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## **Employment on the South Coast: July 2026**

### **South Coast Payroll Employment Shows Small Decline Over the Year**

Coos County total payroll employment fell by 470 jobs in July, mostly due to a seasonally expected decrease of 470 jobs in local government education. Other industries with estimated job changes were construction (+20), and professional and business services (+20). Industries that showed losses included transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-40), and private education and health services (-20).

Since July 2025 Coos County payroll employment fell by 450 jobs for a loss of 2.0%. Jobs were lost in manufacturing (-150); professional and business services (-120); leisure and hospitality (-120); retail trade (-80); and construction (-70). Industries adding jobs over the year were private education and health services (+100) and financial activities (+10). Government added 40 jobs over the year, mostly due to a gain of 110 jobs in Indian tribal local government. Federal government fell by 20 jobs since July 2025.

Curry County payroll employment fell by 30 jobs in July. Local government education employment decreased by 120 jobs. In private-sector industries, the only notable change was a gain of 60 jobs in leisure and hospitality. Other published industries showed little or no estimated employment change in July.

Over the past year Curry County payrolls slipped slightly, down by 20 jobs to an estimated 6,670 jobs in July. Job losses were estimated in construction (-30); leisure and hospitality (-30); and local government education (-20). On the positive side, jobs were added in professional and business services (+20); retail trade (+20); and local government excluding educational services (+20).

### **Next Press Releases**

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

Please note- October data are blank and MSA Seasonally Adjusted data for November are blank until BLS determines whether or not to provide these data.

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.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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## Coos County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

|                                                       | --Change From-- |              |              |              |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                       | July<br>2026    | June<br>2026 | July<br>2025 | June<br>2026 | July<br>2025 |
| <b>Labor Force Status</b>                             |                 |              |              |              |              |
| Civilian labor force                                  | 27,106          | 27,192       | 27,631       | -86          | -525         |
| Unemployed                                            | 1,640           | 1,553        | 1,727        | 87           | -87          |
| Unemployment rate                                     | 6.1%            | 5.7%         | 6.3%         | 0.4          | -0.2         |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>        | 5.7%            | 5.7%         | 6.0%         | 0.0          | -0.3         |
| Employed                                              | 25,466          | 25,639       | 25,904       | -173         | -438         |
| <b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>                     |                 |              |              |              |              |
| Total nonfarm employment                              | 22,390          | 22,860       | 22,840       | -470         | -450         |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 22,440          | 22,460       | 22,890       | -20          | -450         |
| Total private                                         | 16,810          | 16,820       | 17,300       | -10          | -490         |
| Mining, logging, and construction                     | 1,420           | 1,400        | 1,510        | 20           | -90          |
| Mining and logging                                    | 300             | 300          | 320          | 0            | -20          |
| Construction                                          | 1,120           | 1,100        | 1,190        | 20           | -70          |
| Manufacturing                                         | 1,400           | 1,390        | 1,550        | 10           | -150         |
| Wood product manufacturing                            | 710             | 700          | 740          | 10           | -30          |
| Food manufacturing                                    | 240             | 230          | 320          | 10           | -80          |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities                  | 4,060           | 4,090        | 4,150        | -30          | -90          |
| Wholesale trade                                       | 480             | 470          | 500          | 10           | -20          |
| Retail trade                                          | 2,850           | 2,850        | 2,930        | 0            | -80          |
| Food and beverage retailers                           | 790             | 800          | 850          | -10          | -60          |
| General merchandise retailers                         | 700             | 710          | 710          | -10          | -10          |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities            | 730             | 770          | 720          | -40          | 10           |
| Information                                           | 120             | 120          | 130          | 0            | -10          |
| Financial activities                                  | 840             | 830          | 830          | 10           | 10           |
| Professional and business services                    | 1,950           | 1,930        | 2,070        | 20           | -120         |
| Private education and health services                 | 3,350           | 3,370        | 3,250        | -20          | 100          |
| Leisure and hospitality                               | 3,120           | 3,130        | 3,240        | -10          | -120         |
| Other services                                        | 550             | 560          | 570          | -10          | -20          |
| Government                                            | 5,580           | 6,040        | 5,540        | -460         | 40           |
| Federal government                                    | 310             | 310          | 330          | 0            | -20          |
| State government                                      | 480             | 480          | 490          | 0            | -10          |
| Local government                                      | 4,790           | 5,250        | 4,720        | -460         | 70           |
| Indian tribal                                         | 1,100           | 1,090        | 990          | 10           | 110          |
| Local education                                       | 1,270           | 1,740        | 1,320        | -470         | -50          |
| Local government excluding education and tribal       | 2,420           | 2,420        | 2,410        | 0            | 10           |

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.

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|                                                       | July<br>2026    | June<br>2026 | July<br>2025 | June<br>2026 | July<br>2025 |
| <b>Labor Force Status</b>                             |                 |              |              |              |              |
| Civilian labor force                                  | 8,450           | 8,463        | 8,500        | -13          | -50          |
| Unemployed                                            | 499             | 532          | 582          | -33          | -83          |
| Unemployment rate                                     | 5.9%            | 6.3%         | 6.8%         | -0.4         | -0.9         |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>        | 6.2%            | 6.3%         | 6.8%         | -0.1         | -0.6         |
| Employed                                              | 7,951           | 7,931        | 7,918        | 20           | 33           |
| <b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>                     |                 |              |              |              |              |
| Total nonfarm employment                              | 6,670           | 6,700        | 6,690        | -30          | -20          |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 6,590           | 6,580        | 6,610        | 10           | -20          |
| Total private                                         | 5,460           | 5,380        | 5,470        | 80           | -10          |
| Mining, logging, and construction                     | 460             | 460          | 480          | 0            | -20          |
| Mining and logging                                    | 110             | 110          | 100          | 0            | 10           |
| Construction                                          | 350             | 350          | 380          | 0            | -30          |
| Manufacturing                                         | 710             | 710          | 700          | 0            | 10           |
| Wood product manufacturing                            | 590             | 590          | 580          | 0            | 10           |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities                  | 1,240           | 1,220        | 1,220        | 20           | 20           |
| Retail trade                                          | 980             | 980          | 960          | 0            | 20           |
| Information                                           | 40              | 40           | 50           | 0            | -10          |
| Financial activities                                  | 320             | 310          | 320          | 10           | 0            |
| Professional and business services                    | 320             | 330          | 300          | -10          | 20           |
| Private education and health services                 | 860             | 860          | 850          | 0            | 10           |
| Health care                                           | 610             | 600          | 600          | 10           | 10           |
| Leisure and hospitality                               | 1,310           | 1,250        | 1,340        | 60           | -30          |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation                   | 40              | 40           | 50           | 0            | -10          |
| Accommodation and food services                       | 1,270           | 1,210        | 1,290        | 60           | -20          |
| Other services                                        | 200             | 200          | 210          | 0            | -10          |
| Government                                            | 1,210           | 1,320        | 1,220        | -110         | -10          |
| Federal government                                    | 100             | 100          | 110          | 0            | -10          |
| State government                                      | 180             | 170          | 180          | 10           | 0            |
| Local government                                      | 930             | 1,050        | 930          | -120         | 0            |
| Local education                                       | 220             | 340          | 240          | -120         | -20          |
| Local government excluding educational services       | 710             | 710          | 690          | 0            | 20           |

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