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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: March 2019

Employment Stuck Between Winter and Spring

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in March at 5.7 percent. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 25th in March, just behind Baker County. In March 2018, Umatilla County's 5.0 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked 22nd.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 28,170 in March, an increase of 230 jobs. Private industry gained 180 jobs, climbing to 20,850, and government chipped in 50, rising to 7,320. Mining, logging, and construction led private industry in March, rising by 60 jobs to reach 1,270. Education and health services rose by 40 jobs to 3,900. Leisure and hospitality chipped in 30, climbing to 2,520. Retail trade (+20) and professional and business services (+20) also produced job gains in March. In the public sector, other local government rose by 30 jobs to reach 1,110.

Umatilla County's private-industry employment fell by 170 jobs over the year ending in March. Professional and business services cut its total to 1,340, an over-the-year loss of 120. Manufacturing lost 100 jobs, falling to 3,340, with durable goods down 50 and food manufacturing idling 50. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 40 jobs, falling to 2,720. Private industry jobs gains were led by an over-the-year increase of 70 jobs in education and health services. Mining, logging, and construction rose by 50 jobs and other services chipped in 20 to reach 780. Government increased its total by 100 over the year ending in March with other local government leading the way, up 50 jobs to 1,080. State government produced an over-the-year gain of 30 jobs, rising to 1,450, and Indian tribal chipped in 20, climbing to 1,720.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point in March to 4.9 percent, ranking 14th (out of 36 counties), tied with Jackson and Linn counties. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked 12th in March 2018, at 4.2 percent.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment fell to 5,090 in March, a loss of 10 jobs. Private industry held its own in March at 4,070, but government cut 10, dropping to 1,020.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 220 jobs over the year, an increase of 5.7 percent. Manufacturing increased its total by 50 jobs, rising to 1,820 and professional and business services also impressed, climbing by 40 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 890.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April 2019 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on May 21st, 2019 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on May 14th, 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--				
	March 2019	February 2019	March 2018	February 2019	March 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,669	5,623	5,631	46	38
Unemployed	291	313	251	-22	40
Unemployment rate	5.1%	5.6%	4.5%	-0.5	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.9%</i>	<i>4.8%</i>	<i>4.2%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Employed	5,378	5,310	5,380	68	-2
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,090	5,100	4,850	-10	240
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5,120</i>	<i>5,110</i>	<i>4,880</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>240</i>
Total private	4,070	4,070	3,850	0	220
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	110	110	90	0	20
Manufacturing	1,820	1,820	1,770	0	50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	690	700	720	-10	-30
Wholesale trade	120	110	110	10	10
Retail trade	280	280	290	0	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	290	310	320	-20	-30
Financial activities	90	90	80	0	10
Professional and business services	250	250	210	0	40
Education and health services	250	250	260	0	-10
Leisure and hospitality	190	190	180	0	10
Government	1,020	1,030	1,000	-10	20
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	80	80	70	0	10
Local government	890	900	880	-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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	March 2019	February 2019	March 2018	February 2019	March 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,570	36,594	36,346	-24	224
Unemployed	2,159	2,472	1,963	-313	196
Unemployment rate	5.9%	6.8%	5.4%	-0.9	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>5.0%</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Employed	34,411	34,122	34,383	289	28
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	28,170	27,940	28,240	230	-70
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>28,320</i>	<i>28,350</i>	<i>28,400</i>	<i>-30</i>	<i>-80</i>
Total private	20,850	20,670	21,020	180	-170
Mining, logging, and construction	1,270	1,210	1,220	60	50
Manufacturing	3,340	3,340	3,440	0	-100
Durable goods	1,420	1,430	1,470	-10	-50
Nondurable goods	1,920	1,910	1,970	10	-50
Food manufacturing	1,660	1,650	1,710	10	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,720	6,710	6,810	10	-90
Wholesale trade	910	920	910	-10	0
Retail trade	3,090	3,070	3,140	20	-50
Food and beverage stores	670	670	670	0	0
General merchandise stores	760	760	770	0	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,720	2,720	2,760	0	-40
Information	180	170	180	10	0
Financial activities	800	800	810	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,340	1,320	1,460	20	-120
Education and health services	3,900	3,860	3,830	40	70
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,030	1,010	990	20	40
Leisure and hospitality	2,520	2,490	2,510	30	10
Accommodation and food services	2,390	2,360	2,360	30	30
Other services	780	770	760	10	20
Government	7,320	7,270	7,220	50	100
Federal government	450	450	450	0	0
State government	1,450	1,440	1,420	10	30
Local government	5,420	5,380	5,350	40	70
Indian tribal	1,720	1,710	1,700	10	20
Local education	2,590	2,590	2,590	0	0
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,110	1,080	1,060	30	50

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