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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: December 2018

Employment Falls in December and Unemployment Rates Increase Slightly

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point in December to 4.9 percent. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 18th in December, tied with Linn and Malheur counties. In December 2017, Umatilla County's 4.8 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked 21st.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total fell to 28,150 in December, a loss of 260 jobs. Private industry cut 160 jobs, falling to 20,090 and government cut 100, dropping to 7,250. Professional and business services handed private industry its biggest loss, falling by 90 jobs in December to total 1,280. Manufacturing (-50) and retail trade (-20) also cut jobs in December. Private-industry job gains in December were limited to transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+20); educational and health services (+20); and financial activities (+10). Government job losses were recorded across the board in December with local government cutting 50, state government losing 30, and federal government down 20.

Umatilla County's private-industry employment rose by 220 jobs over the year ending in December. Education and health services rose by 410 jobs over the year, with most of that increase coming from the reclassification of home care workers; state government lost 350 jobs as a result. Mining, logging, and construction produced an over-the-year increase of 60 jobs, rising to 1,260. Other services rose by 20 jobs over the year to reach 770. Government cut 330 jobs over the year ending in December with state government doing most of the damage. Local government produced a mixed bag, with local education cutting 30 jobs, Indian tribal government shedding 10, and other local government rising by 70.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was essentially unchanged in December, rising by 0.1 percentage point to 4.6 percent, ranking 13th (out of 36 counties), tied with Gilliam and Tillamook counties. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked eighth in December 2017, at a somewhat lower 3.9 percent.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose by 10 jobs in December to reach 5,090. In private industry, manufacturing rose by 10 jobs to reach 1,810 while retail trade chipped in 10 to total 280. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities cut 10 jobs in December, falling to 330. Government held its own in December with 1,040 jobs.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 340 jobs over the year, an increase of 9.5 percent. Construction rose to 150 jobs, an over-the-year increase of 70. Manufacturing produced an increase of 60 jobs and education and health services rose by 60, with the reclassification of home care workers from state government fueling its growth. Professional and business services increased its payrolls by 60 to reach 240, while leisure and hospitality rose by 20 to total 190. 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 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 January 2019 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on March 12th, 2019 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on March 5th, 2019.

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--				
	December 2018	November 2018	December 2017	November 2018	December 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,584	5,746	5,618	-162	-34
Unemployed	271	252	244	19	27
Unemployment rate	4.9%	4.4%	4.3%	0.5	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.5%	3.9%	0.1	0.7
Employed	5,313	5,494	5,374	-181	-61
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,090	5,080	4,750	10	340
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,090	5,060	4,750	30	340
Total private	4,050	4,040	3,700	10	350
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	150	150	80	0	70
Manufacturing	1,810	1,800	1,750	10	60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	720	720	730	0	-10
Wholesale trade	110	110	110	0	0
Retail trade	280	270	290	10	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	330	340	330	-10	0
Financial activities	80	80	80	0	0
Professional and business services	240	240	180	0	60
Education and health services	250	250	190	0	60
Leisure and hospitality	190	190	170	0	20
Government	1,040	1,040	1,050	0	-10
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	70	70	140	0	-70
Local government	920	920	860	0	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

	--Change From--				
	December 2018	November 2018	December 2017	November 2018	December 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	35,762	36,496	36,031	-734	-269
Unemployed	1,923	1,710	1,863	213	60
Unemployment rate	5.4%	4.7%	5.2%	0.7	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	4.7%	4.8%	0.2	0.1
Employed	33,839	34,786	34,168	-947	-329
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	28,150	28,410	28,260	-260	-110
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	28,250	28,160	28,370	90	-120
Total private	20,900	21,060	20,680	-160	220
Mining, logging, and construction	1,260	1,290	1,200	-30	60
Manufacturing	3,310	3,360	3,410	-50	-100
Durable goods	1,360	1,370	1,450	-10	-90
Nondurable goods	1,950	1,990	1,960	-40	-10
Food manufacturing	1,650	1,690	1,690	-40	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,930	6,940	6,940	-10	-10
Wholesale trade	900	910	900	-10	0
Retail trade	3,150	3,170	3,170	-20	-20
Food and beverage stores	670	680	680	-10	-10
General merchandise stores	810	830	820	-20	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,880	2,860	2,870	20	10
Information	170	170	180	0	-10
Financial activities	810	800	810	10	0
Professional and business services	1,280	1,370	1,340	-90	-60
Education and health services	3,900	3,880	3,490	20	410
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,000	990	1,010	10	-10
Leisure and hospitality	2,470	2,480	2,560	-10	-90
Accommodation and food services	2,310	2,310	2,420	0	-110
Other services	770	770	750	0	20
Government	7,250	7,350	7,580	-100	-330
Federal government	450	470	460	-20	-10
State government	1,430	1,460	1,780	-30	-350
Local government	5,370	5,420	5,340	-50	30
Indian tribal	1,710	1,730	1,720	-20	-10
Local education	2,570	2,580	2,600	-10	-30
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,090	1,110	1,020	-20	70

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