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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: October 2023

Summer Season Gives Way to a New School Year

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 3.8% in October. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 17th in October, tied with Linn. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.4 percentage points.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 30,500 in October, an increase of 10 jobs. Private industry cut 210 jobs in October, falling to 22,580, and government increased its total by 220, climbing to 7,920. Leisure and hospitality pulled back in October, falling to 2,950, a loss of 100. Education and health services cut 60 jobs, falling to 4,160, and manufacturing idled 40, cutting its total to 2,540. Wholesale trade led private industry job growth in October, rising by 20 to reach 990. In the public sector, local education increased its total by 270 jobs, rising to 2,770. State government cut 30 jobs, falling to 1,590, Indian tribal cut 10, and other local lost 10.

Umatilla County's total private industry employment rose by 670 jobs over the year ending in October (+3.1%). Manufacturing cut 220 jobs over the year, falling to 2,540. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 130 jobs (-5.2%) dropping to 2,390. Professional and business services led private-industry growth, rising by 460 jobs thanks in part to a non-economic code change (a correction or reclassification in our administrative records). Education and health services increased its total by 190 jobs (+4.8%) and leisure and hospitality increased its total by 140 (+5.0%). Government employment rose by 380 jobs over the year, led by an increase of 170 in state government. Indian Tribal rose by 90 jobs, other local increased its total by 80, and local education chipped in 10.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in October at 3.4%, ranking seventh among Oregon counties, tied with Multnomah. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.2 percentage points.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment fell to 5,840 in October, a loss of 10 jobs. Private industry cut its total to 4,680 in October (-10), while government held steady with 1,160. Wholesale trade cut 10 jobs in October, professional and business services shed 10, and manufacturing gained 10. State government rose by 10 jobs in October, while federal government shed 10.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 170 jobs over the year ending in October (+3.8%). Manufacturing (+60), leisure and hospitality (+50), and professional and business services

(+30) led private industry's over-the-year growth. Local government rose by 70 jobs over the year and state government cut 20.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November 2023 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Dec. 27th, 2023 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Dec. 20th, 2023.

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.

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Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2023	September 2023	October 2022	September 2023	October 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,177	6,203	6,195	-26	-18
Unemployed	180	187	263	-7	-83
Unemployment rate	2.9%	3.0%	4.2%	-0.1	-1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.4%	3.4%	4.6%	0.0	-1.2
Employed	5,997	6,016	5,932	-19	65
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,840	5,850	5,620	-10	220
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,780	5,750	5,570	30	210
Total private	4,680	4,690	4,510	-10	170
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	180	180	180	0	0
Manufacturing	1,920	1,910	1,860	10	60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	620	630	620	-10	0
Wholesale trade	110	110	120	0	-10
Retail trade	300	310	290	-10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	210	210	210	0	0
Financial activities	80	80	70	0	10
Professional and business services	350	360	320	-10	30
Private education and health services	290	290	290	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	290	290	240	0	50
Government	1,160	1,160	1,110	0	50
Federal government	60	70	60	-10	0
State government	50	40	70	10	-20
Local government	1,050	1,050	980	0	70

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.

Umatilla County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2023	September 2023	October 2022	September 2023	October 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	38,934	39,282	38,633	-348	301
Unemployed	1,231	1,255	1,788	-24	-557
Unemployment rate	3.2%	3.2%	4.6%	0.0	-1.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.8%	3.8%	5.2%	0.0	-1.4
Employed	37,703	38,027	36,845	-324	858
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	30,500	30,490	29,450	10	1,050
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,170	30,200	29,120	-30	1,050
Total private	22,580	22,790	21,910	-210	670
Mining, logging, and construction	1,470	1,460	1,370	10	100
Manufacturing	2,540	2,580	2,760	-40	-220
Durable goods	1,060	1,060	1,270	0	-210
Nondurable goods	1,480	1,520	1,490	-40	-10
Food manufacturing	1,100	1,130	1,140	-30	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,800	6,790	6,870	10	-70
Wholesale trade	990	970	910	20	80
Retail trade	3,420	3,420	3,440	0	-20
Food and beverage retailers	730	740	730	-10	0
General merchandise retailers	970	940	920	30	50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,390	2,400	2,520	-10	-130
Information	670	690	670	-20	0
Financial activities	880	880	860	0	20
Professional and business services	2,260	2,260	1,800	0	460
Private education and health services	4,160	4,220	3,970	-60	190
Nursing and residential care facilities	960	970	890	-10	70
Leisure and hospitality	2,950	3,050	2,810	-100	140
Accommodation and food services	2,780	2,880	2,680	-100	100
Other services	850	860	800	-10	50
Government	7,920	7,700	7,540	220	380
Federal government	510	510	480	0	30
State government	1,590	1,620	1,420	-30	170
Local government	5,820	5,570	5,640	250	180
Indian tribal	1,850	1,860	1,760	-10	90
Local education	2,770	2,500	2,760	270	10
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,200	1,210	1,120	-10	80

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