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Employment in South Coast: January 2025 Coos County Sees Gains Over the Year, Curry Loses Jobs

Coos County total payroll employment fell by 230 jobs in January. Private education and health services lost 40 jobs. Construction employment fell by 30 jobs. Both retail trade and transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 20 jobs. Professional and business services added 70 jobs in January. Government employment slipped by 170 over the month with losses in local education (-130) and losses of 10 in federal, state, and Indian tribal local government.

Since January 2024, Coos County has gained 310 payroll jobs, an increase of 1.4%. Employment gains occurred in professional and business services (+130); manufacturing (+60); and leisure and hospitality (+50). Government employment rose by 90 jobs over the year, with local government accounting for most of the gain.

Curry County payroll employment fell by 100 jobs in January. Leisure and hospitality lost 30 jobs. Trade, transportation, and utilities also lost 30 jobs over the month.

Over the past year, Curry County payroll employment fell by 80 jobs over the year, a decrease of 1.2%. Losses were estimated in leisure and hospitality (-70); retail trade (-50); and financial activities (-20). A few industries added jobs over the year including manufacturing (+30), healthcare (+20), and state government (+20).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, April 1st, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Wednesday, March 26th.

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Coos County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	January 2025	December 2024	January 2024	December 2024	January 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	27,111	26,753	26,904	358	207
Unemployed	1,622	1,327	1,549	295	73
Unemployment rate	6.0%	5.0%	5.8%	1.0	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	4.9%	4.8%	0.0	0.1
Employed	25,489	25,426	25,355	63	134
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,820	23,050	22,510	-230	310
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,280	23,050	22,970	230	310
Total private	17,160	17,220	16,940	-60	220
Mining, logging, and construction	1,400	1,430	1,420	-30	-20
Mining and logging	330	330	340	0	-10
Construction	1,070	1,100	1,080	-30	-10
Manufacturing	1,540	1,550	1,480	-10	60
Wood product manufacturing	750	760	730	-10	20
Food manufacturing	290	290	280	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,130	4,170	4,150	-40	-20
Wholesale trade	430	430	440	0	-10
Retail trade	2,910	2,930	2,910	-20	0
Food and beverage retailers	810	830	840	-20	-30
General merchandise retailers	710	700	710	10	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	790	810	800	-20	-10
Information	140	140	130	0	10
Financial activities	870	860	850	10	20
Professional and business services	2,170	2,100	2,040	70	130
Private education and health services	3,320	3,360	3,340	-40	-20
Leisure and hospitality	3,020	3,030	2,970	-10	50
Other services	570	580	560	-10	10
Government	5,660	5,830	5,570	-170	90
Federal government	310	320	310	-10	0
State government	450	460	440	-10	10
Local government	4,900	5,050	4,820	-150	80
Indian tribal	880	890	880	-10	0
Local education	1,530	1,660	1,520	-130	10
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,490	2,500	2,420	-10	70

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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	January 2025	December 2024	January 2024	December 2024	January 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,069	7,964	8,336	105	-267
Unemployed	550	437	608	113	-58
Unemployment rate	6.8%	5.5%	7.3%	1.3	-0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.1%	5.0%	0.0	0.1
Employed	7,519	7,527	7,728	-8	-209
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,360	6,460	6,440	-100	-80
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,610	6,570	6,690	40	-80
Total private	5,060	5,160	5,160	-100	-100
Mining, logging, and construction	450	460	450	-10	0
Mining and logging	90	90	100	0	-10
Construction	360	370	350	-10	10
Manufacturing	670	660	640	10	30
Wood product manufacturing	550	540	530	10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,170	1,200	1,230	-30	-60
Retail trade	960	970	1,010	-10	-50
Information	50	50	40	0	10
Financial activities	300	310	320	-10	-20
Professional and business services	360	370	360	-10	0
Private education and health services	820	830	810	-10	10
Health care	570	570	550	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	1,050	1,080	1,120	-30	-70
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	40	40	30	0	10
Accommodation and food services	1,010	1,040	1,090	-30	-80
Other services	190	200	190	-10	0
Government	1,300	1,300	1,280	0	20
Federal government	90	90	90	0	0
State government	160	160	140	0	20
Local government	1,050	1,050	1,050	0	0
Local education	350	350	360	0	-10
Local government excluding educational services	700	700	690	0	10

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