

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 26, 2022

CONTACT INFORMATION:
Chris Rich, Regional Economist
Christopher.M.Rich@employ.oregon.gov
(541) 519-0315

Employment in Eastern Oregon: June 2022

Seasonal Gains Continue in Most Counties Over the Month

Comparing June 2022 with June 2021 shows decreasing unemployment rates in all Eastern Oregon counties. The largest over-the-year decrease came in Baker County where the raw rate fell 1.8 percentage points to reach 3.7%. The smallest decrease came in Wallowa County where the raw rate dropped 1.0 percentage point to 4.1%. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased in all Eastern Oregon counties as well. Union County saw the largest decrease, falling 1.8 percentage points to 3.9%. Wallowa County saw the smallest decrease over the year, dropping 1.1 percentage points to 4.4%.

Baker County's nonfarm payroll employment rose by 160 since June 2021. Employment increased by 130 jobs in the private sector and 30 jobs in the public sector. Gains were strongest in manufacturing (+70), with leisure and hospitality a close second (+60). Overall employment rose by 50 jobs over the month with several industries showing seasonal growth. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged in June at 3.8%. The raw unemployment rate increased 0.6 percentage point to 3.7%.

Grant County's nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 80 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped by 50 jobs while the public sector slid by 30. Losses were largest in leisure and hospitality (-30), with federal government second (-20). Over the month, total employment increased by 120 as seasonal hiring continued. Hiring was strongest in federal government, up 50. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged in June at 5.2%. The raw unemployment rate ticked down 0.1 percentage point to 4.6%.

Harney County's nonfarm payroll employment was unchanged over the year. The private sector rose by 40 as the public sector dropped by 40. Local government saw the largest change, down 20. Total employment ticked down by 10 over the month. Local government saw a large seasonal loss (-60), counterbalanced by a seasonal upswing in federal government. Leisure and hospitality picked up 20. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged over the month at 3.9%. The raw unemployment rate increased by 0.4 percentage point to 3.6%.

Malheur County's nonfarm payroll employment was unchanged over the year. The private sector dipped by 20 as the public sector added 20. Leisure and hospitality showed a major gain, adding 110 jobs over the year. Several industries scaled back, showing relatively moderate to light losses. Total employment notched up by 20 over the month with small gains in several industries and losses in a

few. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged over the month at 3.3%. The raw unemployment rate increased 0.9 percentage point to 3.8%.

Union County's total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 190 over the year. The private sector added 100 jobs while the public sector added 90. Leisure and hospitality (+110) showed the largest gain. Local government (+100) was a strong second. Education and health services showed a sizeable loss, dropping by 90. Total employment rose by 100 over the month, with seasonal gains in several industries. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged in June at 3.9%. The raw unemployment rate increased 0.7 percentage point to 4.0%.

Wallowa County's nonfarm payroll employment rose by 40 from June 2021 to June 2022. The private sector was unchanged as the public sector added the overall growth. Local government showed the largest gain, up 30. Financial activities showed the largest loss, down 30. Total nonfarm employment jumped by 170 over the month, with seasonal gains in several industries. Leisure and hospitality added the most, up 90. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged over the month at 4.4%. The raw unemployment rate rose by 0.4 percentage point for the month to 4.1%.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Aug. 23, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Wednesday, Aug. 17.

Baker County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	June 2022	May 2022	June 2021	--Change From--	
				May 2022	June 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	7,680	7,697	7,566	-17	114
Unemployed	286	241	414	45	-128
Unemployment rate	3.7%	3.1%	5.5%	0.6	-1.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.8%	3.8%	5.3%	0.0	-1.5
Employed	7,394	7,456	7,152	-62	242
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,800	5,750	5,640	50	160
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5,650</i>	<i>5,680</i>	<i>5,500</i>	<i>-30</i>	<i>150</i>
Total private	4,570	4,520	4,440	50	130
Mining, logging, and construction	300	290	280	10	20
Mining and logging	20	20	10	0	10
Construction	280	270	270	10	10
Manufacturing	660	650	590	10	70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,210	1,210	1,200	0	10
Wholesale trade	70	80	80	-10	-10
Retail trade	890	880	870	10	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	250	250	250	0	0
Information	50	50	60	0	-10
Financial activities	150	160	140	-10	10
Professional and business services	350	350	360	0	-10
Education and health services	990	990	1,010	0	-20
Leisure and hospitality	660	620	600	40	60
Other services	200	200	200	0	0
Government	1,230	1,230	1,200	0	30
Federal government	230	200	230	30	0
State government	230	220	220	10	10
Local government	770	810	750	-40	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

	--Change From--				
	June 2022	May 2022	June 2021	May 2022	June 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,257	3,150	3,372	107	-115
Unemployed	151	148	194	3	-43
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.7%	5.8%	-0.1	-1.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.2%	5.2%	6.8%	0.0	-1.6
Employed	3,106	3,002	3,178	104	-72
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,450	2,330	2,530	120	-80
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,290	2,330	2,360	-40	-70
Total private	1,330	1,280	1,380	50	-50
Mining, logging, and construction	190	170	200	20	-10
Mining and logging	130	110	140	20	-10
Construction	60	60	60	0	0
Manufacturing	100	100	110	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340	340	340	0	0
Wholesale trade	40	40	40	0	0
Retail trade	250	250	250	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	50	50	50	0	0
Information	50	50	40	0	10
Financial activities	60	60	60	0	0
Professional and business services	130	130	120	0	10
Education and health services	180	170	190	10	-10
Leisure and hospitality	220	200	250	20	-30
Other services	60	60	70	0	-10
Government	1,120	1,050	1,150	70	-30
Federal government	310	260	330	50	-20
State government	150	140	160	10	-10
Local government	660	650	660	10	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.

Harney County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2022	May 2022	June 2021	May 2022	June 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,770	3,804	3,779	-34	-9
Unemployed	137	121	181	16	-44
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.2%	4.8%	0.4	-1.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.9%	3.9%	5.2%	0.0	-1.3
Employed	3,633	3,683	3,598	-50	35
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,460	2,470	2,460	-10	0
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,360	2,460	2,360	-100	0
Total private	1,460	1,440	1,420	20	40
Goods-producing	120	120	120	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	480	480	460	0	20
Wholesale trade	70	70	60	0	10
Retail trade	360	360	350	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	50	50	50	0	0
Information	10	10	10	0	0
Financial activities	60	60	50	0	10
Professional and business services	130	140	130	-10	0
Education and health services	240	230	240	10	0
Leisure and hospitality	350	330	340	20	10
Other services	70	70	70	0	0
Government	1,000	1,030	1,040	-30	-40
Federal government	260	220	270	40	-10
State government	110	120	120	-10	-10
Local government	630	690	650	-60	-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.

Malheur County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2022	May 2022	June 2021	May 2022	June 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	12,769	12,745	12,860	24	-91
Unemployed	481	375	633	106	-152
Unemployment rate	3.8%	2.9%	4.9%	0.9	-1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.3%	3.3%	4.5%	0.0	-1.2
Employed	12,288	12,370	12,227	-82	61
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,930	11,910	11,930	20	0
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>11,890</i>	<i>11,810</i>	<i>11,890</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>0</i>
Total private	8,580	8,540	8,600	40	-20
Mining, logging, and construction	400	380	380	20	20
Manufacturing	1,000	1,000	1,040	0	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,050	3,050	3,050	0	0
Wholesale trade	420	430	420	-10	0
Retail trade	2,250	2,240	2,280	10	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	380	380	350	0	30
Information	60	60	70	0	-10
Financial activities	290	280	270	10	20
Professional and business services	420	410	450	10	-30
Education and health services	1,770	1,780	1,810	-10	-40
Leisure and hospitality	1,290	1,280	1,180	10	110
Other services	300	300	350	0	-50
Government	3,350	3,370	3,330	-20	20
Federal government	220	200	230	20	-10
State government	1,260	1,260	1,230	0	30
Local government	1,870	1,910	1,870	-40	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.

Union County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2022	May 2022	June 2021	May 2022	June 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	12,423	12,371	12,341	52	82
Unemployed	501	403	695	98	-194
Unemployment rate	4.0%	3.3%	5.6%	0.7	-1.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.9%	3.9%	5.7%	0.0	-1.8
Employed	11,922	11,968	11,646	-46	276
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	10,610	10,510	10,420	100	190
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	10,420	10,410	10,230	10	190
Total private	8,040	7,960	7,940	80	100
Mining, logging, and construction	650	620	650	30	0
Mining and logging	40	30	40	10	0
Construction	610	590	610	20	0
Manufacturing	1,300	1,290	1,290	10	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,130	2,110	2,080	20	50
Wholesale trade	240	230	250	10	-10
Retail trade	1,480	1,470	1,450	10	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	410	410	380	0	30
Information	90	90	90	0	0
Financial activities	320	320	320	0	0
Professional and business services	550	540	550	10	0
Education and health services	1,610	1,630	1,700	-20	-90
Leisure and hospitality	1,080	1,050	970	30	110
Other services	310	310	290	0	20
Government	2,570	2,550	2,480	20	90
Federal government	270	250	300	20	-30
State government	390	370	370	20	20
Local government	1,910	1,930	1,810	-20	100

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.

Wallowa County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2022	May 2022	June 2021	May 2022	June 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,851	3,708	3,812	143	39
Unemployed	159	136	195	23	-36
Unemployment rate	4.1%	3.7%	5.1%	0.4	-1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.4%	4.4%	5.5%	0.0	-1.1
Employed	3,692	3,572	3,617	120	75
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,920	2,750	2,880	170	40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,710	2,740	2,670	-30	40
Total private	2,110	1,970	2,110	140	0
Mining, logging, and construction	250	240	250	10	0
Mining and logging	60	50	70	10	-10
Construction	190	190	180	0	10
Manufacturing	180	180	160	0	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	470	450	490	20	-20
Wholesale and retail trade	380	370	400	10	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	90	80	90	10	0
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	130	110	160	20	-30
Professional and business services	150	150	130	0	20
Education and health services	410	420	400	-10	10
Leisure and hospitality	380	290	380	90	0
Other services	120	110	120	10	0
Government	810	780	770	30	40
Federal government	110	100	110	10	0
State government	130	110	120	20	10
Local government	570	570	540	0	30

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.

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.

You can subscribe to receive notification of new articles and publications from www.QualityInfo.org. To subscribe, go to www.qualityinfo.org/p-sofrm, enter your email address and click Sign In. In the Publication section, click on the + sign next to a report type category and then click on the geography(s) you are interested in. Take some time to browse the other publications on the page and see if there are some you'd like to receive an email notification for. You can receive notifications on a daily, weekly, or monthly schedule – whichever is most convenient for you. You can change your selected preferences – or unsubscribe – at any time.

The pdf version of the news release, including tables and graphs, can be found at www.qualityinfo.org/press-release/. To obtain the data in other formats such as in Excel, visit www.QualityInfo.org, select *Economic Data*, and choose *LAUS* or *CES*. To request the press release as a Word document, contact the person shown at the top of this press release.

To file an Unemployment Insurance claim, visit our online claims system or call our contact centers, where Employment Department staff are ready to help by phone, at 1-877-FILE-4-UI (1-877-345-3484). For help finding jobs and training resources, go to: www.WorkSourceOregon.org

The Oregon Employment Department (OED) is an equal opportunity agency. Everyone has a right to use OED programs and services. OED provides free help. Some examples are: Sign language and spoken language interpreters, written materials in other languages, braille, large print, audio and other formats. If you need help, please call 971-673-6400. TTY users call 711. You can also ask for help at OED.Communications@employ.oregon.gov.

###