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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: September 2020

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates Fall Again in September

In September, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.9 percentage point to 6.2 percent. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 2.1 percentage points.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 27,130 in September, an increase of 610 jobs. Private industry cut 90 jobs in September, falling to 20,010, while government rose by 700 with the start of the public school year, increasing its total to 7,120.

Umatilla County's total private employment fell by 1,330 jobs over the year ending in September (-6.2%) and government cut 220 (-3.0%). Leisure and hospitality idled 760 jobs, dropping its total to 2,000, a loss of 27.5 percent. Manufacturing trimmed its payrolls by 230 jobs as a result of COVID-19 closures, falling to 3,100, an over-the-year loss of 6.9 percent. Professional and business services cut 130, falling to 1,170 (-10.0%). Other services trimmed its payrolls by 100 jobs, falling to 700 (-12.5%). COVID-19 related job losses were also felt in wholesale trade (-60) and, mining, logging, and construction (-50). Retail trade rose by 80 (2.5%) over the year, climbing to 3,300. Government job losses were concentrated in local government, with local education idling 110, other local government cutting 100 and Indian tribal trimming 30.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage point in September to 5.3 percent. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 1.6 percentage points.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose by 50 in September to total 4,950. Private industry cut 20 jobs, falling to 3,950 and government rose by 70 to total 1,000.

Morrow County's private-industry employment fell by 70 over the year ending in September, a loss of 1.7 percent. Manufacturing idled 130 jobs, cutting its total to 1,780 (-6.8%). Trade, transportation, and utilities cut its payrolls by 70 jobs, falling to 610 (-10.3%). Construction lost 40 jobs over the year (-50.0%), while leisure and hospitality cut 30 jobs, dropping to 200 (-13.0%). Professional and business services helped to offset over-the-year COVID-19 losses, adding 80 jobs to total 430 (+22.9%). Local government lost 70 jobs, trimming its total to 870, a loss of 7.4 percent.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October 2020 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on November 24th, 2020 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on November 17th, 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

	September 2020	August 2020	September 2019	--Change From--	
				August 2020	September 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,830	5,799	5,917	31	-87
Unemployed	250	309	173	-59	77
Unemployment rate	4.3%	5.3%	2.9%	-1.0	1.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.5%	3.7%	-0.2	1.6
Employed	5,580	5,490	5,744	90	-164
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	4,950	4,900	5,080	50	-130
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4,830	4,950	4,960	-120	-130
Total private	3,950	3,970	4,020	-20	-70
Mining and logging	20	30	30	-10	-10
Construction	40	50	80	-10	-40
Manufacturing	1,780	1,780	1,910	0	-130
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	430	430	350	0	80
Education and health services	260	260	240	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	200	210	230	-10	-30
Government	1,000	930	1,060	70	-60
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	60	60	50	0	10
Local government	870	800	940	70	-70

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

	September 2020	August 2020	September 2019	--Change From--	
				August 2020	September 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,043	37,360	37,625	-317	-582
Unemployed	1,995	2,616	1,276	-621	719
Unemployment rate	5.4%	7.0%	3.4%	-1.6	2.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.2%	7.1%	4.1%	-0.9	2.1
Employed	35,048	34,744	36,349	304	-1,301
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,130	26,520	28,680	610	-1,550
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>26,910</i>	<i>26,610</i>	<i>28,440</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>-1,530</i>
Total private	20,010	20,100	21,340	-90	-1,330
Mining, logging, and construction	1,260	1,270	1,310	-10	-50
Manufacturing	3,100	3,130	3,330	-30	-230
Durable goods	1,310	1,330	1,330	-20	-20
Nondurable goods	1,790	1,800	2,000	-10	-210
Food manufacturing	1,510	1,520	1,700	-10	-190
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,740	6,820	6,760	-80	-20
Wholesale trade	890	900	950	-10	-60
Retail trade	3,300	3,350	3,220	-50	80
Food and beverage stores	680	690	630	-10	50
General merchandise stores	880	920	750	-40	130
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,550	2,570	2,590	-20	-40
Information	510	500	420	10	90
Financial activities	810	810	840	0	-30
Professional and business services	1,170	1,180	1,300	-10	-130
Education and health services	3,720	3,710	3,820	10	-100
Nursing and residential care facilities	970	960	970	10	0
Leisure and hospitality	2,000	1,990	2,760	10	-760
Accommodation and food services	1,930	1,910	2,630	20	-700
Other services	700	690	800	10	-100
Government	7,120	6,420	7,340	700	-220
Federal government	550	570	520	-20	30
State government	1,540	1,520	1,550	20	-10
Local government	5,030	4,330	5,270	700	-240
Indian tribal	1,700	1,690	1,730	10	-30
Local education	2,300	1,540	2,410	760	-110
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,030	1,100	1,130	-70	-100

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