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## **Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: May 2022**

### **Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Reaches Record Low in May**

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in May at 3.9%, a record low. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 17<sup>th</sup> in May, tied with six Oregon counties, including Harney and Union. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.7 percentage points.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose by 130 jobs in May to 28,420. Private industry reached 21,190, an increase of 70 jobs, and government rose by 60 to total 7,230. Leisure and hospitality led private industry in May, rising by 50 jobs to reach 2,700. Mining, logging, and construction (+20); manufacturing (+20); and other services (+20) also rose in May. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities cut 40 jobs in May, falling to 2,600 and retail trade shed 20, dropping to 3,440. In the public sector, Indian tribal government rose by 30 jobs to reach 1,710 and other local government chipped in 20, rising to 1,100.

Umatilla County's total private employment rose by 40 jobs over the year ending in May, an increase of just 0.2%. Leisure and hospitality led private industry, rising by 260 jobs over the year to reach 2,700 (+10.7%). Other services (+50); information (+40); wholesale trade (+20); and professional and business services (+20) also rose over the year. Manufacturing cut 200 jobs over the year. Education and health services shed 110, dropping to 3,960. Local education led the public sector, rising by 130 jobs over the year to total 2,520. Indian tribal government rose by 30 jobs over the year, other local chipped in 20, and state government cut 60.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point in May to 3.3%, a record low. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked seventh out of 36 Oregon counties, tied with Clackamas, Malheur, and Yamhill. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.6 percentage points.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose by 40 jobs in May to reach 5,240 jobs. Private industry increased its total by 30 jobs, rising to 4,180, and government chipped in 10, climbing to 1,060. Mining and logging (+10); retail trade (+10); and leisure and hospitality (+10) all added jobs in May. Local government led the public sector, rising by 10 jobs to reach 940.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 150 jobs over the year ending in May (+3.7%). Manufacturing led private industry, rising by 30 jobs or 1.7% to total 1,750. Retail trade rose by 20 jobs

over the year to reach 280. Leisure and hospitality cut 10 jobs (-3.8%) over the year, falling to 250. Local government increased its total by 40 jobs (+4.4%) to lead the public sector.

### Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June 2022 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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.

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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## Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

|   | --Change From-- |               |             |               |             |
|---|-----------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|   | May<br>2022     | April<br>2022 | May<br>2021 | April<br>2022 | May<br>2021 |
| <b>Labor Force Status</b>                             |                 |               |             |               |             |
| Civilian labor force                                  | 6,059           | 6,136         | 5,967       | -77           | 92          |
| Unemployed  | 169             | 195           | 284         | -26           | -115        |
| Unemployment rate                                     | 2.8%            | 3.2%          | 4.8%        | -0.4          | -2.0        |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>        | 3.3%            | 3.4%          | 4.9%        | -0.1          | -1.6        |
| Employed  | 5,890           | 5,941         | 5,683       | -51           | 207         |
| <b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>                     |                 |               |             |               |             |
| Total nonfarm employment                              | 5,240           | 5,200         | 5,050       | 40            | 190         |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 5,230           | 5,200         | 5,030       | 30            | 200         |
| Total private   | 4,180           | 4,150         | 4,030       | 30            | 150         |
| Mining and logging                                    | 30              | 20            | 30          | 10            | 0           |
| Construction  | 100             | 100           | 70          | 0             | 30          |
| Manufacturing   | 1,750           | 1,760         | 1,720       | -10           | 30          |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities                  | 630             | 620           | 610         | 10            | 20          |
| Wholesale trade                                       | 130             | 130           | 120         | 0             | 10          |
| Retail trade  | 280             | 270           | 260         | 10            | 20          |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities            | 220             | 220           | 230         | 0             | -10         |
| Financial activities                                  | 80              | 80            | 80          | 0             | 0           |
| Professional and business services                    | 300             | 300           | 340         | 0             | -40         |
| Education and health services                         | 280             | 280           | 270         | 0             | 10          |
| Leisure and hospitality                               | 250             | 240           | 260         | 10            | -10         |
| Government  | 1,060           | 1,050         | 1,020       | 10            | 40          |
| Federal government                                    | 50              | 50            | 60          | 0             | -10         |
| State government                                      | 70              | 70            | 60          | 0             | 10          |
| Local government                                      | 940             | 930           | 900         | 10            | 40          |

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.

## Umatilla County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

|   | --Change From-- |               |             |               |             |
|---|-----------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|   | May<br>2022     | April<br>2022 | May<br>2021 | April<br>2022 | May<br>2021 |
| <b>Labor Force Status</b>                             |                 |               |             |               |             |
| Civilian labor force                                  | 38,292          | 38,197        | 37,854      | 95            | 438         |
| Unemployed  | 1,223           | 1,454         | 1,933       | -231          | -710        |
| Unemployment rate                                     | 3.2%            | 3.8%          | 5.1%        | -0.6          | -1.9        |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>        | 3.9%            | 3.9%          | 5.6%        | 0.0           | -1.7        |
| Employed  | 37,069          | 36,743        | 35,921      | 326           | 1,148       |
| <b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>                     |                 |               |             |               |             |
| Total nonfarm employment                              | 28,420          | 28,290        | 28,290      | 130           | 130         |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 28,270          | 28,340        | 28,120      | -70           | 150         |
| Total private   | 21,190          | 21,120        | 21,150      | 70            | 40          |
| Mining, logging, and construction                     | 1,320           | 1,300         | 1,310       | 20            | 10          |
| Manufacturing   | 2,810           | 2,790         | 3,010       | 20            | -200        |
| Durable goods   | 1,380           | 1,380         | 1,290       | 0             | 90          |
| Nondurable goods                                      | 1,430           | 1,410         | 1,720       | 20            | -290        |
| Food manufacturing                                    | 1,110           | 1,100         | 1,400       | 10            | -290        |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities                  | 6,940           | 6,990         | 6,930       | -50           | 10          |
| Wholesale trade                                       | 900             | 890           | 880         | 10            | 20          |
| Retail trade  | 3,440           | 3,460         | 3,440       | -20           | 0           |
| Food and beverage stores                              | 650             | 650           | 700         | 0             | -50         |
| General merchandise stores                            | 870             | 910           | 910         | -40           | -40         |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities            | 2,600           | 2,640         | 2,610       | -40           | -10         |
| Information   | 570             | 560           | 530         | 10            | 40          |
| Financial activities                                  | 800             | 800           | 840         | 0             | -40         |
| Professional and business services                    | 1,280           | 1,290         | 1,260       | -10           | 20          |
| Education and health services                         | 3,960           | 3,950         | 4,070       | 10            | -110        |
| Nursing and residential care facilities               | 890             | 890           | 930         | 0             | -40         |
| Leisure and hospitality                               | 2,700           | 2,650         | 2,440       | 50            | 260         |
| Accommodation and food services                       | 2,600           | 2,540         | 2,330       | 60            | 270         |
| Other services  | 810             | 790           | 760         | 20            | 50          |
| Government  | 7,230           | 7,170         | 7,140       | 60            | 90          |
| Federal government                                    | 480             | 470           | 480         | 10            | 0           |
| State government                                      | 1,420           | 1,420         | 1,480       | 0             | -60         |
| Local government                                      | 5,330           | 5,280         | 5,180       | 50            | 150         |
| Indian tribal   | 1,710           | 1,680         | 1,680       | 30            | 30          |
| Local education                                       | 2,520           | 2,520         | 2,390       | 0             | 130         |
| Local government excluding education and tribal       | 1,100           | 1,080         | 1,110       | 20            | -10         |

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