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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: December 2019

Job Losses Pile Up in December

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.3 percentage point in December to 4.7 percent. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 24th in December, tied with Baker, Coos, and Jefferson. In December 2018, Umatilla County's 5.1 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked 21st.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total fell to 28,490 in December, a loss of 230 jobs. Private industry cut 160 jobs, falling to 21,300, while government idled 70, dropping its total to 7,420. Professional and business services cut 60 jobs in December, falling to 1,280. Mining, logging, and construction (-30); manufacturing (-30); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-30) also cut jobs in December. In government, Indian tribal cut 30 jobs, federal government idled 20, state government shed 10, and other local government lost 10.

Umatilla County's total private employment rose by 90 jobs over the year ending in December and government rose by 20. Information led private industry, rising by 130 jobs to reach 460. Retail trade performed exceptionally, rising by 120 jobs (+3.8%) to total 3,310. Mining, logging, and construction showed strength, adding 100 jobs over the year to reach 1,330. Professional and business services (+30); wholesale trade (+20); and education and health services (+20) all rose over the year. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities suffered a loss of 230 jobs over the year, falling to 2,470. Manufacturing also cut jobs, falling by 90 to 3,270. State government and local government education each rose by 20 jobs, while Indian tribal and other local each cut 10.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.3 percentage point in December to 4.0 percent, ranking 12th (out of 36 counties), tied with Lane, Malheur, and Sherman. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked 13th in December 2018, at 4.6 percent.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment fell to 5,010 in December, a loss of 40 jobs. Private industry cut 40 jobs, falling to 3,960 and government held steady with 1,050. Retail trade (+10) and education and health services (+10) produced private industry job gains. Several industries cut jobs in December, including construction (-20); mining and logging (-10); manufacturing (-10); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-10); and professional and business services (-10).

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 50 over the year ending in December. Manufacturing led private industry, rising by 110 jobs over the year (+6%) to total 1,930. Wholesale

trade (+10), and education and health services (+10) also rose over the year. Job losses hit construction (-40), retail trade (-20), and mining and logging (-10). Local government led the public sector, rising by 50 jobs to total 930.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January 2020 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on March 10th, 2020 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on March 3rd, 2020.

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--				
	December 2019	November 2019	December 2018	November 2019	December 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,560	5,746	5,604	-186	-44
Unemployed	189	191	275	-2	-86
Unemployment rate	3.4%	3.3%	4.9%	0.1	-1.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.3%	4.6%	-0.3	-0.6
Employed	5,371	5,555	5,329	-184	42
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,010	5,050	4,910	-40	100
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,020	5,060	4,920	-40	100
Total private	3,960	4,000	3,910	-40	50
Mining and logging	20	30	30	-10	-10
Construction	90	110	130	-20	-40
Manufacturing	1,930	1,940	1,820	-10	110
Trade, transportation, and utilities	680	680	690	0	-10
Wholesale trade	120	120	110	0	10
Retail trade	250	240	270	10	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	310	320	310	-10	0
Financial activities	90	90	90	0	0
Professional and business services	240	250	240	-10	0
Education and health services	270	260	260	10	10
Leisure and hospitality	190	190	190	0	0
Government	1,050	1,050	1,000	0	50
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	70	70	70	0	0
Local government	930	930	880	0	50

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--				
	December 2019	November 2019	December 2018	November 2019	December 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	35,689	36,689	35,920	-1,000	-231
Unemployed	1,388	1,353	1,992	35	-604
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.7%	5.5%	0.2	-1.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	5.0%	5.1%	-0.3	-0.4
Employed	34,301	35,336	33,928	-1,035	373
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	28,490	28,720	28,380	-230	110
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	28,550	28,440	28,450	110	100
Total private	21,140	21,300	21,050	-160	90
Mining, logging, and construction	1,330	1,360	1,230	-30	100
Manufacturing	3,270	3,300	3,360	-30	-90
Durable goods	1,370	1,380	1,390	-10	-20
Nondurable goods	1,900	1,920	1,970	-20	-70
Food manufacturing	1,610	1,640	1,680	-30	-70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,730	6,770	6,820	-40	-90
Wholesale trade	950	950	930	0	20
Retail trade	3,310	3,320	3,190	-10	120
Food and beverage stores	660	660	690	0	-30
General merchandise stores	810	810	800	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,470	2,500	2,700	-30	-230
Information	460	450	330	10	130
Financial activities	820	810	830	10	-10
Professional and business services	1,280	1,340	1,250	-60	30
Education and health services	3,860	3,860	3,840	0	20
Nursing and residential care facilities	990	990	980	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	2,610	2,630	2,610	-20	0
Accommodation and food services	2,460	2,480	2,470	-20	-10
Other services	780	780	780	0	0
Government	7,350	7,420	7,330	-70	20
Federal government	460	480	460	-20	0
State government	1,480	1,490	1,460	-10	20
Local government	5,410	5,450	5,410	-40	0
Indian tribal	1,710	1,740	1,720	-30	-10
Local education	2,650	2,650	2,630	0	20
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,050	1,060	1,060	-10	-10

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