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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: February 2019

Unemployment Rates Little Changed and Employment up Slightly

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by a scant 0.1 percentage point in February to 5.6 percent. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 23rd in February, tied with Josephine County. In February 2018, Umatilla County's 5.1 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked 24th.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 27,960 in February, an increase of 160 jobs. Private industry gained 110 jobs, climbing to 20,690, and government chipped in 50, rising to 7,270. Education and health services led private industry in February, rising by 30 jobs to 3,860. Mining, logging and construction (+20), retail trade (+20), and professional and business services (+20) also produced job gains in February. In the public sector, local government education rose by 60 jobs, climbing to 2,590, and Indian tribal government cut 10, dropping its total to 1,710.

Umatilla County's private-industry employment fell by 100 jobs over the year ending in February. Manufacturing lost 140 jobs, falling to 3,320, with durable goods down 70 and food manufacturing idling 70. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 50 jobs, falling to 2,720 and professional and business services cut 50 jobs, dropping its total to 1,340. Private industry jobs gains were led by an over-the-year gain of 90 jobs in education and health services, increasing its total to 3,860. Accommodation and food services rose by 30 jobs to 2,360, while mining, logging, and construction chipped in 20 jobs to total 1,210. Government increased its total by 60 over the year ending in February with other local government leading the way, up 50 jobs to 1,080.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in February at 4.8 percent, ranking 14th (out of 36 counties), tied with Wheeler County. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked 12th in February 2018, at 4.2 percent.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose by 40 jobs in February, climbing to 5,110. Private industry increased its total by 30 jobs in February, climbing to 4,080 and government chipped in 10 to reach 1,030. Small job gains were reported by a number of industries in February, including wholesale trade (+10), retail trade (+10), transportation, warehousing and utilities (+10), and leisure and hospitality (+10). Construction pulled back in February, cutting 10 jobs and dropping its total to 110.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 250 jobs over the year, an increase of 6.5 percent. Manufacturing produced an increase of 60 jobs, rising to 1,820 and professional and business

services also impressed, climbing by 50 to reach 250. Construction (+20), wholesale trade (+10), financial activities (+10) and leisure and hospitality (+10) also rose over the year. State government increased its total by 10 jobs over the year, rising to 80 and local government chipped in 10 to reach 900.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March 2019 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on April 23rd, 2019 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on April 16th, 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--				
	February 2019	January 2019	February 2018	January 2019	February 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,630	5,539	5,607	91	23
Unemployed	311	348	304	-37	7
Unemployment rate	5.5%	6.3%	5.4%	-0.8	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.8%</i>	<i>4.8%</i>	<i>4.2%</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Employed	5,319	5,191	5,303	128	16
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,110	5,070	4,840	40	270
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5,120</i>	<i>5,140</i>	<i>4,850</i>	<i>-20</i>	<i>270</i>
Total private	4,080	4,050	3,830	30	250
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	110	120	90	-10	20
Manufacturing	1,820	1,820	1,760	0	60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	710	680	720	30	-10
Wholesale trade	120	110	110	10	10
Retail trade	290	280	290	10	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	300	290	320	10	-20
Financial activities	90	90	80	0	10
Professional and business services	250	250	200	0	50
Education and health services	250	250	260	0	-10
Leisure and hospitality	190	180	180	10	10
Government	1,030	1,020	1,010	10	20
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	80	80	70	0	10
Local government	900	890	890	10	10

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

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	February 2019	January 2019	February 2018	January 2019	February 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,642	36,709	36,398	-67	244
Unemployed	2,460	3,065	2,369	-605	91
Unemployment rate	6.7%	8.3%	6.5%	-1.6	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	5.5%	5.1%	0.1	0.5
Employed	34,182	33,644	34,029	538	153
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,960	27,800	28,000	160	-40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	28,370	28,650	28,420	-280	-50
Total private	20,690	20,580	20,790	110	-100
Mining, logging, and construction	1,210	1,190	1,190	20	20
Manufacturing	3,320	3,320	3,460	0	-140
Durable goods	1,410	1,400	1,480	10	-70
Nondurable goods	1,910	1,920	1,980	-10	-70
Food manufacturing	1,650	1,660	1,720	-10	-70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,720	6,690	6,790	30	-70
Wholesale trade	920	910	930	10	-10
Retail trade	3,080	3,060	3,090	20	-10
Food and beverage stores	670	670	680	0	-10
General merchandise stores	770	760	750	10	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,720	2,720	2,770	0	-50
Information	180	180	170	0	10
Financial activities	800	800	800	0	0
Professional and business services	1,340	1,320	1,390	20	-50
Education and health services	3,860	3,830	3,770	30	90
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,010	1,000	980	10	30
Leisure and hospitality	2,490	2,490	2,460	0	30
Accommodation and food services	2,360	2,360	2,330	0	30
Other services	770	760	760	10	10
Government	7,270	7,220	7,210	50	60
Federal government	450	450	450	0	0
State government	1,440	1,440	1,420	0	20
Local government	5,380	5,330	5,340	50	40
Indian tribal	1,710	1,720	1,710	-10	0
Local education	2,590	2,530	2,600	60	-10
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,080	1,080	1,030	0	50

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