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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: December 2021

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Below Pre-Pandemic Rates

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage point in December, to 4.3%. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 13th in December, trailing Marion (4.1%). Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.7 percentage points.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total fell to 28,650 in December, a loss of 160 jobs. Private industry cut 90 jobs, falling to 21,440, while government trimmed 70, dropping its total to 7,210. Private industry jobs gains in December were limited to retail trade (+10); financial activities (+10); and professional and business services (+10). On the losing end, mining, logging, and construction (-40); manufacturing (-40); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-20); and education and health services (-20) all cut jobs in December. In the public sector, Indian tribal government cut 40 jobs, falling to 1,680, and federal government shed 20, dropping to 460.

Umatilla County's total private employment rose by 370 jobs over the year ending in December, an increase of 1.8%. Leisure and hospitality rose by 440 jobs or 21.3% over the year to total 2,510. Retail trade grew by 150 jobs or 4.4% and transportation, warehousing, and utilities increased its total by 100 or 3.8%. Job gains also lifted information (+80); other services (+60); and financial activities (+40). Manufacturing cut 270 jobs over the year, falling to 2,950, and mining, logging, and construction shed 110, dropping its total to 1,210. Professional and business services cut 60 jobs over the year, falling to 1,260. Education and health services (-40) and wholesale trade (-20) also cut jobs. Local education led the public sector, rising by 210 jobs over the year, followed by an increase of 160 in Indian tribal government and a gain of 50 in other local.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point in December to 3.9%. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked ninth out of 36 Oregon counties, tied with Polk. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.0 percentage point.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment fell by 40 in December to 5,110 jobs. Private industry cut 30 jobs, dropping its total to 4,070, and government cut 10, falling to 1,040. Construction cut 10 jobs in December, falling to 80 and manufacturing idled 10, dropping to 1,730. In the public sector, local government cut 10 jobs, dropping its total to 920.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 90 jobs over the year ending in December (+2.3%). Leisure and hospitality led private industry, rising by 60 jobs or 33.3%. Mining and logging (+10); construction (+10); and retail trade (+10) also rose over the year. Local government increased its total by 40 jobs (+4.5%) to lead the public sector.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January 2022 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Mar. 8th, 2022 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Mar. 8th, 2022.

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--				
	December 2021	November 2021	December 2020	November 2021	December 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,701	5,836	5,689	-135	12
Unemployed	194	185	283	9	-89
Unemployment rate	3.4%	3.2%	5.0%	0.2	-1.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.9%	4.0%	4.9%	-0.1	-1.0
Employed	5,507	5,651	5,406	-144	101
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,110	5,150	4,980	-40	130
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,110	5,150	4,980	-40	130
Total private	4,070	4,100	3,980	-30	90
Mining and logging	30	30	20	0	10
Construction	80	90	70	-10	10
Manufacturing	1,730	1,740	1,730	-10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	600	600	620	0	-20
Wholesale trade	120	120	120	0	0
Retail trade	260	260	250	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	220	220	250	0	-30
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	360	360	460	0	-100
Education and health services	270	270	270	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	240	240	180	0	60
Government	1,040	1,050	1,000	-10	40
Federal government	60	60	50	0	10
State government	60	60	70	0	-10
Local government	920	930	880	-10	40

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--				
	December 2021	November 2021	December 2020	November 2021	December 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,222	37,919	37,257	-697	-35
Unemployed	1,451	1,349	2,300	102	-849
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.6%	6.2%	0.3	-2.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.3%	4.5%	6.0%	-0.2	-1.7
Employed	35,771	36,570	34,957	-799	814
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	28,650	28,810	27,860	-160	790
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	28,640	28,480	27,850	160	790
Total private	21,440	21,530	21,070	-90	370
Mining, logging, and construction	1,210	1,250	1,320	-40	-110
Manufacturing	2,950	2,990	3,220	-40	-270
Durable goods	1,280	1,280	1,450	0	-170
Nondurable goods	1,670	1,710	1,770	-40	-100
Food manufacturing	1,360	1,390	1,470	-30	-110
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,210	7,220	6,980	-10	230
Wholesale trade	890	890	910	0	-20
Retail trade	3,570	3,560	3,420	10	150
Food and beverage stores	710	710	700	0	10
General merchandise stores	1,010	990	880	20	130
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,750	2,770	2,650	-20	100
Information	590	590	510	0	80
Financial activities	850	840	810	10	40
Professional and business services	1,260	1,250	1,320	10	-60
Education and health services	4,090	4,110	4,130	-20	-40
Nursing and residential care facilities	930	940	1,000	-10	-70
Leisure and hospitality	2,510	2,510	2,070	0	440
Accommodation and food services	2,340	2,340	2,020	0	320
Other services	770	770	710	0	60
Government	7,210	7,280	6,790	-70	420
Federal government	460	480	440	-20	20
State government	1,470	1,470	1,490	0	-20
Local government	5,280	5,330	4,860	-50	420
Indian tribal	1,680	1,720	1,520	-40	160
Local education	2,510	2,510	2,300	0	210
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,090	1,100	1,040	-10	50

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