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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: July 2019

Public Schools Take a Break in July

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point in July to 5.2 percent. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 25th in July, tied with Josephine. In July 2018, Umatilla County's 4.8 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked 21st.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total fell to 27,900 in July, a loss of 630 jobs. Private industry increased its employment total by 170 jobs, rising to 21,200. Government shed 800 jobs, falling to 6,700. Leisure and hospitality led private industry in July, rising by 80 jobs to reach 2,720. Mining, logging, and construction (+40); retail trade (+40); and manufacturing (+30) also rose in July. In government, local education started its summer break, idling 930 jobs and cutting its total to 1,610. Indian tribal performed well in July, rising by 70 jobs to 1,790 and other local government chipped in 40 to reach 1,300.

Umatilla County's total private employment increased by 90 jobs over the year ending in July and government rose by 130. Information led private industry, rising by 150 jobs to reach 400, an increase of 60 percent! Retail trade also performed well, increasing its total by 90 jobs over the year to total 3,290. But losses in professional and business services dropped the industry's total to 1,250, a loss of 190 jobs or 13.2 percent. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities also weighed on private industry's over-the-year performance, cutting 50 jobs and falling to 2,550. Government rose by 130 over the year, with local government up 110 jobs and state government rising by 30.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point in July, to 4.4 percent, ranking 15th (out of 36 counties), tied with Malheur and Wasco counties. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked 12th in July 2018, at 4.2 percent.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment fell to 4,780 in July, a loss of 120 jobs. Private industry rose by 40 jobs to 3,890 and government cut 160, falling to 890. Manufacturing led private industry in July, rising by 20 jobs to 1,890. Construction (+10), wholesale trade (+10), professional and business services (+10), and leisure and hospitality (+10) all rose in July. Retail trade (-10); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-10); and education and health services (-10) all cut jobs in July. Local government did most of the damage, cutting 160 jobs with local schools on summer break, dropping its total to 750.

Morrow County's private-industry employment fell by 20 jobs over the year. Retail trade lost 30 jobs, falling to 250 and construction cut 10. But manufacturing performed well, rising by 40 jobs over the year, while leisure and hospitality also chipped in 40. Federal government cut 10 jobs over the year, falling to 70.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August 2019 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on September 24th, 2019 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on September 17th, 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--				
	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019	July 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,906	5,689	5,856	217	50
Unemployed	327	239	246	88	81
Unemployment rate	5.5%	4.2%	4.2%	1.3	1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>4.3%</i>	<i>4.2%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Employed	5,579	5,450	5,610	129	-31
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	4,780	4,900	4,810	-120	-30
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4,920</i>	<i>4,860</i>	<i>4,950</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>-30</i>
Total private	3,890	3,850	3,910	40	-20
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	100	90	110	10	-10
Manufacturing	1,890	1,870	1,850	20	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	670	680	700	-10	-30
Wholesale trade	120	110	120	10	0
Retail trade	250	260	280	-10	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	300	310	300	-10	0
Financial activities	90	90	80	0	10
Professional and business services	250	240	220	10	30
Education and health services	230	240	230	-10	0
Leisure and hospitality	230	220	190	10	40
Government	890	1,050	900	-160	-10
Federal government	70	70	80	0	-10
State government	70	70	70	0	0
Local government	750	910	750	-160	0

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--				
	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019	July 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,852	37,430	37,431	422	421
Unemployed	2,390	1,595	1,808	795	582
Unemployment rate	6.3%	4.3%	4.8%	2.0	1.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>5.0%</i>	<i>4.8%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Employed	35,462	35,835	35,623	-373	-161
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,900	28,530	27,680	-630	220
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>28,170</i>	<i>28,000</i>	<i>27,940</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>230</i>
Total private	21,200	21,030	21,110	170	90
Mining, logging, and construction	1,300	1,260	1,330	40	-30
Manufacturing	3,460	3,430	3,420	30	40
Durable goods	1,440	1,440	1,440	0	0
Nondurable goods	2,020	1,990	1,980	30	40
Food manufacturing	1,710	1,680	1,700	30	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,780	6,770	6,730	10	50
Wholesale trade	940	940	930	0	10
Retail trade	3,290	3,250	3,200	40	90
Food and beverage stores	670	670	690	0	-20
General merchandise stores	770	760	800	10	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,550	2,580	2,600	-30	-50
Information	400	390	250	10	150
Financial activities	830	830	820	0	10
Professional and business services	1,250	1,240	1,440	10	-190
Education and health services	3,700	3,720	3,670	-20	30
Nursing and residential care facilities	960	940	1,000	20	-40
Leisure and hospitality	2,720	2,640	2,680	80	40
Accommodation and food services	2,460	2,480	2,410	-20	50
Other services	760	750	770	10	-10
Government	6,700	7,500	6,570	-800	130
Federal government	520	510	530	10	-10
State government	1,480	1,470	1,450	10	30
Local government	4,700	5,520	4,590	-820	110
Indian tribal	1,790	1,720	1,760	70	30
Local education	1,610	2,540	1,540	-930	70
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,300	1,260	1,290	40	10

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