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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: November 2021

Unemployment Rates Fall, Again

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage point in November, to 4.5%. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 15th in November, tied with Tillamook. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.2 percentage points.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 28,850 in November, an increase of 40 jobs. Private industry held steady with 21,550 jobs, while government increased its total by 40, rising to 7,300. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities led private industry in November, rising by 70 jobs to reach 2,770. Retail trade increased its total by 50 jobs in November to reach 3,560. On the losing end, mining, logging, and construction (-30); professional and business services (-30); leisure and hospitality (-30); and other services (-20) all cut jobs in November. Local government education led the public sector, rising by 50 jobs to reach 2,510. Federal government cut 30 jobs in November, falling to 1,500.

Umatilla County's total private employment rose by 300 jobs over the year ending in November, an increase of 1.4%. Leisure and hospitality rose by 180 jobs or 7.7% over the year and it wasn't alone. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities also grew by 180 jobs or 6.9% and retail trade increased its total by 160 or 4.7%. Job gains also lifted information (+80); other services (+70); education and health services (+60); and financial activities (+20). Manufacturing cut 230 jobs over the year, falling to 2,990, and mining, logging, and construction shed 150, dropping its total to 1,250. Professional and business services cut 50 jobs over the year, falling to 1,250. Local education led the public sector, rising by 230 jobs over the year, followed by an increase of 100 in Indian tribal government and a gain of 50 in other local.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage point in November to 4.0%. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked ninth out of 36 Oregon counties, tied with Polk. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.8 percentage point.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment held steady in November with 5,150 jobs. Private industry rose by 10 jobs, increasing its total to 4,100, and government cut 10, falling to 1,050. Professional and business services rose by 10 jobs in November to reach 260. Leisure and hospitality cut 10 jobs, falling to 240. In the public sector, local government cut 10 jobs, dropping its total to 930.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 100 jobs over the year ending in November (+2.5%). Leisure and hospitality led private industry, rising by 40 jobs or 20%. Manufacturing (+20); construction (+20); mining and logging (+10); retail trade (+10); and education and health services (+10) also rose over the year. Local government increased its total by 50 jobs (+5.7%) to lead the public sector.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December 2021 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Jan. 25, 2022 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Jan. 19, 2022.

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--				
	November 2021	October 2021	November 2020	October 2021	November 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,834	5,992	5,754	-158	80
Unemployed	178	176	251	2	-73
Unemployment rate	3.1%	2.9%	4.4%	0.2	-1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.2%	4.8%	-0.2	-0.8
Employed	5,656	5,816	5,503	-160	153
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,150	5,150	5,010	0	140
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,150	5,100	5,010	50	140
Total private	4,100	4,090	4,000	10	100
Mining and logging	30	30	20	0	10
Construction	90	90	70	0	20
Manufacturing	1,740	1,740	1,720	0	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	600	600	640	0	-40
Wholesale trade	120	120	120	0	0
Retail trade	260	260	250	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	220	220	270	0	-50
Financial activities	70	70	80	0	-10
Professional and business services	360	350	440	10	-80
Education and health services	270	270	260	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	240	250	200	-10	40
Government	1,050	1,060	1,010	-10	40
Federal government	60	60	60	0	0
State government	60	60	70	0	-10
Local government	930	940	880	-10	50

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--				
	November 2021	October 2021	November 2020	October 2021	November 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,920	38,654	37,401	-734	519
Unemployed	1,318	1,275	1,924	43	-606
Unemployment rate	3.5%	3.3%	5.1%	0.2	-1.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	4.7%	5.7%	-0.2	-1.2
Employed	36,602	37,379	35,477	-777	1,125
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	28,850	28,810	28,190	40	660
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	28,520	28,410	27,870	110	650
Total private	21,550	21,550	21,250	0	300
Mining, logging, and construction	1,250	1,280	1,400	-30	-150
Manufacturing	2,990	2,980	3,220	10	-230
Durable goods	1,280	1,260	1,380	20	-100
Nondurable goods	1,710	1,720	1,840	-10	-130
Food manufacturing	1,390	1,400	1,550	-10	-160
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,220	7,110	6,900	110	320
Wholesale trade	890	900	910	-10	-20
Retail trade	3,560	3,510	3,400	50	160
Food and beverage stores	710	700	700	10	10
General merchandise stores	990	970	870	20	120
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,770	2,700	2,590	70	180
Information	590	590	510	0	80
Financial activities	840	850	820	-10	20
Professional and business services	1,250	1,280	1,300	-30	-50
Education and health services	4,130	4,130	4,070	0	60
Nursing and residential care facilities	940	940	990	0	-50
Leisure and hospitality	2,510	2,540	2,330	-30	180
Accommodation and food services	2,340	2,370	2,210	-30	130
Other services	770	790	700	-20	70
Government	7,300	7,260	6,940	40	360
Federal government	470	500	460	-30	10
State government	1,500	1,490	1,530	10	-30
Local government	5,330	5,270	4,950	60	380
Indian tribal	1,720	1,710	1,620	10	100
Local education	2,510	2,460	2,280	50	230
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,100	1,100	1,050	0	50

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