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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: October 2018

Leisure and Hospitality Pulls Back in October

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point in October to 4.6 percent. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 19th in October, tied with Lincoln and Linn counties. In October 2017, Umatilla County's 4.9 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked 22nd.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 28,370 in October, an increase of 150 jobs. Private industry cut its total by 190 jobs, falling to 21,040. Government rose by 340 jobs in October, thanks largely to local education's 370 job gain. Leisure and hospitality cut 100 jobs in October, falling to 2,510. Mining, logging, and construction lost 30 jobs, cutting its total to 1,310. Retail trade (-20), professional and business services (-20), and education and health services (-20) also cut jobs in October.

Umatilla County's private-industry employment rose by a scant 10 jobs over the year ending in October. Education and health services rose by 460 jobs over the year, with most of that increase coming from the reclassification of home care workers; state government lost 410 jobs as a result. Food manufacturing cut 230 jobs over the year, falling to 1,700 with the Hermiston Foods plant closure weighing heavily. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities cut 90 jobs, falling to 2,780. Mining, logging, and construction led private industry with an over-the-year increase of 90 jobs.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point in October to 4.3 percent, ranking 12th (out of 36 counties), tied with Marion County. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked seventh in October 2017, at a somewhat lower 3.9 percent.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment fell by 50 jobs in October, to total 5,130. Private industry cut 70 jobs in October, falling to 4,040. A loss of 50 jobs in professional and business services did most of the damage, cutting its total to 240. Manufacturing cut 20 jobs, falling to 1,810. Construction rose to 150, an increase of 20. Local government rose by 20 jobs in October to 960, state government chipped in 10 and federal government cut 10.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 290 jobs over the year, an increase of 7.7 percent. Education and health services rose by 60 jobs, with the reclassification of home care workers from state government fueling its growth. Construction rose by 50 jobs over the year to reach 150. Manufacturing (+40), professional and business services (+40), and leisure and hospitality (+20) also

rose over the year. Government rose by 10 jobs over the year, climbing to 1,090, with an increase of 80 in local government offset by a loss of 70 in state government.

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 November 2018 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on December 27th, 2018 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on December 18th, 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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Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2018	September 2018	October 2017	September 2018	October 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,846	5,913	5,933	-67	-87
Unemployed	231	206	211	25	20
Unemployment rate	4.0%	3.5%	3.6%	0.5	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.3%	4.1%	3.9%	0.2	0.4
Employed	5,615	5,707	5,722	-92	-107
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,130	5,180	4,830	-50	300
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,060	5,080	4,760	-20	300
Total private	4,040	4,110	3,750	-70	290
Mining and logging	20	30	20	-10	0
Construction	150	130	100	20	50
Manufacturing	1,810	1,830	1,770	-20	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	710	720	740	-10	-30
Wholesale trade	110	110	110	0	0
Retail trade	270	280	300	-10	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	330	330	330	0	0
Financial activities	80	80	80	0	0
Professional and business services	240	290	200	-50	40
Education and health services	250	250	190	0	60
Leisure and hospitality	200	200	180	0	20
Government	1,090	1,070	1,080	20	10
Federal government	60	70	60	-10	0
State government	70	60	140	10	-70
Local government	960	940	880	20	80

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--				
	October 2018	September 2018	October 2017	September 2018	October 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,860	37,202	37,551	-342	-691
Unemployed	1,541	1,434	1,581	107	-40
Unemployment rate	4.2%	3.9%	4.2%	0.3	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.4%	4.9%	0.2	-0.3
Employed	35,319	35,768	35,970	-449	-651
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	28,370	28,220	28,730	150	-360
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	27,980	27,800	28,330	180	-350
Total private	21,040	21,230	21,030	-190	10
Mining, logging, and construction	1,310	1,340	1,220	-30	90
Manufacturing	3,390	3,400	3,670	-10	-280
Durable goods	1,400	1,400	1,460	0	-60
Nondurable goods	1,990	2,000	2,210	-10	-220
Food manufacturing	1,700	1,710	1,930	-10	-230
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,830	6,830	6,950	0	-120
Wholesale trade	930	920	930	10	0
Retail trade	3,120	3,140	3,150	-20	-30
Food and beverage stores	680	680	690	0	-10
General merchandise stores	790	800	810	-10	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,780	2,770	2,870	10	-90
Information	170	180	170	-10	0
Financial activities	810	820	800	-10	10
Professional and business services	1,380	1,400	1,470	-20	-90
Education and health services	3,860	3,880	3,400	-20	460
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,000	1,000	970	0	30
Leisure and hospitality	2,510	2,610	2,580	-100	-70
Accommodation and food services	2,340	2,440	2,450	-100	-110
Other services	780	770	770	10	10
Government	7,330	6,990	7,700	340	-370
Federal government	500	520	510	-20	-10
State government	1,450	1,470	1,860	-20	-410
Local government	5,380	5,000	5,330	380	50
Indian tribal	1,730	1,720	1,730	10	0
Local education	2,550	2,180	2,550	370	0
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,100	1,100	1,050	0	50

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