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Employment in South Coast: December 2024 Coos County Sees Gains Over the Year, Curry Flat

Coos County total payroll employment retracted by 210 jobs in December. Industries with losses over the month were leisure and hospitality (-80); professional and business services (-60); and retail trade (-30). The only sector with a notable increase was private education and health services, which added 30 jobs over the month. Government employment fell by 110 jobs with a loss in local government education (-130). That loss was slightly offset by gains of 10 in federal, and local government excluding education and tribal.

Since December 2023, Coos County has gained 330 payroll jobs, an increase of 1.4%. Employment gains occurred in other services (+100); leisure and hospitality (+90); professional and business services (+70); manufacturing (+70); and private education and health services (+30). The largest job loss occurred in retail trade, down by 140 jobs. Other industries with job losses included wholesale trade (-40) and mining and logging (-30). Government employment rose by 130 jobs over the year, with local government accounting for the gain.

Curry County payroll employment fell by 70 jobs in December. Leisure and hospitality lost 80 jobs. Other industries had little change in employment totals over the month.

Over the past year, Curry County payroll employment was essentially flat. Industries showing job declines since December 2023 included retail trade (-80); financial activities (-20); and mining and logging (-10). Private education and health services (+30); professional and business services (+20); and manufacturing (+20) added jobs since December 2023. Government employment rose by 50, with the increase occurring in local government excluding educational services.

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Coos County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2024	November 2024	December 2023	November 2024	December 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	26,533	26,818	26,606	-285	-73
Unemployed	1,314	1,201	1,300	113	14
Unemployment rate	5.0%	4.5%	4.9%	0.5	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	4.8%	4.7%	0.1	0.2
Employed	25,219	25,617	25,306	-398	-87
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,430	23,640	23,100	-210	330
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,450	23,540	23,110	-90	340
Total private	17,570	17,670	17,370	-100	200
Mining, logging, and construction	1,450	1,460	1,460	-10	-10
Mining and logging	320	320	350	0	-30
Construction	1,130	1,140	1,110	-10	20
Manufacturing	1,550	1,480	1,480	70	70
Wood product manufacturing	760	750	720	10	40
Food manufacturing	300	240	290	60	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,150	4,180	4,310	-30	-160
Wholesale trade	420	420	460	0	-40
Retail trade	2,870	2,900	3,010	-30	-140
Food and beverage retailers	810	810	860	0	-50
General merchandise retailers	710	730	740	-20	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	860	860	840	0	20
Information	140	140	140	0	0
Financial activities	870	880	850	-10	20
Professional and business services	2,310	2,370	2,240	-60	70
Private education and health services	3,390	3,360	3,370	30	20
Leisure and hospitality	3,060	3,140	2,970	-80	90
Other services	650	660	550	-10	100
Government	5,860	5,970	5,730	-110	130
Federal government	310	300	310	10	0
State government	450	450	450	0	0
Local government	5,100	5,220	4,970	-120	130
Indian tribal	890	890	890	0	0
Local education	1,660	1,790	1,650	-130	10
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,550	2,540	2,430	10	120

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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	December 2024	November 2024	December 2023	November 2024	December 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,692	8,751	8,788	-59	-96
Unemployed	432	408	494	24	-62
Unemployment rate	5.0%	4.7%	5.6%	0.3	-0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.2%	4.9%	-0.1	0.2
Employed	8,260	8,343	8,294	-83	-34
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,540	6,610	6,530	-70	10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,660	6,660	6,650	0	10
Total private	5,200	5,260	5,240	-60	-40
Mining, logging, and construction	480	480	480	0	0
Mining and logging	100	100	110	0	-10
Construction	380	380	370	0	10
Manufacturing	660	650	640	10	20
Wood product manufacturing	540	540	510	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,170	1,160	1,270	10	-100
Retail trade	950	950	1,030	0	-80
Information	50	50	40	0	10
Financial activities	310	310	330	0	-20
Professional and business services	360	370	340	-10	20
Private education and health services	840	830	810	10	30
Health care	580	580	570	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	1,130	1,210	1,130	-80	0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	30	40	30	-10	0
Accommodation and food services	1,100	1,170	1,100	-70	0
Other services	200	200	200	0	0
Government	1,340	1,350	1,290	-10	50
Federal government	90	100	90	-10	0
State government	140	140	140	0	0
Local government	1,110	1,110	1,060	0	50
Local education	350	360	360	-10	-10
Local government excluding educational services	760	750	700	10	60

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