Unemployment Rate News

Morrow County’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2020 was 3.8 percent, while Umatilla County came in at 4.4 percent. Both were above Oregon’s statewide rate of 3.3 percent and the national rate of 3.6 percent.

Both counties had lower seasonally adjusted unemployment rates in January 2020 than the previous January.

Morrow County (-0.8 percentage point) and Umatilla County (-0.8) ranked in a six-way tie for 17th among Oregon’s 36 counties for over-the-year improvement.

The January 2020 rates for both counties are the lowest January rates since comparable statistics began in 1990.

Nonfarm Employment Change
January 2019 to January 2020

Morrow County added an estimated 130 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 100 jobs. Manufacturing and professional and business services led private industry gains. Construction, retail trade, and mining and logging lost jobs. The public sector gained 30 jobs with a gain in local government while federal and state government were unchanged.

Umatilla County employment decreased by an estimated 100 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 210 jobs led by losses in transportation, warehousing, and utilities; manufacturing; professional and business services; and other services. Information and education and health services saw the largest gains. The public sector added 110 jobs with gains in local education, other local government, and federal government while Indian tribal and state government were unchanged.

Unemployment rate remains fairly level

Notable Industry Gains and Losses
Over-the-Year Employment Change from January 2019

Morrow
- Manufacturing (+70)
- Professional/Business Services (+50)
- Local Government (+30)
- Wholesale Trade (+30)
- Leisure/Hospitality (+10)

Umatilla
- Information (+100)
- Private Education/Health Services (+100)
- Local Education (+60)
- Other Local Government (+40)
- Retail Trade (+30)
- Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-180)
- Manufacturing (-150)
- Other Services (-60)
- Professional/Business Services (-60)

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