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	700	710	700	-10	0
Wood product manufacturing	590	590	580	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,240	1,240	1,220	0	20
Retail trade	990	980	970	10	20
Information	40	40	50	0	-10
Financial activities	320	320	320	0	0
Professional and business services	320	320	300	0	20
Private education and health services	860	860	840	0	20
Health care	610	610	590	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	1,320	1,310	1,350	10	-30
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	40	40	50	0	-10
Accommodation and food services	1,280	1,270	1,300	10	-20
Other services	200	200	210	0	-10
Government	1,260	1,210	1,280	50	-20
Federal government	100	100	120	0	-20
State government	180	180	170	0	10
Local government	980	930	990	50	-10
Local education	250	220	280	30	-30
Local government excluding educational services	730	710	710	20	20

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