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Employment on the South Coast: September 2026

South Coast Payroll Employment Shows Mixed Trends Over the Year

Coos County total payroll employment was essentially unchanged in September and was estimated at 22,530 jobs. Over the month, professional and business services gained 90 jobs, and local government education rose by 70 jobs. Job losses were estimated in leisure and hospitality (-30); retail trade (-30); and construction (-20). Non-education and tribal local government employment fell by 60 jobs in September.

Since September 2025 Coos County payroll employment fell by 170 jobs for a loss of 0.7%. Jobs were lost in manufacturing (-120); leisure and hospitality (-100); construction (-70); and retail trade (-30). Industries adding jobs over the year were private education and health services (+80) and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+40). Government added 30 jobs over the year, mostly due to a gain of 140 jobs in Indian tribal local government. Non education and tribal local government fell by 50 jobs over the year. Local government education lost 40 jobs, and federal government fell by 20 jobs since September 2025.

Curry County payroll employment rose by 60 jobs in September. The largest gain was in local government education, which added 90 jobs over the month. Leisure and hospitality lost 50 jobs over the month. Other private-sector industries showed little job change in September.

Over the past year Curry County payroll rose slightly, up by 80 jobs, and was estimated at 6,780 jobs in September. The only notable job loss was in construction, down by 40 jobs. On the positive side, jobs were added in retail trade (+50); financial activities (+20); health care (+20); and local government excluding educational services (+20).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, Nov. 24, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Wednesday, Nov. 18.

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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--				
	September 2026	August 2026	September 2025	August 2026	September 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	26,940	27,213	27,267	-273	-327
Unemployed	1,285	1,541	1,616	-256	-331
Unemployment rate	4.8%	5.7%	5.9%	-0.9	-1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.5%	5.6%	6.1%	-0.1	-0.6
Employed	25,655	25,672	25,651	-17	4
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,530	22,520	22,700	10	-170
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,580	22,520	22,740	60	-160
Total private	16,890	16,880	17,090	10	-200
Mining, logging, and construction	1,390	1,420	1,460	-30	-70
Mining and logging	300	310	300	-10	0
Construction	1,090	1,110	1,160	-20	-70
Manufacturing	1,400	1,410	1,520	-10	-120
Wood product manufacturing	720	720	740	0	-20
Food manufacturing	230	240	300	-10	-70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,080	4,100	4,060	-20	20
Wholesale trade	470	480	460	-10	10
Retail trade	2,840	2,870	2,870	-30	-30
Food and beverage retailers	790	800	840	-10	-50
General merchandise retailers	720	720	700	0	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	770	750	730	20	40
Information	120	120	120	0	0
Financial activities	840	840	830	0	10
Professional and business services	2,040	1,950	2,050	90	-10
Private education and health services	3,380	3,370	3,300	10	80
Leisure and hospitality	3,090	3,120	3,190	-30	-100
Other services	550	550	560	0	-10
Government	5,640	5,640	5,610	0	30
Federal government	310	310	330	0	-20
State government	480	480	480	0	0
Local government	4,850	4,850	4,800	0	50
Indian tribal	1,100	1,110	960	-10	140
Local education	1,390	1,320	1,430	70	-40
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,360	2,420	2,410	-60	-50

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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	September 2026	August 2026	September 2025	August 2026	September 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,444	8,505	8,411	-61	33
Unemployed	400	459	548	-59	-148
Unemployment rate	4.7%	5.4%	6.5%	-0.7	-1.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.9%</i>	<i>6.1%</i>	<i>6.9%</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>-1.0</i>
Employed	8,044	8,046	7,863	-2	181
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,780	6,720	6,700	60	80
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6,600</i>	<i>6,550</i>	<i>6,530</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>70</i>
Total private	5,420	5,460	5,350	-40	70
Mining, logging, and construction	460	460	490	0	-30
Mining and logging	110	110	100	0	10
Construction	350	350	390	0	-40
Manufacturing	710	700	710	10	0
Wood product manufacturing	590	590	580	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,230	1,240	1,180	-10	50
Retail trade	990	990	940	0	50
Information	50	40	50	10	0
Financial activities	310	320	290	-10	20
Professional and business services	320	320	310	0	10
Private education and health services	870	860	850	10	20
Health care	610	610	590	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	1,270	1,320	1,270	-50	0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	40	40	50	0	-10
Accommodation and food services	1,230	1,280	1,220	-50	10
Other services	200	200	200	0	0
Government	1,360	1,260	1,350	100	10
Federal government	100	100	110	0	-10
State government	180	180	180	0	0
Local government	1,080	980	1,060	100	20
Local education	340	250	340	90	0
Local government excluding educational services	740	730	720	10	20

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