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Employment in Eastern Oregon: June 2019

June's Theme: Seasonal Change

Estimates for June show the raw unemployment rate decreased in four Eastern Oregon counties over the year. Baker and Harney saw the largest decrease, down 0.4 percentage point while Union County's rate decreased the least, down 0.2 percentage point. Grant and Wallowa each saw the raw rate increase over the year. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased in five Eastern Oregon counties over the year. Grant County (+0.8 percentage point) was on the high end of the increase while Union and Harney (+0.1 percentage point) tied on the low end. Baker County's seasonally adjusted rate decreased by 0.3 percentage point over the year.

Total nonfarm employment gained ground in five counties since June 2018. Union County's nonfarm employment gained the most ground, up 250 jobs. Wallowa County had the largest percentage increase with growth of 3.7 percent. Harney County went the opposite direction as nonfarm employment slipped by 20. Labor force growth was a mixed bag for the region. The civilian labor force increased in three counties and decreased in three. However, labor force movement was light for the year in Baker, Grant, and Malheur as the combined net change for the three counties was a loss of seven.

Baker County's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 90 since June 2018. The private sector added 150 jobs while the public sector dropped 60. Retail trade held the top spot for growth with 60 jobs added over the year. Local government dropped the most, down 40. Over the month, total employment picked up by 100 as leisure and hospitality, construction, and federal government continued to add seasonal jobs. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dipped 0.1 percentage point in June to 5.0 percent. The raw rate rose by 0.5 percentage point to 4.4 percent.

Grant County's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 40 over the year. The private sector gained 40 jobs while the public sector went unchanged. Growth was light overall; federal government, and mining and logging gained the most, up 20. Over the month, nonfarm employment jumped by 190 with strong seasonal gains in the U.S. Forest Service. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dipped 0.2 percentage point in June to 7.5 percent. The raw rate dropped 0.6 percentage point to 5.0 percent.

Harney County's nonfarm payroll employment slipped by 20 over the year. The private sector ticked up by 10 jobs while the public sector shed 30. Growth came in leisure and hospitality, federal government, and state government. Local government dropped 70, which largely reflects early summertime separations in the Harney County School District. Moving into the new month, nonfarm employment

ticked up by 20. While local government shed jobs (mainly the summertime separations), federal government added 50 jobs. Some federal additions came in the Agricultural Research Service although most of the additions were in the U.S. Forest Service. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate slid 0.3 percentage point over the month to 6.0 percent. The raw rate was unchanged at 4.6 percent.

Malheur County's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 180 over the year. The gain split evenly as the private sector and the public sector each gained 90. On the private side, growth was strongest in professional and business services (+70). Manufacturing slid by 50 for the only loss. Local government held all growth on the public side, piling on 90 jobs. Nonfarm employment fell by 100 jobs over the month as professional and business services, and public-sector education saw seasonal decreases. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dipped 0.1 percentage point over the month to 4.5 percent. The raw rate rose 0.8 percentage point to 4.2 percent.

Union County's total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 250 over the year. The private sector gained 130 jobs while the public sector added 120. Construction packed on 80 jobs to lead private-sector growth. Retail trade picked up 60 jobs to take the second slot. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities fell by 40 jobs to lead losses. Local government (+120) led public employment gains; education saw most of the increase. Over the month, nonfarm employment grew by 100 with gains seen in eight industries and seasonal losses seen in two. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate slid 0.2 percentage point to 5.2 percent in June. The raw rate rose 0.8 percentage point to 4.6 percent.

Wallowa County's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 100 from June 2018 to June 2019. The private sector picked up 40 jobs while the public sector picked up 60. Growth was largest in local government (+40). Leisure and hospitality led losses, down 30. Over the month, total nonfarm employment jumped by 160 as leisure and hospitality led the way with summer hiring. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged for the month at 6.3 percent. The raw rate dipped 0.2 percentage point to 5.0 percent.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, August 20 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Tuesday, August 13.

Baker County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019	June 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	7,063	7,022	7,078	41	-15
Unemployed	312	276	341	36	-29
Unemployment rate	4.4%	3.9%	4.8%	0.5	-0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.0%	5.1%	5.3%	-0.1	-0.3
Employed	6,751	6,746	6,737	5	14
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,700	5,600	5,610	100	90
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,520	5,520	5,430	0	90
Total private	4,550	4,470	4,400	80	150
Mining, logging, and construction	320	300	320	20	0
Mining and logging	20	20	30	0	-10
Construction	300	280	290	20	10
Manufacturing	610	610	580	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,190	1,180	1,130	10	60
Wholesale trade	80	80	70	0	10
Retail trade	880	870	820	10	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	230	230	240	0	-10
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	170	160	180	10	-10
Professional and business services	320	310	290	10	30
Education and health services	990	980	960	10	30
Leisure and hospitality	670	640	670	30	0
Other services	230	240	220	-10	10
Government	1,150	1,130	1,210	20	-60
Federal government	230	200	230	30	0
State government	200	190	220	10	-20
Local government	720	740	760	-20	-40

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

	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	--Change From--	
				May 2019	June 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,211	3,081	3,213	130	-2
Unemployed	160	174	158	-14	2
Unemployment rate	5.0%	5.6%	4.9%	-0.6	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.5%	7.7%	6.7%	-0.2	0.8
Employed	3,051	2,907	3,055	144	-4
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,580	2,390	2,540	190	40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,420	2,390	2,380	30	40
Total private	1,380	1,320	1,340	60	40
Mining, logging, and construction	220	200	200	20	20
Mining and logging	150	130	130	20	20
Construction	70	70	70	0	0
Manufacturing	110	110	120	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	320	310	300	10	20
Wholesale trade	30	30	20	0	10
Retail trade	240	230	230	10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	50	50	50	0	0
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	60	60	60	0	0
Professional and business services	120	110	110	10	10
Education and health services	190	190	190	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	240	230	240	10	0
Other services	70	60	70	10	0
Government	1,200	1,070	1,200	130	0
Federal government	370	280	350	90	20
State government	160	120	170	40	-10
Local government	670	670	680	0	-10

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Harney County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019	June 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,384	3,373	3,461	11	-77
Unemployed	157	155	173	2	-16
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.6%	5.0%	0.0	-0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.0%	6.3%	5.9%	-0.3	0.1
Employed	3,227	3,218	3,288	9	-61
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,340	2,320	2,360	20	-20
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,250	2,330	2,270	-80	-20
Total private	1,320	1,290	1,310	30	10
Goods-producing	130	120	140	10	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	420	420	430	0	-10
Wholesale trade	50	50	50	0	0
Retail trade	320	320	330	0	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	50	50	50	0	0
Information	10	10	10	0	0
Financial activities	60	60	70	0	-10
Professional and business services	80	80	80	0	0
Education and health services	220	220	220	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	330	310	290	20	40
Other services	70	70	70	0	0
Government	1,020	1,030	1,050	-10	-30
Federal government	290	240	260	50	30
State government	110	110	100	0	10
Local government	620	680	690	-60	-70

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Malheur County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	--Change From--	
				May 2019	June 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	12,599	12,566	12,589	33	10
Unemployed	531	424	561	107	-30
Unemployment rate	4.2%	3.4%	4.5%	0.8	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	4.6%	4.3%	-0.1	0.2
Employed	12,068	12,142	12,028	-74	40
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	12,080	12,180	11,900	-100	180
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	12,080	12,100	11,910	-20	170
Total private	8,670	8,740	8,580	-70	90
Mining, logging, and construction	500	480	490	20	10
Manufacturing	1,040	1,050	1,090	-10	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,850	2,850	2,820	0	30
Wholesale trade	490	490	490	0	0
Retail trade	1,960	1,960	1,930	0	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	400	400	400	0	0
Information	200	200	190	0	10
Financial activities	320	320	320	0	0
Professional and business services	460	500	390	-40	70
Education and health services	1,740	1,760	1,720	-20	20
Leisure and hospitality	1,240	1,240	1,240	0	0
Other services	320	340	320	-20	0
Government	3,410	3,440	3,320	-30	90
Federal government	200	180	200	20	0
State government	1,170	1,170	1,170	0	0
Local government	2,040	2,090	1,950	-50	90

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Union County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

			--Change From--		
	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019	June 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	12,163	12,022	12,053	141	110
Unemployed	554	461	575	93	-21
Unemployment rate	4.6%	3.8%	4.8%	0.8	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.2%	5.4%	5.1%	-0.2	0.1
Employed	11,609	11,561	11,478	48	131
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	10,850	10,750	10,600	100	250
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	10,610	10,610	10,360	0	250
Total private	8,200	8,110	8,070	90	130
Mining, logging, and construction	620	570	540	50	80
Mining and logging	50	30	50	20	0
Construction	570	540	490	30	80
Manufacturing	1,340	1,320	1,360	20	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,210	2,190	2,180	20	30
Wholesale trade	230	230	220	0	10
Retail trade	1,520	1,500	1,460	20	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	460	460	500	0	-40
Information	90	90	110	0	-20
Financial activities	300	300	310	0	-10
Professional and business services	490	480	460	10	30
Education and health services	1,760	1,780	1,730	-20	30
Leisure and hospitality	1,110	1,100	1,090	10	20
Other services	280	280	290	0	-10
Government	2,650	2,640	2,530	10	120
Federal government	300	280	290	20	10
State government	360	340	370	20	-10
Local government	1,990	2,020	1,870	-30	120

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Wallowa County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

			--Change From--		
	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019	June 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,494	3,378	3,421	116	73
Unemployed	173	174	160	-1	13
Unemployment rate	5.0%	5.2%	4.7%	-0.2	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.3%	6.3%	6.0%	0.0	0.3
Employed	3,321	3,204	3,261	117	60
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,820	2,660	2,720	160	100
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,630	2,660	2,540	-30	90
Total private	2,070	1,930	2,030	140	40
Mining, logging, and construction	260	250	240	10	20
Mining and logging	90	80	70	10	20
Construction	170	170	170	0	0
Manufacturing	190	180	170	10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	480	450	490	30	-10
Wholesale and retail trade	390	360	390	30	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	90	90	100	0	-10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	170	150	160	20	10
Professional and business services	140	130	130	10	10
Education and health services	380	400	360	-20	20
Leisure and hospitality	330	260	360	70	-30
Other services	100	90	100	10	0
Government	750	730	690	20	60
Federal government	120	90	110	30	10
State government	110	100	100	10	10
Local government	520	540	480	-20	40

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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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