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Employment in Eastern Oregon: November 2021

Unemployment Rates Continue Downward Trend

Comparing November 2021 with November 2020 shows decreasing unemployment rates in all Eastern Oregon counties. The largest over-the-year decrease came in Baker County where the raw rate dropped 2.6 percentage points to reach 3.4%. The smallest decrease came in Harney County where the raw rate dropped 1.1 percentage points to 3.7%. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased in all Eastern Oregon counties as well. Baker County saw the largest decrease, falling 2.1 percentage points to 4.4%. Harney County saw the smallest decrease over the year, dropping 0.8 percentage point to 4.8%.

Baker County's nonfarm payroll employment rose by 290 since November 2020. Employment increased by 210 jobs in the private sector and 80 jobs in the public sector. The overall gain brings employment to 240 jobs above the March 2020 level, prior to the start of the pandemic, and 60 jobs above total employment in November 2019. Over-the-year gains were seen in most industries with local government adding the most, up 70. Leisure and hospitality has yet to fully recover, remaining 80 jobs below the November 2019 mark. Overall employment decreased by 50 jobs over the month with seasonal losses in a few industries. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by 0.3 percentage point in November to 4.4%. The raw unemployment rate rose 0.2 percentage point to 3.4%.

Grant County's nonfarm payroll employment was unchanged over the year. The private sector gained 60 while the public sector dropped by 60. The county was 130 jobs shy of its November 2019 mark and matched the November 2020 mark. The change from 2019 is largely from local government, which saw the largest decrease over the year. Over the month, total employment fell by 90 as seasonal losses occurred in federal government and in state government. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate slid 0.2 percentage point in November to 6.2%. The raw unemployment rate increased 0.7 percentage point to 4.5%.

Harney County's nonfarm payroll employment rose by 10 jobs over the year. The increase came from small gains in the private sector. Leisure and hospitality added 20 jobs to lead growth. Total employment dropped by 60 jobs over the month. Seasonal losses came in federal government and in leisure and hospitality while most industries went unchanged for the month. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ticked down 0.1 percentage point over the month to 4.8%. The raw unemployment rate rose 0.3 percentage point to 3.7%.

Malheur County's nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 120 over the year. The private sector dropped by 90 and the public sector slipped by 30. Manufacturing showed the largest loss, down 80. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities showed the second largest loss, down 50. Leisure and hospitality added 60 jobs to lead growth with retail trade adding 50 jobs for the second largest gain. The county's total employment recovered in spring 2021, hovering near 2019 levels through summer. However, Malheur has slipped below 2019 levels for the past couple of months, predominately seen in local government and in manufacturing. Over the month, total employment dipped by 40 jobs as losses outweighed gains in several industries. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ticked down 0.1 percentage point over the month to 3.8%. The raw unemployment rate was unchanged for the month at 2.7%.

Union County's total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 300 over the year. The private sector added 230 jobs while the public sector added 70. The largest gains came in retail trade (+100), leisure and hospitality (+90), and local government (+70). The majority of industries saw growth over the year. Union is largely recovered, but remained 200 jobs below the November 2019 mark. The gap is a combination of lagging employment in leisure and hospitality, health services, and Eastern Oregon University. Total employment was unchanged over the month. Local government added 50 jobs to lead gains as light seasonal losses occurred in a few industries. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased 0.3 percentage point in November to 4.7%. The raw unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.4%.

Wallowa County's nonfarm payroll employment rose by 130 from November 2020 to November 2021. Three industries saw light losses while most industries saw gains. Local government added 40 jobs, as did leisure and hospitality, to share the lead for growth. Total nonfarm employment dropped by 90 over the month with seasonal decreases led by leisure and hospitality (-60). The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate slid 0.2 percentage point for the month to 5.1%. The raw unemployment rate increased by 0.6 percentage point for the month to 3.9%.

For info on Unemployment Insurance benefits: [Govstatus.egov.com/ORUnemployment_COVID19](https://govstatus.egov.com/ORUnemployment_COVID19)

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Jan. 25 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Baker County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	Nov. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2020	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	7,572	7,694	7,473	-122	99
Unemployed	258	246	445	12	-187
Unemployment rate	3.4%	3.2%	6.0%	0.2	-2.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.4%	4.7%	6.5%	-0.3	-2.1
Employed	7,314	7,448	7,028	-134	286
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,650	5,700	5,360	-50	290
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,620	5,570	5,330	50	290
Total private	4,450	4,490	4,240	-40	210
Mining, logging, and construction	280	300	270	-20	10
Mining and logging	10	10	20	0	-10
Construction	270	290	250	-20	20
Manufacturing	620	600	580	20	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,200	1,210	1,170	-10	30
Wholesale trade	80	80	70	0	10
Retail trade	880	880	850	0	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	240	250	250	-10	-10
Information	60	50	40	10	20
Financial activities	150	150	140	0	10
Professional and business services	350	360	300	-10	50
Education and health services	1,040	1,040	1,030	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	540	570	510	-30	30
Other services	210	210	200	0	10
Government	1,200	1,210	1,120	-10	80
Federal government	190	210	190	-20	0
State government	220	210	210	10	10
Local government	790	790	720	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.

Grant County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	Nov. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2020	--Change From--	
				Oct. 2021	Nov. 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,172	3,256	3,261	-84	-89
Unemployed	142	124	217	18	-75
Unemployment rate	4.5%	3.8%	6.7%	0.7	-2.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.2%	6.4%	7.7%	-0.2	-1.5
Employed	3,030	3,132	3,044	-102	-14
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,320	2,410	2,320	-90	0
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,330	2,320	2,330	10	0
Total private	1,380	1,380	1,320	0	60
Mining, logging, and construction	210	210	190	0	20
Mining and logging	140	140	130	0	10
Construction	70	70	60	0	10
Manufacturing	110	110	100	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	360	350	340	10	20
Wholesale trade	40	40	30	0	10
Retail trade	260	260	250	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	60	50	60	10	0
Information	40	40	40	0	0
Financial activities	60	60	60	0	0
Professional and business services	110	110	120	0	-10
Education and health services	200	200	210	0	-10
Leisure and hospitality	230	240	200	-10	30
Other services	60	60	60	0	0
Government	940	1,030	1,000	-90	-60
Federal government	220	280	230	-60	-10
State government	130	150	120	-20	10
Local government	590	600	650	-10	-60

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Harney County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	Nov. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2020	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,833	3,885	3,869	-52	-36
Unemployed	140	133	186	7	-46
Unemployment rate	3.7%	3.4%	4.8%	0.3	-1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	4.9%	5.6%	-0.1	-0.8
Employed	3,693	3,752	3,683	-59	10
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,390	2,450	2,380	-60	10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,410	2,400	2,400	10	10
Total private	1,370	1,400	1,350	-30	20
Goods-producing	110	110	110	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	470	470	460	0	10
Wholesale trade	60	60	60	0	0
Retail trade	360	360	350	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	50	50	50	0	0
Information	10	10	10	0	0
Financial activities	50	50	50	0	0
Professional and business services	110	120	130	-10	-20
Education and health services	250	250	250	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	300	320	280	-20	20
Other services	70	70	60	0	10
Government	1,020	1,050	1,030	-30	-10
Federal government	210	240	220	-30	-10
State government	120	110	120	10	0
Local government	690	700	690	-10	0

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Malheur County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	Nov. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2020	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	12,678	13,028	12,936	-350	-258
Unemployed	343	347	527	-4	-184
Unemployment rate	2.7%	2.7%	4.1%	0.0	-1.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.8%	3.9%	4.8%	-0.1	-1.0
Employed	12,335	12,681	12,409	-346	-74
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,970	12,010	12,090	-40	-120
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>11,790</i>	<i>11,760</i>	<i>11,900</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>-110</i>
Total private	8,670	8,710	8,760	-40	-90
Mining, logging, and construction	380	380	380	0	0
Manufacturing	1,050	1,040	1,130	10	-80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,100	3,130	3,130	-30	-30
Wholesale trade	460	500	490	-40	-30
Retail trade	2,280	2,250	2,230	30	50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	360	380	410	-20	-50
Information	180	170	150	10	30
Financial activities	260	260	290	0	-30
Professional and business services	440	480	450	-40	-10
Education and health services	1,750	1,760	1,770	-10	-20
Leisure and hospitality	1,170	1,150	1,110	20	60
Other services	340	340	350	0	-10
Government	3,300	3,300	3,330	0	-30
Federal government	180	200	190	-20	-10
State government	1,240	1,240	1,240	0	0
Local government	1,880	1,860	1,900	20	-20

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Union County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	Nov. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2020	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	12,361	12,410	12,281	-49	80
Unemployed	425	416	685	9	-260
Unemployment rate	3.4%	3.4%	5.6%	0.0	-2.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	5.0%	6.2%	-0.3	-1.5
Employed	11,936	11,994	11,596	-58	340
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	10,570	10,570	10,270	0	300
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>10,460</i>	<i>10,390</i>	<i>10,170</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>290</i>
Total private	8,110	8,120	7,880	-10	230
Mining, logging, and construction	650	670	600	-20	50
Mining and logging	50	50	30	0	20
Construction	600	620	570	-20	30
Manufacturing	1,300	1,280	1,270	20	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,160	2,140	2,080	20	80
Wholesale trade	250	250	250	0	0
Retail trade	1,520	1,500	1,420	20	100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	390	390	410	0	-20
Information	90	90	80	0	10
Financial activities	340	340	310	0	30
Professional and business services	530	560	570	-30	-40
Education and health services	1,730	1,720	1,780	10	-50
Leisure and hospitality	1,000	1,010	910	-10	90
Other services	310	310	280	0	30
Government	2,460	2,450	2,390	10	70
Federal government	220	250	210	-30	10
State government	350	360	360	-10	-10
Local government	1,890	1,840	1,820	50	70

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Wallowa County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	Nov. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2020	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,597	3,727	3,517	-130	80
Unemployed	142	124	196	18	-54
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.3%	5.6%	0.6	-1.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.3%	6.1%	-0.2	-1.0
Employed	3,455	3,603	3,321	-148	134
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,660	2,750	2,530	-90	130
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,730	2,660	2,600	70	130
Total private	1,930	2,000	1,850	-70	80
Mining, logging, and construction	250	250	240	0	10
Mining and logging	80	80	70	0	10
Construction	170	170	170	0	0
Manufacturing	130	130	140	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	480	480	450	0	30
Wholesale and retail trade	390	390	370	0	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	90	90	80	0	10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	140	140	150	0	-10
Professional and business services	110	130	120	-20	-10
Education and health services	430	420	410	10	20
Leisure and hospitality	250	310	210	-60	40
Other services	120	120	110	0	10
Government	730	750	680	-20	50
Federal government	80	90	80	-10	0
State government	90	100	80	-10	10
Local government	560	560	520	0	40

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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.

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