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## **Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: April 2019**

### **Construction Joins Leisure and Hospitality to Lead April Job Growth**

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in April at 5.3 percent. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 23<sup>rd</sup> in April, tied with Baker County. In April 2018, Umatilla County's 4.9 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 28,250 in April, an increase of 160 jobs. Private industry increased its total by 150 jobs, climbing to 21,030, and government chipped in 10, rising to 7,220. Leisure and hospitality led private industry in April, rising by 70 jobs to 2,620. Mining, logging, and construction also impressed, rising by 50 jobs to 1,340. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities cut 30 jobs in April, falling to 2,640.

Umatilla County's private-industry employment rose by a scant 30 jobs over the year ending in April. Mining, logging, and construction led private industry job growth with an over-the-year increase of 70. Retail trade rose by 60 jobs to 3,140. Educational and health services reached 3,910, increasing its total by 60, and leisure and hospitality also gained 60. Professional and business services suffered a loss of 150 jobs, dropping its total to 1,280. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities cut 70 jobs over the year, and manufacturing lost 40, falling to 3,400. Government produced a mixed bag, with Indian tribal government cutting 40 jobs while state government and local education each rose by 20.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was little changed in April, falling by 0.1 percentage point to 4.6 percent, ranking 13<sup>th</sup> (out of 36 counties), tied with Lane, Polk, and Wheeler counties. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked ninth in April 2018, at 4.0 percent.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose to 5,150 in April, an increase of 60 jobs. Private industry rose by 30 jobs to 4,100 and government increased its total by 30, rising to 1,050. Construction led private industry in April, rising by 20 jobs to 130. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+10); financial activities (+10); and professional and business services (+10) also rose in April. Private industry job losses were limited to manufacturing (-10) and wholesale trade (-10). Local government led the public sector, rising by 20 jobs to 920. State government chipped in 10 to reach 80.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 210 jobs over the year, an increase of 5.4 percent. Manufacturing increased its total by 40 jobs, rising to 1,810. Professional and business services

also impressed, climbing by 40 to reach 260. Financial activities (+20) and construction (+10) also rose over the year. Government rose by 30 jobs over the year led by an increase of 20 in local government.

### Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May 2019 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 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--				
	April 2019	March 2019	April 2018	March 2019	April 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	5,713	5,658	5,709	55	4
Unemployed	216	290	208	-74	8
Unemployment rate	3.8%	5.1%	3.6%	-1.3	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.7%	4.0%	-0.1	0.6
Employed	5,497	5,368	5,501	129	-4
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	5,150	5,090	4,910	60	240
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,110	5,120	4,870	-10	240
Total private	4,100	4,070	3,890	30	210
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	130	110	120	20	10
Manufacturing	1,810	1,820	1,770	-10	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	690	690	710	0	-20
Wholesale trade	110	120	110	-10	0
Retail trade	280	280	280	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	300	290	320	10	-20
Financial activities	100	90	80	10	20
Professional and business services	260	250	220	10	40
Education and health services	260	260	260	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	180	180	180	0	0
Government	1,050	1,020	1,020	30	30
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	80	80	70	0	10
Local government	920	890	900	30	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--				
	April 2019	March 2019	April 2018	March 2019	April 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	36,400	36,491	36,407	-91	-7
Unemployed	1,678	2,168	1,713	-490	-35
Unemployment rate	4.6%	5.9%	4.7%	-1.3	-0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.3%	4.9%	0.0	0.4
Employed	34,722	34,323	34,694	399	28
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	28,250	28,090	28,220	160	30
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	28,210	28,240	28,190	-30	20
Total private	21,030	20,880	21,000	150	30
Mining, logging, and construction	1,340	1,290	1,270	50	70
Manufacturing	3,400	3,390	3,440	10	-40
Durable goods	1,460	1,460	1,440	0	20
Nondurable goods	1,940	1,930	2,000	10	-60
Food manufacturing	1,660	1,650	1,730	10	-70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,720	6,720	6,710	0	10
Wholesale trade	940	930	920	10	20
Retail trade	3,140	3,120	3,080	20	60
Food and beverage stores	690	690	670	0	20
General merchandise stores	770	770	750	0	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,640	2,670	2,710	-30	-70
Information	170	170	170	0	0
Financial activities	820	820	800	0	20
Professional and business services	1,280	1,270	1,430	10	-150
Education and health services	3,910	3,900	3,850	10	60
Nursing and residential care facilities	990	1,000	990	-10	0
Leisure and hospitality	2,620	2,550	2,560	70	60
Accommodation and food services	2,460	2,420	2,400	40	60
Other services	770	770	770	0	0
Government	7,220	7,210	7,220	10	0
Federal government	460	460	470	0	-10
State government	1,440	1,440	1,420	0	20
Local government	5,320	5,310	5,330	10	-10
Indian tribal	1,680	1,680	1,720	0	-40
Local education	2,580	2,570	2,560	10	20
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,060	1,060	1,050	0	10

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