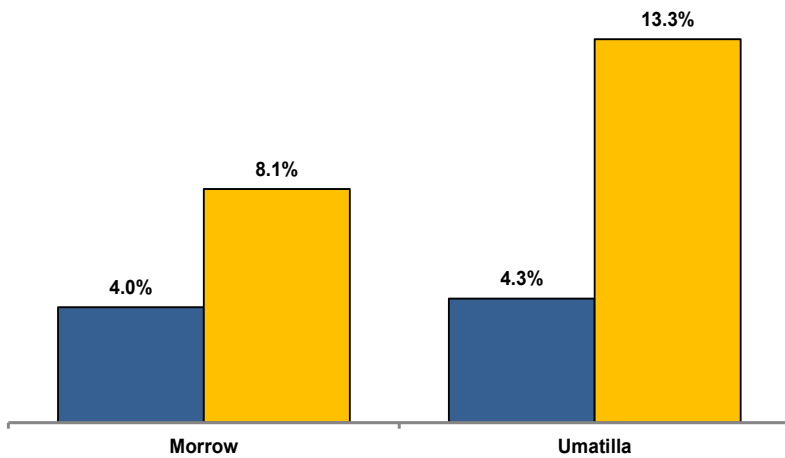


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ May 2019 ■ May 2020



Unemployment Rate News

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2020 was 8.1 percent, while Umatilla County came in at 13.3 percent. Morrow County's rate was well below Oregon's statewide rate of 14.2 percent and the national rate of 13.3 percent.

Morrow County's rate ranked second lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Umatilla County's ranked in a three-way tie for 14th.

Both counties had higher seasonally adjusted unemployment rates in May 2020 than the previous May due to the effects of COVID-19.

Morrow County (+4.1 percentage points) ranked third among Oregon's counties for smallest over-the-year change. Umatilla County (+9.0) ranked in a three-way tie for 16th.

Nonfarm Employment Change

May 2019 to May 2020

Morrow County dropped an estimated 260 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 180 jobs. Construction, manufacturing, and leisure and hospitality led private industry losses. Professional and business services was the only industry to add jobs. The public sector lost 80 jobs with a loss in local government while federal and state government were unchanged.

Umatilla County employment decreased by an estimated 4,290 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 3,910 jobs led by losses in leisure and hospitality; manufacturing; transportation, warehousing, and utilities; and retail trade. Information was the only industry to add jobs. The public sector dropped 380 jobs with losses in local education, other local government, and federal government overwhelming a small gain in state government while Indian tribal was unchanged.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from May 2019



Morrow

Professional/Business Services (+130)

Local Government (-80)

Construction (-70)

Manufacturing (-70)

Leisure/Hospitality (-60)

Retail Trade (-40)

Private Education/Health Services (-40)

Umatilla

State Government (+30)

Information (+10)

Leisure/Hospitality (-1,300)

Manufacturing (-1,120)

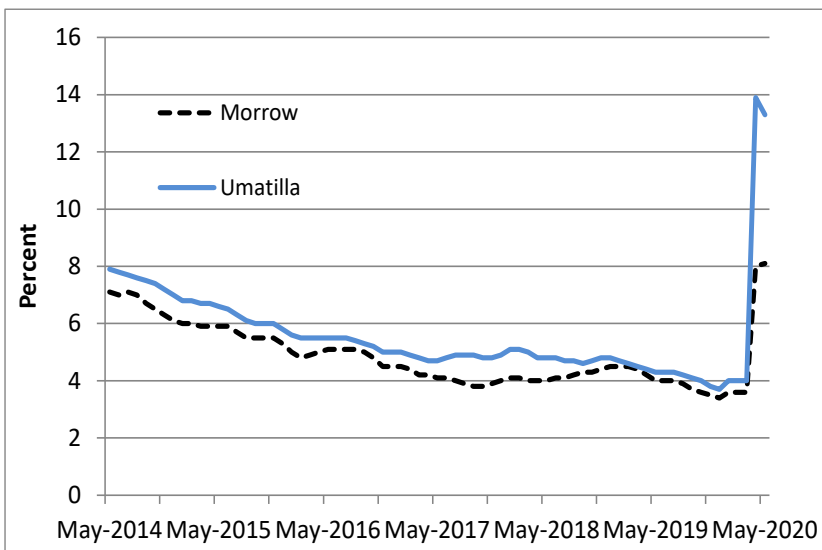
Retail Trade (-390)

Local Education (-340)

Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-320)

Private Education/Health Services (-270)

Unemployment rate up sharply due to COVID-19



Want to learn more about the Oregon economy?

Read our blog at: oregonemployment.blogspot.com/

Follow us on Twitter at: twitter.com/OED_Research

Visit our web site at: QualityInfo.org

Visit our subscription service at: qualityinfo.org/p-sofrm

For more economic or labor market data about Morrow or Umatilla counties, contact:

Tony Wendel, Workforce Analyst

Desk: 541-276-9050 ext. 232 Cell: 541-667-7027

E-mail: Tony.A.Wendel@oregon.gov

Dallas Fridley, Regional Economist

Desk: 541-645-0005

E-mail: Dallas.W.Fridley@oregon.gov

Want to be added to the monthly distribution list?

E-mail me at: Tony.A.Wendel@oregon.gov