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# **Employment in South Coast: October 2024 South Coast Employment Mixed Over the Year as Coos County Sees Gains**

Coos County total payroll employment rose by 260 jobs in October. Industries with estimated job losses in October were leisure and hospitality (-70), and food manufacturing (-20). Local government added 310 jobs over the month with an increase in local government education (+300) and a slight bump in local government excluding education and tribal (+10).

Since October 2023, Coos County has gained 470 payroll jobs, an increase of 2.0%. Employment gains occurred in other services (+100); leisure and hospitality (+70); professional and business services (+80); manufacturing (+80); and private education and health services (+60). The largest job loss occurred in retail trade, down by 100 jobs. Other industries with job losses included wholesale trade (-40), and mining and logging (-30). Government employment rose by 230 jobs over the year, with local government (+220) and state government (+10) accounting for the gain.

Curry County payroll employment fell by 120 jobs in October. Leisure and hospitality lost 70 jobs while trade, transportation, and utilities employment slipped by 30. Both state and federal government lost 10 jobs over the month.

Over the past year, Curry County lost 100 payroll employment jobs. Industries showing job declines since October 2023 included retail trade (-70), financial activities (-50), and private education and health services (-30). Leisure and hospitality (+50), and professional and business services (+30) added jobs since October 2023. Government employment rose by 40, with the increase occurring in local government excluding educational services.

## Next Press Releases

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### **Coos County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment**

|   |         |           |         | Change From |         |
|---|---------|-----------|---------|-------------|---------|
|   | October | September | October | September   | October |
|   | 2024    | 2024      | 2023    | 2024        | 2023    |
| Labor Force Status                              |         |           |         |             |         |
| Civilian labor force                            | 27,014  | 26,861    | 26,668  | 153         | 346     |
| Unemployed                                      | 1,203   | 1,224     | 1,108   | -21         | 95      |
| Unemployment rate                               | 4.5%    | 4.6%      | 4.2%    | -0.1        | 0.3     |
| Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)         | 4.8%    | 4.7%      | 4.6%    | 0.1         | 0.2     |
| Employed  | 25,811  | 25,637    | 25,560  | 174         | 251     |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment                      |         |           |         |             |         |
| Total nonfarm employment                        | 23,670  | 23,410    | 23,200  | 260         | 470     |
| Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)  | 23,570  | 23,410    | 23,100  | 160         | 470     |
| Total private                                   | 17,750  | 17,800    | 17,510  | -50         | 240     |
| Mining, logging, and construction               | 1,500   | 1,490     | 1,520   | 10          | -20     |
| Mining and logging                              | 330     | 330       | 360     | 0           | -30     |
| Construction                                    | 1,170   | 1,160     | 1,160   | 10          | 10      |
| Manufacturing                                   | 1,510   | 1,500     | 1,430   | 10          | 80      |
| Wood product manufacturing                      | 750     | 740       | 710     | 10          | 40      |
| Food manufacturing                              | 260     | 280       | 260     | -20         | 0       |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities            | 4,130   | 4,130     | 4,290   | 0           | -160    |
| Wholesale trade                                 | 420     | 420       | 460     | 0           | -40     |
| Retail trade                                    | 2,880   | 2,880     | 2,980   | 0           | -100    |
| Food and beverage retailers                     | 810     | 810       | 860     | 0           | -50     |
| General merchandise retailers                   | 710     | 720       | 720     | -10         | -10     |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities      | 830     | 830       | 850     | 0           | -20     |
| Information                                     | 140     | 140       | 140     | 0           | 0       |
| Financial activities                            | 880     | 890       | 850     | -10         | 30      |
| Professional and business services              | 2,390   | 2,390     | 2,310   | 0           | 80      |
| Private education and health services           | 3,370   | 3,360     | 3,310   | 10          | 60      |
| Leisure and hospitality                         | 3,170   | 3,240     | 3,100   | -70         | 70      |
| Other services                                  | 660     | 660       | 560     | 0           | 100     |
| Government                                      | 5,920   | 5,610     | 5,690   | 310         | 230     |
| Federal government                              | 310     | 310       | 310     | 0           | 0       |
| State government                                | 460     | 460       | 450     | 0           | 10      |
| Local government                                | 5,150   | 4,840     | 4,930   | 310         | 220     |
| Indian tribal                                   | 900     | 900       | 870     | 0           | 30      |
| Local education                                 | 1,730   | 1,430     | 1,690   | 300         | 40      |
| Local government excluding education and tribal | 2,520   | 2,510     | 2,370   | 10          | 150     |

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       |                 |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|   | October<br>2024 | September<br>2024 | October<br>2023 | September<br>2024 | October<br>2023 |
| Labor Force Status                              |                 |                   |                 |                   |                 |
| Civilian labor force                            | 8,967           | 9,095             | 8,942           | -128              | 25              |
| Unemployed                                      | 408             | 418               | 369             | -10               | 39              |
| Unemployment rate                               | 4.6%            | 4.6%              | 4.1%            | 0.0               | 0.5             |
| Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)         | 5.3%            | 5.3%              | 4.9%            | 0.0               | 0.4             |
| Employed  | 8,559           | 8,677             | 8,573           | -118              | -14             |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment                      |                 |                   |                 |                   |                 |
| Total nonfarm employment                        | 6,700           | 6,820             | 6,800           | -120              | -100            |
| Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)  | 6,630           | 6,590             | 6,720           | 40                | -90             |
| Total private                                   | 5,350           | 5,450             | 5,490           | -100              | -140            |
| Mining, logging, and construction               | 490             | 490               | 500             | 0                 | -10             |
| Mining and logging                              | 100             | 100               | 110             | 0                 | -10             |
| Construction                                    | 390             | 390               | 390             | 0                 | 0               |
| Manufacturing                                   | 650             | 660               | 640             | -10               | 10              |
| Wood product manufacturing                      | 540             | 540               | 510             | 0                 | 30              |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities            | 1,160           | 1,190             | 1,310           | -30               | -150            |
| Retail trade                                    | 950             | 960               | 1,020           | -10               | -70             |
| Information                                     | 50              | 40                | 50              | 10                | 0               |
| Financial activities                            | 310             | 310               | 360             | 0                 | -50             |
| Professional and business services              | 370             | 370               | 340             | 0                 | 30              |
| Private education and health services           | 820             | 820               | 850             | 0                 | -30             |
| Health care                                     | 580             | 570               | 580             | 10                | 0               |
| Leisure and hospitality                         | 1,300           | 1,370             | 1,250           | -70               | 50              |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation             | 40              | 40                | 30              | 0                 | 10              |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 1,260           | 1,330             | 1,220           | -70               | 40              |
| Other services                                  | 200             | 200               | 190             | 0                 | 10              |
| Government                                      | 1,350           | 1,370             | 1,310           | -20               | 40              |
| Federal government                              | 100             | 110               | 100             | -10               | 0               |
| State government                                | 140             | 150               | 150             | -10               | -10             |
| Local government                                | 1,110           | 1,110             | 1,060           | 0                 | 50              |
| Local education                                 | 360             | 360               | 370             | 0                 | -10             |
| Local government excluding educational services | 750             | 750               | 690             | 0                 | 60              |

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