Unemployment Rate News

Morrow County’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2020 was 7.0 percent, while Umatilla County came in at 8.7 percent. Both were well below Oregon’s statewide rate of 11.2 percent and the national rate of 11.1 percent.

Morrow County’s rate ranked second lowest among Oregon’s 36 counties for the month while Umatilla County’s ranked in a tie for seventh.

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

Morrow County (+3.0 percentage points) ranked third among Oregon’s counties for smallest over-the-year change. Umatilla County (+4.4) ranked sixth.

Nonfarm Employment Change
June 2019 to June 2020

Morrow County dropped an estimated 200 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 100 jobs. Construction, leisure and hospitality, and manufacturing led private industry losses. Professional and business services was the only industry to add jobs. The public sector lost 100 jobs with losses in local and federal government while state government was unchanged.

Umatilla County employment decreased by an estimated 3,180 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 2,730 jobs led by losses in leisure and hospitality; manufacturing; transportation, warehousing, and utilities; mining, logging, and construction; and retail trade. The public sector dropped 450 jobs with losses in local education, other local government, Indian tribal and federal government overwhelming a small gain in state government.

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