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## **Employment in Eastern Oregon: April 2019**

### **Employment Springs Forward**

Estimates for April show the raw unemployment rate was an even split over the year, rising in three Eastern Oregon counties and falling in three. Grant County's raw rate rose the most with an increase of 1.6 percentage points. Baker County led the downward march, dropping 0.6 percentage point. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased in five Eastern Oregon counties. Grant County (+1.1 percentage points) was on the high end of the increase while Harney County (+0.3 percentage point) was on the low end. Baker County's seasonally adjusted rate slid 0.2 percentage point over the year.

Total nonfarm employment gained ground in all six counties over the year. Union County's nonfarm employment gained the most, up 260 jobs. Harney County's nonfarm employment gained the least, up 40. The civilian labor force grew by 3.6 percent in Wallowa County to reach 3,313 in April 2019. The labor force changed little in all other Eastern Oregon counties.

Baker County's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 170 since April 2018. The private sector added 210 jobs while the public sector dropped 40. Manufacturing held the top spot for growth with 70 jobs added over the year. Education and health services tied with retail trade for the second slot, both up 60. Over the month, total employment picked up by 140 as spring growth sprouted in several industries. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dipped 0.1 percentage point in April to 5.3 percent. The raw rate fell by 1.2 percentage points to 5.1 percent.

Grant County's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 50 over the year. The private sector gained 60 jobs while the public sector shed 10. Growth was light, but seen in several private industries. Over the month, nonfarm employment ticked up by 20 with small seasonal gains. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in April at 8.0 percent. The raw rate dropped 0.5 percentage point to 9.9 percent.

Harney County's nonfarm payroll employment picked up by 40 over the year. The private sector added 40 jobs while the public sector went unchanged. Nearly all growth came in leisure and hospitality, up 50. Local government led losses, down 20. Moving into the new month, nonfarm employment picked up by 60 with leisure and hospitality leading the way. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged over the month at 6.6 percent. The raw rate fell 1.3 percentage points to 6.5 percent.

Malheur County's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 210 over the year. The private sector rose by 120 jobs while the public sector gained 90. On the private side, professional and business services led gains, up 90. Local government saw all growth on the public side, up 90 as well. Manufacturing took a hit, falling by 50. Nonfarm employment grew by 150 over the month, with large gains in professional and business services. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged over the month at 4.8 percent. The raw rate dropped 1.0 percentage point to 4.2 percent.

Union County's total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 260 over the year. The private sector gained 190 jobs while the public sector added 70. Construction and retail trade shared the lead in private employment, both increasing by 70. Local government led public employment gains, increasing by 70 as well. Over the month, nonfarm employment grew by 130 as seasonal gains ramped up in a few industries. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate slid 0.2 percentage point to 5.6 percent in April. The raw rate fell 1.4 percentage points to 5.1 percent.

Wallowa County's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 140 from April 2018 to April 2019. The private sector picked up 110 jobs while the public sector picked up 30. Growth occurred in several industries. Over the month, total nonfarm employment added 70 with leisure and hospitality leading the way. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate went unchanged for the month at 6.4 percent. The raw rate fell 1.6 percentage points to 8.3 percent.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 25 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 18.

## Baker County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	Apr. 2019	Mar. 2019	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2019	Apr. 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	6,998	6,963	6,949	35	49
Unemployed	358	440	398	-82	-40
Unemployment rate	5.1%	6.3%	5.7%	-1.2	-0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.4%	5.5%	-0.1	-0.2
Employed	6,640	6,523	6,551	117	89
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	5,520	5,380	5,350	140	170
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,590	5,560	5,420	30	170
Total private	4,420	4,300	4,210	120	210
Mining, logging, and construction	280	260	300	20	-20
Mining and logging	20	20	40	0	-20
Construction	260	240	260	20	0
Manufacturing	630	620	560	10	70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,160	1,120	1,100	40	60
Wholesale trade	80	80	80	0	0
Retail trade	850	820	790	30	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	230	220	230	10	0
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	160	160	170	0	-10
Professional and business services	310	300	290	10	20
Education and health services	990	990	930	0	60
Leisure and hospitality	600	570	580	30	20
Other services	240	230	230	10	10
Government	1,100	1,080	1,140	20	-40
Federal government	180	160	180	20	0
State government	190	190	210	0	-20
Local government	730	730	750	0	-20

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.

## Grant County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	Apr. 2019	Mar. 2019	Apr. 2018	--Change From--	
				Mar. 2019	Apr. 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	3,087	3,075	3,041	12	46
Unemployed	306	321	253	-15	53
Unemployment rate	9.9%	10.4%	8.3%	-0.5	1.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	8.0%	8.0%	6.9%	0.0	1.1
Employed	2,781	2,754	2,788	27	-7
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	2,270	2,250	2,220	20	50
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,380	2,400	2,320	-20	60
Total private	1,270	1,260	1,210	10	60
Mining, logging, and construction	170	180	150	-10	20
Mining and logging	100	120	90	-20	10
Construction	70	60	60	10	10
Manufacturing	110	110	120	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	310	310	290	0	20
Wholesale trade	30	30	30	0	0
Retail trade	230	230	220	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	50	50	40	0	10
Information	50	50	40	0	10
Financial activities	60	60	60	0	0
Professional and business services	110	110	100	0	10
Education and health services	200	190	200	10	0
Leisure and hospitality	200	190	190	10	10
Other services	60	60	60	0	0
Government	1,000	990	1,010	10	-10
Federal government	220	210	220	10	0
State government	120	110	120	10	0
Local government	660	670	670	-10	-10

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Employed includes payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants.

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## Harney County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	Apr. 2019	Mar. 2019	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2019	Apr. 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	3,389	3,354	3,387	35	2
Unemployed	219	260	229	-41	-10
Unemployment rate	6.5%	7.8%	6.8%	-1.3	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.6%	6.6%	6.3%	0.0	0.3
Employed	3,170	3,094	3,158	76	12
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	2,290	2,230	2,250	60	40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,310	2,300	2,270	10	40
Total private	1,300	1,250	1,260	50	40
Goods-producing	100	90	100	10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	410	410	420	0	-10
Wholesale trade	50	50	50	0	0
Retail trade	320	310	320	10	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	40	50	50	-10	-10
Information	10	10	10	0	0
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	110	100	110	10	0
Education and health services	230	230	230	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	300	270	250	30	50
Other services	70	70	70	0	0
Government	990	980	990	10	0
Federal government	200	200	190	0	10
State government	110	110	100	0	10
Local government	680	670	700	10	-20

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## Malheur County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	Apr. 2019	Mar. 2019	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2019	Apr. 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	12,693	12,544	12,571	149	122
Unemployed	535	652	513	-117	22
Unemployment rate	4.2%	5.2%	4.1%	-1.0	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	4.8%	4.4%	0.0	0.4
Employed	12,158	11,892	12,058	266	100
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	12,170	12,020	11,960	150	210
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	12,090	11,980	11,880	110	210
Total private	8,720	8,540	8,600	180	120
Mining, logging, and construction	470	440	460	30	10
Manufacturing	1,050	1,030	1,100	20	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,860	2,870	2,810	-10	50
Wholesale trade	530	570	500	-40	30
Retail trade	1,930	1,900	1,900	30	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	400	400	410	0	-10
Information	190	190	190	0	0
Financial activities	320	320	310	0	10
Professional and business services	540	440	450	100	90
Education and health services	1,740	1,730	1,730	10	10
Leisure and hospitality	1,210	1,190	1,220	20	-10
Other services	340	330	330	10	10
Government	3,450	3,480	3,360	-30	90
Federal government	180	180	180	0	0
State government	1,150	1,150	1,150	0	0
Local government	2,120	2,150	2,030	-30	90

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## Union County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	Apr. 2019	Mar. 2019	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2019	Apr. 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	12,041	12,074	11,912	-33	129
Unemployed	610	785	640	-175	-30
Unemployment rate	5.1%	6.5%	5.4%	-1.4	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	5.8%	5.2%	-0.2	0.4
Employed	11,431	11,289	11,272	142	159
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	10,580	10,450	10,320	130	260
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	10,560	10,490	10,300	70	260
Total private	8,050	7,910	7,860	140	190
Mining, logging, and construction	550	520	480	30	70
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	520	490	450	30	70
Manufacturing	1,320	1,310	1,320	10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,170	2,130	2,120	40	50
Wholesale trade	220	220	220	0	0
Retail trade	1,490	1,450	1,420	40	70
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	460	460	480	0	-20
Information	90	90	110	0	-20
Financial activities	300	290	300	10	0
Professional and business services	480	450	450	30	30
Education and health services	1,790	1,790	1,750	0	40
Leisure and hospitality	1,080	1,060	1,040	20	40
Other services	270	270	290	0	-20
Government	2,530	2,540	2,460	-10	70
Federal government	210	190	210	20	0
State government	340	350	340	-10	0
Local government	1,980	2,000	1,910	-20	70

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## Wallowa County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	Apr. 2019	Mar. 2019	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2019	Apr. 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	3,313	3,298	3,197	15	116
Unemployed	274	327	231	-53	43
Unemployment rate	8.3%	9.9%	7.2%	-1.6	1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.4%	6.4%	5.9%	0.0	0.5
Employed	3,039	2,971	2,966	68	73
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	2,500	2,430	2,360	70	140
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,640	2,650	2,500	-10	140
Total private	1,820	1,780	1,710	40	110
Mining, logging, and construction	220	220	210	0	10
Mining and logging	50	60	50	-10	0
Construction	170	160	160	10	10
Manufacturing	170	160	140	10	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	440	420	420	20	20
Wholesale and retail trade	350	340	340	10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	90	80	80	10	10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	150	160	120	-10	30
Professional and business services	130	120	130	10	0
Education and health services	400	410	370	-10	30
Leisure and hospitality	200	170	210	30	-10
Other services	90	100	90	-10	0
Government	680	650	650	30	30
Federal government	80	70	70	10	10
State government	90	80	80	10	10
Local government	510	500	500	10	10

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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.

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