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

### **Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates Improve in August**

In August, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.1 percentage points to 6.8 percent. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 2.6 percentage points.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 26,530 in August, an increase of 40 jobs. Private industry cut 40 jobs in August, falling to 20,110, while government rose by 80, increasing its total to 6,420.

Umatilla County's total private employment fell by 1,370 jobs over the year ending in August (-6.4%) and government cut 390 (-5.7%). Leisure and hospitality idled 830 jobs, cutting its total to 1,990, a loss of 29.4 percent. Manufacturing trimmed its payrolls by 270 jobs as a result of COVID-19 closures, falling to 3,130, an over-the-year loss of 7.9 percent. Professional and business services cut 100, falling to 1,180 (-7.8). Other services trimmed its payrolls by 90 jobs, falling to 690 (-11.5%). COVID-19 related job losses were also felt in wholesale trade (-70); and mining, logging, and construction (-50). Retail trade rose by 80 (2.4%) over the year, climbing to 3,350. Local education idled 200, cutting its total to 1,540, a drop of 11.5 percent. Other local government lost 130 jobs over the year, falling to 1,100 (-10.6%).

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.8 percentage point in August to 5.2 percent. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 1.3 percentage points.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose by 110 in August to total 4,920. Private industry increased its total by 70 jobs, rising to 3,990 and government chipped in 40 to total 930.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 20 over the year ending in August, an increase of 0.5 percent. Manufacturing idled 140 jobs, cutting its total to 1,780 (-7.3%). Trade, transportation, and utilities cut its payrolls by 70 jobs, falling to 610 (-10.3%). Construction lost 40 jobs over the year, falling to 50 (-44.4%). Leisure and hospitality cut 30 jobs, dropping to 210 (-12.5%). Professional and business services helped to offset over-the-year COVID-19 losses, adding 180 jobs to total 450 (+66.7%). Local government lost 130 jobs, trimming its total to 800, a loss of 14 percent.

## Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September 2020 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on October 13<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--				
	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020	August 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	5,783	5,725	5,917	58	-134
Unemployed	288	380	230	-92	58
Unemployment rate	5.0%	6.6%	3.9%	-1.6	1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.2%	6.0%	3.9%	-0.8	1.3
Employed	5,495	5,345	5,687	150	-192
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	4,920	4,810	5,030	110	-110
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4,970	4,970	5,080	0	-110
Total private	3,990	3,920	3,970	70	20
Mining and logging	30	30	20	0	10
Construction	50	50	90	0	-40
Manufacturing	1,780	1,770	1,920	10	-140
Trade, transportation, and utilities	610	610	680	0	-70
Wholesale trade	110	110	120	0	-10
Retail trade	240	240	250	0	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	260	260	310	0	-50
Financial activities	80	80	90	0	-10
Professional and business services	450	400	270	50	180
Education and health services	260	260	240	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	210	210	240	0	-30
Government	930	890	1,060	40	-130
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	60	60	60	0	0
Local government	800	760	930	40	-130

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--				
	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020	August 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	37,214	37,151	37,882	63	-668
Unemployed	2,470	2,948	1,619	-478	851
Unemployment rate	6.6%	7.9%	4.3%	-1.3	2.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6.8%</i>	<i>7.9%</i>	<i>4.2%</i>	<i>-1.1</i>	<i>2.6</i>
Employed	34,744	34,203	36,263	541	-1,519
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	26,530	26,490	28,290	40	-1,760
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>26,620</i>	<i>26,810</i>	<i>28,380</i>	<i>-190</i>	<i>-1,760</i>
Total private	20,110	20,150	21,480	-40	-1,370
Mining, logging, and construction	1,280	1,290	1,330	-10	-50
Manufacturing	3,130	2,940	3,400	190	-270
Durable goods	1,330	1,150	1,390	180	-60
Nondurable goods	1,800	1,790	2,010	10	-210
Food manufacturing	1,520	1,520	1,710	0	-190
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,820	6,700	6,780	120	40
Wholesale trade	900	910	970	-10	-70
Retail trade	3,350	3,310	3,270	40	80
Food and beverage stores	690	690	650	0	40
General merchandise stores	920	880	760	40	160
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,570	2,480	2,540	90	30
Information	500	500	420	0	80
Financial activities	810	810	860	0	-50
Professional and business services	1,180	1,170	1,280	10	-100
Education and health services	3,710	3,690	3,810	20	-100
Nursing and residential care facilities	960	970	970	-10	-10
Leisure and hospitality	1,990	2,360	2,820	-370	-830
Accommodation and food services	1,910	2,270	2,540	-360	-630
Other services	690	690	780	0	-90
Government	6,420	6,340	6,810	80	-390
Federal government	570	510	540	60	30
State government	1,520	1,500	1,520	20	0
Local government	4,330	4,330	4,750	0	-420
Indian tribal	1,690	1,670	1,780	20	-90
Local education	1,540	1,500	1,740	40	-200
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,100	1,160	1,230	-60	-130

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