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

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| **Nonfarm Payroll Employment** |                |             |                |                 |
| Total nonfarm employment    | 4,950          | 4,900       | 5,080          | 50 -130         |
| Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted) | 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          |

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Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

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| Total nonfarm employment    | 27,130         | 26,520      | 28,680         | 610             | -1,550      |
| Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted) | 26,910 | 26,610 | 28,440 | 300 | -1,530 |
| 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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