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## **Employment in South Coast: August 2024** **South Coast Employment Rises in August, Down Over the Year**

Coos County total payroll employment rose by 190 jobs in August. Industries gaining jobs included professional and business services (+60); leisure and hospitality (+30); and private education and health services (+20). Local government added 80 jobs over the month with increases in local government excluding education and tribal (40); local education (+30); and Indian tribal (+10).

Since August 2023, Coos County has lost 320 payroll jobs, a decline of 1.4%. Employment gains occurred in private education and health services (+50); leisure and hospitality (+50); and other services (+30). The largest job losses occurred in professional and business services, down by 460 jobs. Other industries with job losses included transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-60); retail trade (-40); wholesale trade (-30); and mining and logging (-30). Government employment rose by 200 jobs over the year, with local government (+190) and federal government (+10) accounting for the gain.

Curry County payroll employment added 100 jobs in August. Local government gained the most, up by 80 jobs. Within local government, local government excluding educational services gained 60 jobs and local education employment rose by 20.

Over the past year, Curry County lost 280 payroll employment jobs. Industries showing job losses since August 2023 included leisure and hospitality (-120); retail trade (-80); and construction; (-20). Government employment rose by 40, with all of the increase occurring in local government excluding educational services.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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--				
	August 2024	July 2024	August 2023	July 2024	August 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	26,681	26,469	26,985	212	-304
Unemployed	1,309	1,372	1,268	-63	41
Unemployment rate	4.9%	5.2%	4.7%	-0.3	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.7%	4.5%	0.0	0.2
Employed	25,372	25,097	25,717	275	-345
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	22,860	22,670	23,180	190	-320
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,820	22,730	23,140	90	-320
Total private	17,310	17,200	17,830	110	-520
Mining, logging, and construction	1,480	1,490	1,530	-10	-50
Mining and logging	340	340	370	0	-30
Construction	1,140	1,150	1,160	-10	-20
Manufacturing	1,510	1,520	1,510	-10	0
Wood product manufacturing	730	740	750	-10	-20
Food manufacturing	310	310	280	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,230	4,210	4,360	20	-130
Wholesale trade	450	450	480	0	-30
Retail trade	2,980	2,970	3,020	10	-40
Food and beverage retailers	850	850	870	0	-20
General merchandise retailers	740	740	720	0	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	800	790	860	10	-60
Information	130	130	140	0	-10
Financial activities	860	860	860	0	0
Professional and business services	2,020	1,960	2,480	60	-460
Private education and health services	3,260	3,240	3,210	20	50
Leisure and hospitality	3,220	3,190	3,170	30	50
Other services	600	600	570	0	30
Government	5,550	5,470	5,350	80	200
Federal government	330	330	320	0	10
State government	470	470	470	0	0
Local government	4,750	4,670	4,560	80	190
Indian tribal	910	900	880	10	30
Local education	1,350	1,320	1,320	30	30
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,490	2,450	2,360	40	130

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 2024	July 2024	August 2023	July 2024	August 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	9,118	9,056	9,302	62	-184
Unemployed	440	504	426	-64	14
Unemployment rate	4.8%	5.6%	4.6%	-0.8	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.4%	4.6%	-0.1	0.7
Employed	8,678	8,552	8,876	126	-198
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	6,770	6,670	7,050	100	-280
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,590	6,530	6,860	60	-270
Total private	5,470	5,440	5,790	30	-320
Mining, logging, and construction	480	470	510	10	-30
Mining and logging	110	110	120	0	-10
Construction	370	360	390	10	-20
Manufacturing	640	640	640	0	0
Wood product manufacturing	530	530	510	0	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,230	1,240	1,370	-10	-140
Retail trade	970	970	1,050	0	-80
Information	40	40	50	0	-10
Financial activities	330	320	400	10	-70
Professional and business services	360	360	350	0	10
Private education and health services	850	850	820	0	30
Health care	600	610	570	-10	30
Leisure and hospitality	1,340	1,330	1,460	10	-120
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	40	40	50	0	-10
Accommodation and food services	1,300	1,290	1,410	10	-110
Other services	200	190	190	10	10
Government	1,300	1,230	1,260	70	40
Federal government	110	120	110	-10	0
State government	160	160	160	0	0
Local government	1,030	950	990	80	40
Local education	280	260	280	20	0
Local government excluding educational services	750	690	710	60	40

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