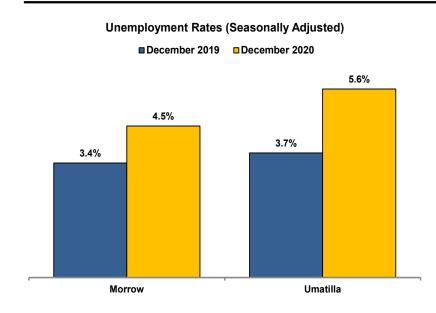
Columbia Basin Economic Indicators

Morrow and Umatilla

January 2021 (December Data)



Unemployment Rate News

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2020 was 4.5%, while Umatilla County came in at 5.6%. Both were below Oregon's statewide rate of 6.4% and the national rate of 6.7%.

Morrow County's rate ranked in a tie for fourth lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Umatilla County's ranked in a tie for 12th.

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

Morrow County (+1.1 percentage points) ranked sixth among Oregon's counties for smallest over-the-year change. Umatilla County (+1.9) ranked 12th.

Nonfarm Employment Change

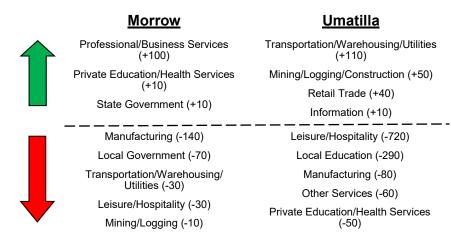
December 2019 to December 2020

Morrow County dropped an estimated 140 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 80 jobs. Manufacturing; transportation, warehousing, and utilities; and leisure and hospitality led private industry losses. Professional and business services and education and health services added jobs. The public sector lost 60 jobs with a loss in local government overwhelming a small gain in state government while federal government was unchanged

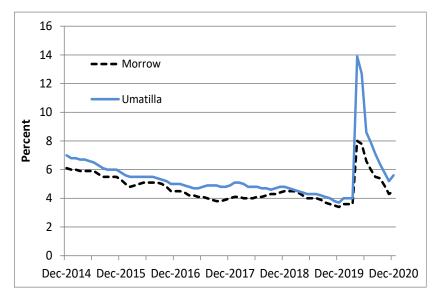
Umatilla County employment decreased by an estimated 1,140 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 810 jobs led by losses in leisure and hospitality; manufacturing; other services; education and health services; professional and business services; and wholesale trade. Gains were led by transportation, warehousing, and utilities; mining, logging, and construction; and retail trade. The public sector dropped 330 jobs with losses in local education, Indian tribal, and federal government while other local government and state government were unchanged.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from December 2019



Unemployment rate dropping after sharp rise due to COVID-19



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