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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: January 2019

2019 Arrives with Job Losses and Higher Unemployment Rates

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.6 percentage point in January to 5.5 percent. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 23rd in January, behind Jackson County and ahead of Baker County. In January 2018, Umatilla County's 4.9 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked 22nd.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total fell to 27,810 in January, a loss of 410 jobs. Private industry cut 300 jobs, falling to 20,590, and government cut 110, dropping to 7,220. Retail trade pulled back in January, cutting 90 jobs and dropping its total to 3,060. Leisure and hospitality served up a loss of 80 jobs, falling to 2,490. Mining, logging, and construction (-40); manufacturing (-30); professional and business services (-20); and other services (-20) also lost jobs in January. Private-industry job gains in January were limited to an increase of 10 in wholesale trade and a gain of 10 in information. In the public sector, local government education cut 60 jobs, falling to 2,530, and other local government lost 30, dropping its total to 1,080.

Umatilla County's private-industry employment fell by 60 jobs over the year ending in January. Manufacturing lost 110 jobs, falling to 3,320, with durable goods down 60 and food manufacturing idling 50. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 40 jobs, falling to 2,720. Professional and business services cut 40 jobs, dropping its total to 1,320. Private industry jobs gains were led by an over-the-year gain of 70 jobs in education and health services, increasing its total to 3,840. Mining, logging, and construction also performed well, rising by 50 jobs to total 1,190. Government increased its total by 70 over the year ending in January with other local government leading the way, up 40 jobs to 1,080.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point in January, to 4.8 percent, ranking 14th (out of 36 counties), tied with Lane and Marion counties. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked 10th in January 2018, at 4.0 percent.

Morrow County cut 30 nonfarm jobs in January, falling to 5,070. Private industry's total fell by 30 jobs in January, dropping to 4,050. Construction cut 20 jobs, falling to 120. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 20, trimming its payrolls to 290. Manufacturing rose by 10 jobs to total 1,820, and professional and business services chipped in 10 to reach 250. Government held its own in January with 1,020 jobs.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 240 jobs over the year, an increase of 6.3 percent. Manufacturing produced an increase of 50 jobs and professional and business services rose by 50. Construction (+30), mining and logging (+10), and financial activities (+10) also rose over the year. Local government increased its total by 20 jobs over the year to reach 890 and state government chipped in 10, rising to 80.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February 2019 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on March 26th, 2019 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on March 19th, 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--				
	January 2019	December 2018	January 2018	December 2019	January 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,544	5,604	5,504	-60	40
Unemployed	350	275	309	75	41
Unemployment rate	6.3%	4.9%	5.6%	1.4	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	4.6%	4.0%	0.2	0.8
Employed	5,194	5,329	5,195	-135	-1
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,070	5,100	4,800	-30	270
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,140	5,110	4,860	30	280
Total private	4,050	4,080	3,810	-30	240
Mining and logging	30	30	20	0	10
Construction	120	140	90	-20	30
Manufacturing	1,820	1,810	1,770	10	50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	680	710	710	-30	-30
Wholesale trade	110	110	110	0	0
Retail trade	280	290	280	-10	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	290	310	320	-20	-30
Financial activities	90	90	80	0	10
Professional and business services	250	240	200	10	50
Education and health services	250	250	270	0	-20
Leisure and hospitality	180	190	170	-10	10
Government	1,020	1,020	990	0	30
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	80	80	70	0	10
Local government	890	890	870	0	20

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--		
	January 2019	December 2018	January 2018	December 2019	January 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,715	35,920	36,086	795	629
Unemployed	3,057	1,992	2,480	1,065	577
Unemployment rate	8.3%	5.5%	6.9%	2.8	1.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.5%	4.9%	4.9%	0.6	0.6
Employed	33,658	33,928	33,606	-270	52
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,810	28,220	27,800	-410	10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	28,660	28,290	28,650	370	10
Total private	20,590	20,890	20,650	-300	-60
Mining, logging, and construction	1,190	1,230	1,140	-40	50
Manufacturing	3,320	3,350	3,430	-30	-110
Durable goods	1,400	1,380	1,460	20	-60
Nondurable goods	1,920	1,970	1,970	-50	-50
Food manufacturing	1,660	1,690	1,710	-30	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,690	6,800	6,750	-110	-60
Wholesale trade	910	900	900	10	10
Retail trade	3,060	3,150	3,090	-90	-30
Food and beverage stores	670	680	680	-10	-10
General merchandise stores	760	810	780	-50	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,720	2,750	2,760	-30	-40
Information	180	170	180	10	0
Financial activities	800	800	810	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,320	1,340	1,360	-20	-40
Education and health services	3,840	3,850	3,770	-10	70
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,010	1,010	970	0	40
Leisure and hospitality	2,490	2,570	2,470	-80	20
Accommodation and food services	2,360	2,440	2,340	-80	20
Other services	760	780	740	-20	20
Government	7,220	7,330	7,150	-110	70
Federal government	450	460	450	-10	0
State government	1,440	1,450	1,420	-10	20
Local government	5,330	5,420	5,280	-90	50
Indian tribal	1,720	1,720	1,710	0	10
Local education	2,530	2,590	2,530	-60	0
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,080	1,110	1,040	-30	40

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