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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: October 2020

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates Fall Again in October

In October, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.4 percentage point to 6.0 percent. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 10th in October, tied with Wasco and Yamhill. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 2.0 percentage points.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 27,710 in October, an increase of 260 jobs. Private industry cut 40 jobs in October, falling to 20,430, while government rose by 300 to total 7,280.

Umatilla County's total private employment fell by 1,170 jobs over the year ending in October (-4.0%) and government cut 310 (-4.1%). Leisure and hospitality idled 350 jobs, dropping its total to 2,190, a loss of 13.8 percent. Manufacturing trimmed its payrolls by 130 jobs as a result of COVID-19 closures, falling to 3,180, an over-the-year loss of 3.9 percent. Other services trimmed its payrolls by 90 jobs, falling to 690 (-11.5%). Professional and business services cut 60, falling to 1,220 (-4.7%). COVID-19 related job losses were also felt in wholesale trade (-60) and mining, logging, and construction (-50). Retail trade rose by 30 (0.9%) over the year, climbing to 3,240. Government job losses were concentrated in local government, with local education idling 250, Indian tribal trimming 30, and other local government cutting 20.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.3 percentage point in October to 5.1 percent. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked second lowest out of 36 Oregon counties, trailing Wheeler (4.1%) but ahead of Benton (5.3%) and Hood River. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 1.5 percentage points.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment fell by 60 in October to total 4,900. Private industry cut 40 jobs, falling to 3,920, and government shed 20, dropping to 980.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 10 jobs over the year ending in October, an increase of 0.3 percent. Manufacturing idled 160 jobs, cutting its total to 1,740 (-8.4%). Trade, transportation, and utilities cut its payrolls by 40 jobs, falling to 640 (-5.9%). Construction lost 20 jobs over the year (-25.0%), while leisure and hospitality rose by 20 to reach 230 (+9.5%). Professional and business services helped to offset over-the-year COVID-19 losses, adding 140 jobs to total 430 (+48.3%). Local government lost 100 jobs, trimming its total to 860, a loss of 10.4 percent.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November 2020 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on December 22nd, 2020 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on December 15th, 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--				
	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	September 2020	October 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,937	5,721	5,774	216	163
Unemployed	249	250	163	-1	86
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.4%	2.8%	-0.2	1.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.4%	3.6%	-0.3	1.5
Employed	5,688	5,471	5,611	217	77
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	4,900	4,960	4,980	-60	-80
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4,850	4,840	4,930	10	-80
Total private	3,920	3,960	3,910	-40	10
Mining and logging	20	30	20	-10	0
Construction	60	60	80	0	-20
Manufacturing	1,740	1,760	1,900	-20	-160
Trade, transportation, and utilities	640	640	680	0	-40
Wholesale trade	120	110	120	10	0
Retail trade	240	240	250	0	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	280	290	310	-10	-30
Financial activities	80	80	80	0	0
Professional and business services	430	440	290	-10	140
Education and health services	260	250	240	10	20
Leisure and hospitality	230	230	210	0	20
Government	980	1,000	1,070	-20	-90
Federal government	60	70	60	-10	0
State government	60	50	50	10	10
Local government	860	880	960	-20	-100

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--				
	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	September 2020	October 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,963	36,306	36,892	1,657	1,071
Unemployed	2,025	1,987	1,223	38	802
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.5%	3.3%	-0.2	2.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6.0%</i>	<i>6.4%</i>	<i>4.0%</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>2.0</i>
Employed	35,938	34,319	35,669	1,619	269
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,710	27,450	28,880	260	-1,170
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>27,350</i>	<i>27,230</i>	<i>28,500</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>-1,150</i>
Total private	20,430	20,470	21,290	-40	-860
Mining, logging, and construction	1,320	1,310	1,390	10	-70
Manufacturing	3,180	3,170	3,310	10	-130
Durable goods	1,370	1,350	1,370	20	0
Nondurable goods	1,810	1,820	1,940	-10	-130
Food manufacturing	1,480	1,510	1,650	-30	-170
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,720	6,760	6,740	-40	-20
Wholesale trade	900	900	960	0	-60
Retail trade	3,240	3,300	3,210	-60	30
Food and beverage stores	710	710	630	0	80
General merchandise stores	830	880	780	-50	50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,580	2,560	2,570	20	10
Information	430	440	420	-10	10
Financial activities	820	820	850	0	-30
Professional and business services	1,220	1,220	1,280	0	-60
Education and health services	3,770	3,750	3,850	20	-80
Nursing and residential care facilities	990	990	980	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	2,280	2,300	2,670	-20	-390
Accommodation and food services	2,190	2,210	2,540	-20	-350
Other services	690	700	780	-10	-90
Government	7,280	6,980	7,590	300	-310
Federal government	480	510	510	-30	-30
State government	1,520	1,510	1,500	10	20
Local government	5,280	4,960	5,580	320	-300
Indian tribal	1,700	1,700	1,730	0	-30
Local education	2,490	2,200	2,740	290	-250
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,090	1,060	1,110	30	-20

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