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Employment in South Coast: February 2024

Coos County Adds Jobs While Curry County Loses Jobs Over the Year

Coos County total payroll employment increased in February, up by 330 jobs. Private sector employment climbed by 70 jobs. Government sector rose by 260, essentially due to a gain of 260 jobs in local government education. Industries losing an estimated 20 jobs each over the month were private education and health services; and transportation, warehousing, and utilities. Industries adding jobs in February included professional and business services (+60), leisure and hospitality (+30), and construction (+20).

Coos County payroll employment rose by 220 jobs over the past year. Gains were estimated in professional and business services (+90), private education and health services (+60), leisure and hospitality (+40), and wholesale trade (+30). Industries with job losses since February 2023 included manufacturing (-60), retail trade (-30), and financial activities (-30).

Curry County payroll employment added 90 jobs in February. Accommodations and food services added 20 jobs, as employment began its seasonal upturn. Mining, logging, and construction added 20 jobs over the month.

Over the past year, Curry County lost 170 payroll employment jobs. Industries with estimated job gains included private education and health services (+20) and wood product manufacturing (+20). On the other hand, a few industries showed slight job losses since February 2023, including retail trade (-110), construction (-70), and leisure and hospitality (-40).

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Coos County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2024	January 2024	February 2023	January 2024	February 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	27,512	27,098	26,683	414	829
Unemployed	1,572	1,594	1,285	-22	287
Unemployment rate	5.7%	5.9%	4.8%	-0.2	0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	4.6%	5.8%	0.2	-1.0
Employed	25,940	25,504	25,398	436	542
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,430	23,100	23,210	330	220
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,550	23,570	23,340	-20	210
Total private	17,590	17,520	17,540	70	50
Mining, logging, and construction	1,430	1,410	1,420	20	10
Mining and logging	350	350	340	0	10
Construction	1,080	1,060	1,080	20	0
Manufacturing	1,470	1,470	1,530	0	-60
Wood product manufacturing	760	750	760	10	0
Food manufacturing	250	260	290	-10	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,270	4,290	4,300	-20	-30
Wholesale trade	480	480	450	0	30
Retail trade	2,940	2,940	2,970	0	-30
Food and beverage retailers	850	860	870	-10	-20
General merchandise retailers	710	700	720	10	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	850	870	880	-20	-30
Information	140	140	150	0	-10
Financial activities	880	880	910	0	-30
Professional and business services	2,510	2,450	2,420	60	90
Private education and health services	3,290	3,310	3,230	-20	60
Leisure and hospitality	3,050	3,020	3,010	30	40
Other services	550	550	570	0	-20
Government	5,840	5,580	5,670	260	170
Federal government	320	310	310	10	10
State government	440	450	440	-10	0
Local government	5,080	4,820	4,920	260	160
Indian tribal	880	870	830	10	50
Local education	1,740	1,480	1,770	260	-30
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,460	2,470	2,320	-10	140

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--				
	February 2024	January 2024	February 2023	January 2024	February 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	9,052	8,945	8,992	107	60
Unemployed	577	629	476	-52	101
Unemployment rate	6.4%	7.0%	5.3%	-0.6	1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.9%</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>6.1%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>-1.2</i>
Employed	8,475	8,316	8,516	159	-41
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,520	6,430	6,690	90	-170
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6,710</i>	<i>6,690</i>	<i>6,880</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>-170</i>
Total private	5,280	5,210	5,440	70	-160
Mining, logging, and construction	460	440	520	20	-60
Mining and logging	110	100	100	10	10
Construction	350	340	420	10	-70
Manufacturing	660	650	650	10	10
Wood product manufacturing	540	530	520	10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,260	1,260	1,350	0	-90
Retail trade	980	970	1,090	10	-110
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	320	320	330	0	-10
Professional and business services	330	320	330	10	0
Private education and health services	860	850	840	10	20
Health care	600	600	590	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	1,150	1,130	1,190	20	-40
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	40	40	40	0	0
Accommodation and food services	1,110	1,090	1,150	20	-40
Other services	190	190	180	0	10
Government	1,240	1,220	1,250	20	-10
Federal government	100	90	90	10	10
State government	140	140	130	0	10
Local government	1,000	990	1,030	10	-30
Local education	360	350	360	10	0
Local government excluding educational services	640	640	670	0	-30

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