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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: April 2018

Unemployment Rates Holding Steady in April

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in April at 5.0 percent. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 22nd in April, tied with Clatsop County. In April 2017, Umatilla County's 4.7 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked 19th.

Umatilla County gained 190 nonfarm jobs in April, rising to 28,300. Private industry rose to 21,070, an increase of 180 jobs, and government reached 7,230, rising by 10. Leisure and hospitality led private industry in April, rising by 70 jobs to total 2,600. Education and health services increased its total by 40 jobs in April to reach 3,930 and manufacturing rose by 30 to reach 3,530. Indian tribal government led the public sector, rising by 20 jobs to total 1,730, but local education cut 20 jobs, falling to 2,590.

Umatilla County's private-industry employment rose by 560 jobs over the year ending in April, an increase of 2.7 percent. Education and health services rose by 470 jobs over the year, but most of that increase came from the reclassification of home care workers; state government lost 450 jobs as a result. Mining, logging, and construction showed strength, rising by 90 jobs over the year to total 1,150 (+8.5%). Transportation, warehousing, and utilities cut 160 jobs over the year ending in April, falling to 2,750. State government (-450) muddied the outlook for government but Indian tribal managed a gain of 40 jobs over the year.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.1 percent in April, ranking 10th (out of 36 counties) to match its rate from one year ago.

Nonfarm employment rose by 30 jobs in April, increasing Morrow County's total to 4,840. Manufacturing (+10), wholesale trade (+10), and professional and business services (+10) all added jobs in April. Government rose by 10 jobs in April to 1,010, with local government adding 20 and state government cutting 10.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 180 jobs over the year, an increase of 4.9 percent. Education and health services rose by 70 jobs over the year to reach 260, with home care workers fueling its growth. Manufacturing rose by 40 jobs over the year to reach 1,760. Local government led the public sector, rising by 60 jobs over the year (+7.2%) to reach 890, while state government's 70 job loss dropped its total to 70.

Note: Effective with the January 2018 data, employment of Oregon's approximately 17,000 home care workers are counted in private health care and social assistance instead of state government. The change was due to legislative action clarifying that for purposes of workforce and labor market information, home care workers are not employees of state government. The reclassification affects private sector and government monthly change figures for January 2018 and will affect over-the-year change figures through December 2018. It does not affect total payroll employment levels.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May 2018 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on June 19th, 2018 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on June 12th, 2018.

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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Umatilla County Labor Force and Industry Employment

	Apr-18	Mar-18	Apr-17	CHANGE Mar-18	FROM Apr-17
Labor Force Status					
Civilian Labor Force	36,392	36,526	36,305	(134)	87
Unemployment	1,668	1,901	1,565	(233)	103
Unemployment Rate	4.6	5.2	4.3	xxx	xxx
Unemployment Rate, seasonally adjusted	5.0	5.0	4.7	xxx	xxx
Total Employment	34,724	34,625	34,740	99	(16)
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm	28,300	28,110	28,130	190	170
Total private	21,070	20,890	20,510	180	560
Mining, logging and construction	1,150	1,130	1,060	20	90
Manufacturing	3,530	3,500	3,470	30	60
Durable goods	1,470	1,490	1,460	(20)	10
Nondurable goods	2,060	2,010	2,010	50	50
Food manufacturing	1,770	1,730	1,800	40	(30)
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,840	6,820	6,940	20	(100)
Wholesale trade	930	910	880	20	50
Retail trade	3,160	3,150	3,150	10	10
Food and beverage stores	700	690	690	10	10
General merchandise stores	770	780	800	(10)	(30)
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,750	2,760	2,910	(10)	(160)
Information	190	190	170	0	20
Financial activities	790	790	770	0	20
Professional and business services	1,310	1,300	1,340	10	(30)
Education and health services	3,930	3,890	3,460	40	470
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,020	1,010	990	10	30
Leisure and hospitality	2,600	2,530	2,550	70	50
Accommodation and food services	2,450	2,390	2,380	60	70
Other services	730	740	750	(10)	(20)
Government	7,230	7,220	7,620	10	(390)
Federal government	460	450	470	10	(10)
State government	1,400	1,400	1,850	0	(450)
Local government	5,370	5,370	5,300	0	70
Indian tribal	1,730	1,710	1,690	20	40
Local education	2,590	2,610	2,570	(20)	20
Local government other	1,050	1,050	1,040	0	10

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Morrow County Labor Force and Industry Employment

	Apr-18	Mar-18	Apr-17	CHANGE Mar-18	FROM Apr-17
Labor Force Status					
Civilian Labor Force	5,715	5,829	5,727	(114)	(12)
Unemployment	209	248	210	(39)	(1)
Unemployment Rate	3.7	4.3	3.7	xxx	xxx
Unemployment Rate, seasonally adjusted	4.1	4.2	4.1	xxx	xxx
Total Employment	5,506	5,581	5,517	(75)	(11)
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm	4,840	4,810	4,670	30	170
Total private	3,830	3,810	3,650	20	180
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	110	110	200	0	(90)
Manufacturing	1,760	1,750	1,720	10	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	700	700	720	0	(20)
Wholesale trade	110	100	110	10	0
Retail trade	280	290	290	(10)	(10)
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	310	310	320	0	(10)
Financial activities	80	80	80	0	0
Professional and business services	200	190	180	10	20
Education and health services	260	260	190	0	70
Leisure and hospitality	160	170	160	(10)	0
Government	1,010	1,000	1,020	10	(10)
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	70	80	140	(10)	(70)
Local government	890	870	830	20	60

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