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Employment in Eastern Oregon: July 2019

Summer Recess Lightens Load in Education

Estimates for July show the raw unemployment rate decreased in three Eastern Oregon counties over the year. The raw rate went unchanged in one county and increased in two. Harney, Baker, and Malheur counties saw the rate decrease by 0.3 percentage point, 0.2 percentage point, and 0.1 percentage point, respectively. Union County saw the rate unchanged. Wallowa and Grant counties both saw the raw rate increase by 0.3 percentage point. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased in two Eastern Oregon counties over the year. The seasonally adjusted rate went unchanged in two counties and increased in two. Decreases came in Baker (-0.3 percentage point) and Harney (-0.1 percentage point) counties, while Malheur and Union went unchanged. Increases came in Grant (+0.6 percentage point) and Wallowa (+0.3 percentage point) counties.

Total nonfarm employment saw light growth in four counties from July 2018 to July 2019. Union County's nonfarm employment gained the most ground, up 150 jobs. Wallowa and Harney saw no change from the previous July. The civilian labor force ticked up in Grant and Union for a combined gain of 22. The labor force slipped in the other four counties with Malheur losing the most, down 99.

Baker County's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 10 since July 2018. The private sector added 10 jobs while the public sector was unchanged. Professional and business services held the top spot for growth with 30 jobs added over the year. Leisure and hospitality dropped the most, down 20. Over the month, total employment fell by 150 as local government education shed jobs for the summer. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dipped 0.1 percentage point in July to 5.0 percent. The raw rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 4.6 percent.

Grant County's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 50 over the year. The private sector gained 60 jobs while the public sector slipped by 10. Mining and logging, other services, and professional and business services led gains, each up 20. Losses were light and spread across four industries. Over the month, nonfarm employment decreased by 90, primarily from seasonal losses in local government education. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dipped 0.2 percentage point in July to 7.3 percent. The raw rate was unchanged at 5.0 percent.

Harney County's nonfarm payroll employment was flat over the year. Light industry losses in the private sector canceled out light industry growth. The public sector was stagnant. Moving into the new month, nonfarm employment slipped by 10. The federal government added a few jobs while local

government shed a few more. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate slid 0.2 percentage point over the month to 5.8 percent. The raw rate was unchanged at 4.6 percent.

Malheur County's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 110 over the year. The private sector added 50 jobs while the public sector added 60. On the private side, growth was strongest in professional and business services (+60). Manufacturing slid by 50 for the largest loss. Local government held all growth on the public side, stacking on 70 jobs. Nonfarm employment fell by 330 jobs over the month as public-sector education saw a large seasonal drop. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dipped 0.1 percentage point over the month to 4.4 percent. The raw rate rose 0.6 percentage point to 4.8 percent.

Union County's total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 150 over the year. The private sector gained 120 jobs while the public sector added 30. Retail trade added 50 jobs to lead private-sector growth as gains were also seen in five other industries. Local government (+40) led public-sector gains. Over the month, nonfarm employment fell by 390 as local government education shed employment for the summer. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate slid 0.1 percentage point to 5.1 percent in July. The raw rate rose 0.1 percentage point to 4.6 percent.

Wallowa County's nonfarm payroll employment was unchanged from July 2018 to July 2019. The private sector dipped by 20 jobs while the public sector picked up 20. Growth was largest in private-sector education and health services, up 40. Several industries saw losses. Over the month, total nonfarm employment inched up by 20 as leisure and hospitality continued to lead the way with summer hiring. Local government education went the other way, dropping jobs for the summer. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ticked up 0.1 percentage point for the month to 6.4 percent. The raw rate slid 0.4 percentage point to 4.6 percent.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, September 24 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Tuesday, September 17.

Baker County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019	July 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,987	7,037	7,023	-50	-36
Unemployed	320	311	339	9	-19
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.4%	4.8%	0.2	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.0%	5.1%	5.3%	-0.1	-0.3
Employed	6,667	6,726	6,684	-59	-17
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,510	5,660	5,500	-150	10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,440	5,480	5,430	-40	10
Total private	4,430	4,440	4,420	-10	10
Mining, logging, and construction	310	310	330	0	-20
Mining and logging	30	30	40	0	-10
Construction	280	280	290	0	-10
Manufacturing	580	600	580	-20	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,130	1,140	1,120	-10	10
Wholesale trade	80	80	80	0	0
Retail trade	820	830	800	-10	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	230	230	240	0	-10
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	170	170	170	0	0
Professional and business services	340	330	310	10	30
Education and health services	960	970	950	-10	10
Leisure and hospitality	690	670	710	20	-20
Other services	200	200	200	0	0
Government	1,080	1,220	1,080	-140	0
Federal government	240	230	240	10	0
State government	220	220	220	0	0
Local government	620	770	620	-150	0

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

	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	--Change From--	
				June 2019	July 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,193	3,209	3,181	-16	12
Unemployed	159	159	150	0	9
Unemployment rate	5.0%	5.0%	4.7%	0.0	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.3%	7.5%	6.7%	-0.2	0.6
Employed	3,034	3,050	3,031	-16	3
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,510	2,600	2,460	-90	50
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,380	2,440	2,330	-60	50
Total private	1,420	1,390	1,360	30	60
Mining, logging, and construction	230	220	210	10	20
Mining and logging	160	150	140	10	20
Construction	70	70	70	0	0
Manufacturing	110	110	120	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	310	300	310	10	0
Wholesale trade	30	20	20	10	10
Retail trade	230	230	240	0	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	50	50	50	0	0
Information	40	40	40	0	0
Financial activities	60	60	60	0	0
Professional and business services	120	120	100	0	20
Education and health services	190	200	180	-10	10
Leisure and hospitality	280	260	280	20	0
Other services	80	80	60	0	20
Government	1,090	1,210	1,100	-120	-10
Federal government	370	360	360	10	10
State government	170	170	180	0	-10
Local government	550	680	560	-130	-10

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Harney County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	--Change From--	
				June 2019	July 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,502	3,415	3,525	87	-23
Unemployed	160	157	173	3	-13
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.6%	4.9%	0.0	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.8%	6.0%	5.9%	-0.2	-0.1
Employed	3,342	3,258	3,352	84	-10
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,380	2,390	2,380	-10	0
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,280	2,300	2,280	-20	0
Total private	1,330	1,330	1,330	0	0
Goods-producing	130	120	140	10	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	450	450	450	0	0
Wholesale trade	50	50	50	0	0
Retail trade	350	350	350	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	50	50	50	0	0
Information	20	20	10	0	10
Financial activities	60	70	60	-10	0
Professional and business services	100	100	90	0	10
Education and health services	210	220	200	-10	10
Leisure and hospitality	300	290	310	10	-10
Other services	60	60	70	0	-10
Government	1,050	1,060	1,050	-10	0
Federal government	300	280	300	20	0
State government	110	110	110	0	0
Local government	640	670	640	-30	0

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Malheur County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	--Change From--	
				June 2019	July 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	12,467	12,432	12,566	35	-99
Unemployed	599	527	617	72	-18
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.2%	4.9%	0.6	-0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.4%	4.5%	4.4%	-0.1	0.0
Employed	11,868	11,905	11,949	-37	-81
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,620	11,950	11,510	-330	110
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>12,040</i>	<i>11,950</i>	<i>11,920</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>120</i>
Total private	8,510	8,540	8,460	-30	50
Mining, logging, and construction	440	420	460	20	-20
Manufacturing	1,030	1,030	1,080	0	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,790	2,820	2,770	-30	20
Wholesale trade	420	450	460	-30	-40
Retail trade	1,960	1,960	1,910	0	50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	410	410	400	0	10
Information	200	200	190	0	10
Financial activities	310	310	320	0	-10
Professional and business services	460	460	400	0	60
Education and health services	1,700	1,730	1,670	-30	30
Leisure and hospitality	1,250	1,240	1,250	10	0
Other services	330	330	320	0	10
Government	3,110	3,410	3,050	-300	60
Federal government	240	200	250	40	-10
State government	1,170	1,180	1,170	-10	0
Local government	1,700	2,030	1,630	-330	70

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Union County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	--Change From--	
				June 2019	July 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	12,044	12,109	12,034	-65	10
Unemployed	554	550	553	4	1
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.5%	4.6%	0.1	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.2%	5.1%	-0.1	0.0
Employed	11,490	11,559	11,481	-69	9
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	10,440	10,830	10,290	-390	150
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	10,620	10,590	10,470	30	150
Total private	8,220	8,210	8,100	10	120
Mining, logging, and construction	560	540	560	20	0
Mining and logging	40	40	50	0	-10
Construction	520	500	510	20	10
Manufacturing	1,370	1,370	1,350	0	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,230	2,230	2,150	0	80
Wholesale trade	260	260	220	0	40
Retail trade	1,500	1,490	1,450	10	50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	470	480	480	-10	-10
Information	100	100	110	0	-10
Financial activities	300	300	320	0	-20
Professional and business services	550	540	510	10	40
Education and health services	1,690	1,710	1,690	-20	0
Leisure and hospitality	1,120	1,120	1,090	0	30
Other services	300	300	320	0	-20
Government	2,220	2,620	2,190	-400	30
Federal government	300	300	290	0	10
State government	350	350	370	0	-20
Local government	1,570	1,970	1,530	-400	40

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Wallowa County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

			--Change From--		
	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019	July 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,487	3,422	3,505	65	-18
Unemployed	161	171	149	-10	12
Unemployment rate	4.6%	5.0%	4.3%	-0.4	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.4%	6.3%	6.1%	0.1	0.3
Employed	3,326	3,251	3,356	75	-30
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,760	2,740	2,760	20	0
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,520	2,560	2,520	-40	0
Total private	2,100	2,020	2,120	80	-20
Mining, logging, and construction	230	220	250	10	-20
Mining and logging	80	70	80	10	0
Construction	150	150	170	0	-20
Manufacturing	180	170	180	10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	490	500	510	-10	-20
Wholesale and retail trade	390	410	400	-20	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	100	90	110	10	-10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	180	170	160	10	20
Professional and business services	120	120	130	0	-10
Education and health services	400	390	360	10	40
Leisure and hospitality	390	340	410	50	-20
Other services	90	90	100	0	-10
Government	660	720	640	-60	20
Federal government	110	110	120	0	-10
State government	120	120	100	0	20
Local government	430	490	420	-60	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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