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## **Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: May 2020**

### **Over-the-Year Job Losses Detail COVID-19 Impacts**

May seasonally adjusted unemployment rates are not available due to processing delays caused by large changes in unemployment in recent months. Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates are being used for this news release. They reflect May's high unemployment rates related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for May will be available on Qualityinfo.org or by request at a later date. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes.

In May, Umatilla County's unadjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.4 percentage points to 12.4 percent. Over the year, Umatilla County's unadjusted unemployment rate rose by 8.5 percentage points.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total fell to 24,120 in May, a loss of 1,110 jobs. Private industry cut 1,020 jobs in May, falling to 17,200, while government lost 90, dropping its total to 6,920.

Umatilla County's total private employment fell by 4,290 jobs over the year ending in May (-18.5%) and government cut 380 (-5.2%). Accommodation and food services idled 1,240 jobs as a result of COVID-19 closures, cutting its total to 1,240, a loss of 50 percent. Manufacturing trimmed its payrolls by 1,120 jobs, falling to 2,240, an over-the-year loss of 33.3 percent. Retail trade trimmed its payrolls by 390 (-11.9%) over the year, dropping to 2,890 and transportation, warehousing, and utilities cut 320 jobs, falling to 2,260 (-12.4%). COVID-19 related job losses were also felt in mining, logging, and construction (-220) and other services (-150). Local education idled 340, cutting its total to 2,260, a drop of 13.1 percent.

Morrow County's unadjusted unemployment rate was essentially unchanged in May at 7.5 percent. Over the year, Morrow County's unadjusted unemployment rate rose by 4.2 percentage points.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment fell to 4,740 in May, a loss of 130 jobs. Private industry cut 110 jobs, dropping to 3,760 and government idled 20, falling to 980.

Morrow County's private-industry employment fell by 180 over the year ending in May, a drop of 4.6 percent. Trade, transportation, and utilities cut its payrolls by 80 jobs, falling to 600 (-11.8%). Construction lost 70 jobs over the year, falling to 30 (-70%). Manufacturing idled 70 jobs, cutting its total to 1,840 (-3.7%). Leisure and hospitality (-60) and education and health services (-40) also cut jobs over the year. Professional and business services helped to offset over-the-year COVID-19 losses, adding 130 jobs to total 370 (+54.2%).

## Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June 2020 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 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--				
	May 2020	April 2020	May 2019	April 2020	May 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	5,510	5,613	5,713	-103	-203
Unemployed	413	426	190	-13	223
Unemployment rate	7.5%	7.6%	3.3%	-0.1	4.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	5,097	5,187	5,523	-90	-426
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	4,740	4,870	5,000	-130	-260
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4,670	4,840	4,930	-170	-260
Total private	3,760	3,870	3,940	-110	-180
Mining and logging	20	30	30	-10	-10
Construction	30	40	100	-10	-70
Manufacturing	1,840	1,850	1,910	-10	-70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	600	630	680	-30	-80
Wholesale trade	110	120	120	-10	-10
Retail trade	210	210	250	0	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	280	300	310	-20	-30
Financial activities	80	90	90	-10	-10
Professional and business services	370	380	240	-10	130
Education and health services	220	230	260	-10	-40
Leisure and hospitality	150	160	210	-10	-60
Government	980	1,000	1,060	-20	-80
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	60	60	60	0	0
Local government	870	890	950	-20	-80

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--				
	May 2020	April 2020	May 2019	April 2020	May 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	36,677	37,583	37,004	-906	-327
Unemployed	4,544	5,199	1,439	-655	3,105
Unemployment rate	12.4%	13.8%	3.9%	-1.4	8.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	32,133	32,384	35,565	-251	-3,432
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	24,120	25,230	28,410	-1,110	-4,290
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,890	25,210	28,130	-1,320	-4,240
Total private	17,200	18,220	21,110	-1,020	-3,910
Mining, logging, and construction	1,100	1,140	1,320	-40	-220
Manufacturing	2,240	2,470	3,360	-230	-1,120
Durable goods	680	710	1,440	-30	-760
Nondurable goods	1,560	1,760	1,920	-200	-360
Food manufacturing	1,320	1,520	1,640	-200	-320
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,010	6,160	6,820	-150	-810
Wholesale trade	860	870	960	-10	-100
Retail trade	2,890	2,990	3,280	-100	-390
Food and beverage stores	700	710	690	-10	10
General merchandise stores	840	800	760	40	80
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,260	2,300	2,580	-40	-320
Information	420	420	410	0	10
Financial activities	810	820	830	-10	-20
Professional and business services	1,120	1,190	1,150	-70	-30
Education and health services	3,530	3,700	3,800	-170	-270
Nursing and residential care facilities	950	960	970	-10	-20
Leisure and hospitality	1,330	1,650	2,630	-320	-1,300
Accommodation and food services	1,240	1,550	2,480	-310	-1,240
Other services	640	670	790	-30	-150
Government	6,920	7,010	7,300	-90	-380
Federal government	480	460	490	20	-10
State government	1,470	1,480	1,440	-10	30
Local government	4,970	5,070	5,370	-100	-400
Indian tribal	1,690	1,690	1,690	0	0
Local education	2,260	2,330	2,600	-70	-340
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,020	1,050	1,080	-30	-60

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