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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: November 2018

Employment Down Over the Year but Unemployment Rates Remain Low

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point in November to 4.7 percent. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 19th in November, just ahead of Jackson, Lincoln, and Linn counties. In November 2017, Umatilla County's 4.8 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked 22nd.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 28,400 in November, an increase of 50 jobs. Private industry rose by 20 jobs to 21,050 and government reached 7,350, an increase of 30. Retail trade rose by 60 jobs in November to 3,170. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities increased its total by 60 to reach 2,840. Leisure and hospitality cut 30 jobs, falling to 2,480. Mining, logging, and construction (-20), and wholesale trade (-20) also cut jobs in November. Local education led government, rising by 50 jobs to 2,580. Federal government lost 30 jobs in November and state government held its own with 1,460.

Umatilla County's private-industry employment rose by 130 jobs over the year ending in November. Education and health services rose by 420 jobs over the year, with most of that increase coming from the reclassification of home care workers; state government lost 370 jobs as a result. Mining, logging, and construction impressed with an over-the-year increase of 80 jobs. Food manufacturing cut 190 jobs over the year, falling to 1,690. Durable goods manufacturing cut 70 jobs, dropping to 1,380. Leisure and hospitality (-70); retail trade (-30); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-20); and professional and business services (-20) all cut jobs over the year.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point in November to 4.5 percent, ranking 13th (out of 36 counties), tied with Lane and Tillamook counties. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked eighth in November 2017, at a somewhat lower 3.9 percent.

Morrow County lost 50 nonfarm jobs in November, falling to 5,080. Private industry held its own, with 4,040 jobs, while government cut 50, falling to 1,040. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities rose by 10 jobs to reach 340. Manufacturing cut 10 jobs, falling to 1,800, and leisure and hospitality lost 10, dropping to 190. Local government lost 40 jobs in November, falling to 920, and federal government cut 10, slipping to 50.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 310 jobs over the year, an increase of 8.3 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 and professional and business services increased its payrolls by 50 to reach 240. Manufacturing (+40) and leisure and hospitality (+20) also rose over the year. Local government performed well, rising by 60 jobs over the year to reach 920, but state government cut 70, falling 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 January 2018. It does not affect total payroll employment levels.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December 2018 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on January 22nd, 2018 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on January 15th, 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

	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	--Change From--	
				October 2018	November 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,744	5,859	5,817	-115	-73
Unemployed	252	233	244	19	8
Unemployment rate	4.4%	4.0%	4.2%	0.4	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	4.4%	3.9%	0.1	0.6
Employed	5,492	5,626	5,573	-134	-81
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,080	5,130	4,780	-50	300
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,060	5,060	4,760	0	300
Total private	4,040	4,040	3,730	0	310
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	150	150	100	0	50
Manufacturing	1,800	1,810	1,760	-10	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	720	710	730	10	-10
Wholesale trade	110	110	110	0	0
Retail trade	270	270	290	0	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	340	330	330	10	10
Financial activities	80	80	80	0	0
Professional and business services	240	240	190	0	50
Education and health services	250	250	190	0	60
Leisure and hospitality	190	200	170	-10	20
Government	1,040	1,090	1,050	-50	-10
Federal government	50	60	50	-10	0
State government	70	70	140	0	-70
Local government	920	960	860	-40	60

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

	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	--Change From--	
				October 2018	November 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,474	36,964	36,913	-490	-439
Unemployed	1,706	1,565	1,676	141	30
Unemployment rate	4.7%	4.2%	4.5%	0.5	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.6%	4.8%	0.1	-0.1
Employed	34,768	35,399	35,237	-631	-469
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	28,400	28,350	28,620	50	-220
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	28,150	27,960	28,370	190	-220
Total private	21,050	21,030	20,920	20	130
Mining, logging, and construction	1,290	1,310	1,210	-20	80
Manufacturing	3,370	3,380	3,600	-10	-230
Durable goods	1,380	1,390	1,450	-10	-70
Nondurable goods	1,990	1,990	2,150	0	-160
Food manufacturing	1,690	1,700	1,880	-10	-190
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,920	6,820	6,980	100	-60
Wholesale trade	910	930	920	-20	-10
Retail trade	3,170	3,110	3,200	60	-30
Food and beverage stores	680	680	690	0	-10
General merchandise stores	830	790	830	40	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,840	2,780	2,860	60	-20
Information	170	170	170	0	0
Financial activities	800	810	790	-10	10
Professional and business services	1,370	1,380	1,390	-10	-20
Education and health services	3,880	3,870	3,460	10	420
Nursing and residential care facilities	990	1,000	1,000	-10	-10
Leisure and hospitality	2,480	2,510	2,550	-30	-70
Accommodation and food services	2,310	2,340	2,410	-30	-100
Other services	770	780	770	-10	0
Government	7,350	7,320	7,700	30	-350
Federal government	470	500	490	-30	-20
State government	1,460	1,460	1,830	0	-370
Local government	5,420	5,360	5,380	60	40
Indian tribal	1,730	1,730	1,730	0	0
Local education	2,580	2,530	2,610	50	-30
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,110	1,100	1,040	10	70

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