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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: December 2020

Leisure and Hospitality Slashes Employment in December

In December, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.4 percentage point to 5.6%. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 12th in December, tied with Yamhill. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 1.9 percentage points.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total fell to 27,270 in December, a loss of 440 jobs. Private industry cut 380 jobs in December, falling to 20,050, while government lost 60, dropping to 7,220.

Umatilla County's total private employment fell by 810 jobs over the year ending in December (-3.9%) and government cut 330 (-4.4%). COVID-19 impacts in leisure and hospitality idled 720 jobs, dropping its total to 1,940, a loss of 27.1%. Manufacturing trimmed its payrolls by 80 jobs, falling to 3,120, an over-the-year loss of 2.5%. Other services trimmed its payrolls by 60 jobs, falling to 680 (-8.1%). Professional and business services cut 40, falling to 1,140 (-3.4%). Over-the-year job losses were also felt in wholesale trade (-40) and financial activities (-30). Retail trade rose by 40 (1.2%) over the year, climbing to 3,290. Government job losses hit local education (-290), Indian tribal (-20), and federal (-20).

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point in December to 4.5%. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked fourth lowest out of 36 Oregon counties, tied with Lake. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 1.1 percentage points.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment fell by 50 in December, dropping to 4,850. Private industry cut 40 jobs, falling to 3,870, and government shed 10, dropping to 980.

Morrow County's private-industry employment fell by 80 jobs over the year ending in December, a loss of 2.8%. COVID-19 impacts in manufacturing idled 140 jobs, cutting its total to 1,720 (-7.5%). Trade, transportation, and utilities cut its payrolls by 40 jobs, falling to 640 (-5.9%). Leisure and hospitality cut 30 jobs, falling to 180 (-14.3%). Professional and business services helped to offset over-the-year COVID-19 losses, adding 100 jobs to total 440 (+29.4%). Local government lost 70 jobs, trimming its total to 870, a loss of 7.4%.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January 2021 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on March 9th, 2021 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on March 2nd, 2021.

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--				
	December 2020	November 2020	December 2019	November 2020	December 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,626	5,744	5,441	-118	185
Unemployed	260	225	194	35	66
Unemployment rate	4.6%	3.9%	3.6%	0.7	1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	4.3%	3.4%	0.2	1.1
Employed	5,366	5,519	5,247	-153	119
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	4,850	4,900	4,990	-50	-140
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4,840	4,890	4,980	-50	-140
Total private	3,870	3,910	3,950	-40	-80
Mining and logging	20	20	30	0	-10
Construction	60	60	70	0	-10
Manufacturing	1,720	1,730	1,860	-10	-140
Trade, transportation, and utilities	640	640	680	0	-40
Wholesale trade	120	120	120	0	0
Retail trade	240	240	250	0	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	280	280	310	0	-30
Financial activities	80	80	90	0	-10
Professional and business services	440	430	340	10	100
Education and health services	260	260	250	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	180	230	210	-50	-30
Government	980	990	1,040	-10	-60
Federal government	50	60	50	-10	0
State government	60	60	50	0	10
Local government	870	870	940	0	-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

	--Change From--				
	December 2020	November 2020	December 2019	November 2020	December 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,651	36,997	35,266	-346	1,385
Unemployed	2,209	1,737	1,398	472	811
Unemployment rate	6.0%	4.7%	4.0%	1.3	2.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	5.2%	3.7%	0.4	1.9
Employed	34,442	35,260	33,868	-818	574
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,270	27,710	28,410	-440	-1,140
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	27,250	27,390	28,390	-140	-1,140
Total private	20,050	20,430	20,860	-380	-810
Mining, logging, and construction	1,240	1,290	1,190	-50	50
Manufacturing	3,120	3,140	3,200	-20	-80
Durable goods	1,360	1,360	1,350	0	10
Nondurable goods	1,760	1,780	1,850	-20	-90
Food manufacturing	1,440	1,460	1,570	-20	-130
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,880	6,860	6,770	20	110
Wholesale trade	890	890	930	0	-40
Retail trade	3,290	3,280	3,250	10	40
Food and beverage stores	710	710	640	0	70
General merchandise stores	880	870	810	10	70
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,700	2,690	2,590	10	110
Information	440	430	430	10	10
Financial activities	820	810	850	10	-30
Professional and business services	1,140	1,180	1,180	-40	-40
Education and health services	3,790	3,780	3,840	10	-50
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,000	1,000	980	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	1,940	2,260	2,660	-320	-720
Accommodation and food services	1,870	2,170	2,530	-300	-660
Other services	680	680	740	0	-60
Government	7,220	7,280	7,550	-60	-330
Federal government	440	450	460	-10	-20
State government	1,490	1,510	1,490	-20	0
Local government	5,290	5,320	5,600	-30	-310
Indian tribal	1,690	1,700	1,710	-10	-20
Local education	2,520	2,530	2,810	-10	-290
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,080	1,090	1,080	-10	0

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