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

Coos County total payroll employment rose by 240 jobs in February. Local government education posted the largest gain, adding 260 jobs over the month – a typical seasonal increase. Other industries with estimated employment increases included professional and business services (+50); leisure and hospitality (+30); retail trade (+30); and construction (+20).

Since February 2024, Coos County has gained 240 payroll jobs, an increase of 1.0%. Employment gains occurred in professional and business services (+90); leisure and hospitality (+70); manufacturing (+60); and retail trade (+20). Government employment rose by 20 jobs over the year. Local government gained 40 jobs and federal government employment fell by 20 jobs over the year.

Curry County payroll employment rose by 40 jobs in February. Employment changes were small with construction; professional and business services; private education and health services; and leisure and hospitality up by 10 jobs over the month.

Over the past year, Curry County payroll employment fell by 40 jobs, a decrease of 0.6%. Losses were estimated in leisure and hospitality (-60); retail trade (-30); and financial activities (-20). A few industries added jobs over the year, including manufacturing (+20), health care (+30), and state government (+20).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, April 22nd, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Wednesday, April 16th.

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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--				
	February 2025	January 2025	February 2024	January 2025	February 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	27,260	27,034	27,124	226	136
Unemployed	1,596	1,620	1,452	-24	144
Unemployment rate	5.9%	6.0%	5.4%	-0.1	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	4.9%	5.0%	0.2	0.1
Employed	25,664	25,414	25,672	250	-8
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,090	22,740	22,850	350	240
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,220	23,200	22,990	20	230
Total private	17,210	17,080	16,990	130	220
Mining, logging, and construction	1,430	1,400	1,450	30	-20
Mining and logging	340	330	350	10	-10
Construction	1,090	1,070	1,100	20	-10
Manufacturing	1,530	1,540	1,470	-10	60
Wood product manufacturing	750	750	740	0	10
Food manufacturing	290	290	260	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,130	4,110	4,140	20	-10
Wholesale trade	430	430	430	0	0
Retail trade	2,940	2,910	2,920	30	20
Food and beverage retailers	820	810	830	10	-10
General merchandise retailers	730	710	720	20	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	760	770	790	-10	-30
Information	140	140	130	0	10
Financial activities	880	870	870	10	10
Professional and business services	2,160	2,110	2,070	50	90
Private education and health services	3,330	3,320	3,320	10	10
Leisure and hospitality	3,050	3,020	2,980	30	70
Other services	560	570	560	-10	0
Government	5,880	5,660	5,860	220	20
Federal government	300	310	320	-10	-20
State government	450	450	450	0	0
Local government	5,130	4,900	5,090	230	40
Indian tribal	880	880	880	0	0
Local education	1,790	1,530	1,780	260	10
Local government excluding education and tribal	2,460	2,490	2,430	-30	30

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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	February 2025	January 2025	February 2024	January 2025	February 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	8,131	8,063	8,301	68	-170
Unemployed	534	549	564	-15	-30
Unemployment rate	6.6%	6.8%	6.8%	-0.2	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.1%	5.2%	0.0	-0.1
Employed	7,597	7,514	7,737	83	-140
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,400	6,360	6,440	40	-40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,570	6,610	6,610	-40	-40
Total private	5,100	5,060	5,140	40	-40
Mining, logging, and construction	460	450	450	10	10
Mining and logging	90	90	100	0	-10
Construction	370	360	350	10	20
Manufacturing	670	670	650	0	20
Wood product manufacturing	560	550	530	10	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,170	1,170	1,200	0	-30
Retail trade	960	960	990	0	-30
Information	50	50	40	0	10
Financial activities	300	300	320	0	-20
Professional and business services	370	360	370	10	0
Private education and health services	830	820	800	10	30
Health care	570	570	540	0	30
Leisure and hospitality	1,060	1,050	1,120	10	-60
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	40	40	40	0	0
Accommodation and food services	1,020	1,010	1,080	10	-60
Other services	190	190	190	0	0
Government	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0
Federal government	90	90	100	0	-10
State government	160	160	140	0	20
Local government	1,050	1,050	1,060	0	-10
Local education	350	350	370	0	-20
Local government excluding educational services	700	700	690	0	10

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