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## Employment in Eastern Oregon: April 2022

### Unemployment Lower in April as Seasonal Hiring Continues

Comparing April 2022 with April 2021 shows decreasing unemployment rates in all Eastern Oregon counties. The largest over-the-year decrease came in Grant County where the raw rate fell 2.2 percentage points to reach 6.4%. The smallest decrease came in Malheur County where the raw rate dropped 1.3 percentage points to 3.2%. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased in all Eastern Oregon counties as well. Union County saw the largest decrease, falling 2.0 percentage points to 4.0%. Wallowa County saw the smallest decrease over the year, dropping 1.0 percentage point to 4.6%.

Baker County's nonfarm payroll employment rose by 230 since April 2021. Employment increased by 190 jobs in the private sector and 40 jobs in the public sector. Leisure and hospitality (+80) led over-the-year gains. Manufacturing added 50 jobs for the second largest increase. Overall employment rose by 100 jobs over the month with the largest gains in leisure and hospitality and in construction, both up 30. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ticked down 0.1 percentage point in April to 4.0%. The raw unemployment rate dropped 0.9 percentage point to 3.7%.

Grant County's nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 70 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped by 50 jobs while the public sector slipped by 20. Losses were mainly light and spread over several industries. Over the month, total employment dipped by 20. Downward movement came in the private sector while government employment increased by 10. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ticked down 0.1 percentage point in April to 5.3%. The raw unemployment rate dropped by 0.9 percentage point to 6.4%.

Harney County's nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 10 jobs over the year. The public sector dropped by 80 as the private sector rose by 70. Local government saw the largest change, down 60. Total employment rose by 50 jobs over the month with upward seasonal movement in four industries. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dipped 0.2 percentage point over the month to 4.1%. The raw unemployment rate fell 1.1 percentage points to 3.8%.

Malheur County's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 60 over the year. The private sector slipped by 30 as the public sector added 90. Leisure and hospitality showed a major gain, adding 110 jobs over the year. The largest loss came in manufacturing (-70). Total employment was unchanged over the month with an overall loss in the private sector and gains in the public sector. The seasonally

adjusted unemployment rate ticked down 0.1 percentage point over the month to 3.4%. The raw unemployment rate decreased 0.4 percentage point to 3.2%.

Union County's total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 120 over the year. The private sector added 80 jobs while the public sector added 40. Leisure and hospitality (+120) showed the largest gain. Retail trade (+50) and local government (+40) also had strong showings. Education and health services showed a sizeable loss, dropping by 120. Total employment rose by 110 over the month, with seasonal gains in several industries. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ticked down 0.1 percentage point in April to 4.0%. The raw unemployment rate decreased 0.6 percentage point to 4.0%.

Wallowa County's nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 60 from April 2021 to April 2022. Three private-sector industries accounted for most of the loss, each down 30, while the public sector increased by 40. Total nonfarm employment increased by 90 over the month, with seasonal gains in several industries. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ticked down 0.1 percentage point over the month to 4.6%. The raw unemployment rate fell 1.3 percentage points for the month to 4.8%.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Wednesday, June 22, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Wednesday, June 15.

## Baker County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2021	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	7,697	7,659	7,430	38	267
Unemployed	286	353	402	-67	-116
Unemployment rate	3.7%	4.6%	5.4%	-0.9	-1.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.1%	5.6%	-0.1	-1.6
Employed	7,411	7,306	7,028	105	383
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	5,650	5,550	5,420	100	230
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,720	5,710	5,490	10	230
Total private	4,460	4,380	4,270	80	190
Mining, logging, and construction	280	240	270	40	10
Mining and logging	20	10	10	10	10
Construction	260	230	260	30	0
Manufacturing	640	640	590	0	50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,190	1,190	1,150	0	40
Wholesale trade	80	80	80	0	0
Retail trade	870	870	830	0	40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	240	240	240	0	0
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	150	150	140	0	10
Professional and business services	350	340	330	10	20
Education and health services	990	1,000	1,010	-10	-20
Leisure and hospitality	600	570	520	30	80
Other services	210	200	210	10	0
Government	1,190	1,170	1,150	20	40
Federal government	180	170	180	10	0
State government	220	220	220	0	0
Local government	790	780	750	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.

## Grant County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2021	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	3,129	3,141	3,225	-12	-96
Unemployed	201	230	276	-29	-75
Unemployment rate	6.4%	7.3%	8.6%	-0.9	-2.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.4%	7.0%	-0.1	-1.7
Employed	2,928	2,911	2,949	17	-21
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	2,230	2,250	2,300	-20	-70
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,310	2,360	2,390	-50	-80
Total private	1,230	1,260	1,280	-30	-50
Mining, logging, and construction	140	160	160	-20	-20
Mining and logging	90	110	100	-20	-10
Construction	50	50	60	0	-10
Manufacturing	100	100	100	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	330	340	340	-10	-10
Wholesale trade	40	40	40	0	0
Retail trade	250	250	250	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	40	50	50	-10	-10
Information	50	50	40	0	10
Financial activities	60	60	50	0	10
Professional and business services	130	140	120	-10	10
Education and health services	180	180	200	0	-20
Leisure and hospitality	180	170	200	10	-20
Other services	60	60	70	0	-10
Government	1,000	990	1,020	10	-20
Federal government	240	220	250	20	-10
State government	130	120	130	10	0
Local government	630	650	640	-20	-10

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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.

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## Harney County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2021	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	3,813	3,787	3,819	26	-6
Unemployed	146	186	209	-40	-63
Unemployment rate	3.8%	4.9%	5.5%	-1.1	-1.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.3%	5.3%	-0.2	-1.2
Employed	3,667	3,601	3,610	66	57
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	2,450	2,400	2,460	50	-10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,500	2,500	2,510	0	-10
Total private	1,450	1,410	1,380	40	70
Goods-producing	100	100	100	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	490	480	460	10	30
Wholesale trade	70	70	60	0	10
Retail trade	370	360	350	10	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	50	50	50	0	0
Information	10	10	10	0	0
Financial activities	60	60	50	0	10
Professional and business services	170	160	160	10	10
Education and health services	240	240	240	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	310	290	300	20	10
Other services	70	70	60	0	10
Government	1,000	990	1,080	10	-80
Federal government	210	200	220	10	-10
State government	120	120	130	0	-10
Local government	670	670	730	0	-60

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## Malheur County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2021	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	12,925	12,757	12,811	168	114
Unemployed	420	456	572	-36	-152
Unemployment rate	3.2%	3.6%	4.5%	-0.4	-1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.4%	3.5%	4.7%	-0.1	-1.3
Employed	12,505	12,301	12,239	204	266
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	11,980	11,980	11,920	0	60
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>11,920</i>	<i>11,980</i>	<i>11,860</i>	<i>-60</i>	<i>60</i>
Total private	8,550	8,590	8,580	-40	-30
Mining, logging, and construction	370	360	340	10	30
Manufacturing	1,010	1,020	1,080	-10	-70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,070	3,130	3,070	-60	0
Wholesale trade	440	500	450	-60	-10
Retail trade	2,260	2,240	2,270	20	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	370	390	350	-20	20
Information	60	70	50	-10	10
Financial activities	280	280	270	0	10
Professional and business services	430	410	460	20	-30
Education and health services	1,780	1,780	1,820	0	-40
Leisure and hospitality	1,260	1,250	1,150	10	110
Other services	290	290	340	0	-50
Government	3,430	3,390	3,340	40	90
Federal government	180	170	190	10	-10
State government	1,270	1,270	1,220	0	50
Local government	1,980	1,950	1,930	30	50

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## Union County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2021	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	12,408	12,345	12,285	63	123
Unemployed	496	569	738	-73	-242
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.6%	6.0%	-0.6	-2.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.1%	6.0%	-0.1	-2.0
Employed	11,912	11,776	11,547	136	365
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	10,420	10,310	10,300	110	120
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	10,490	10,460	10,360	30	130
Total private	7,930	7,880	7,850	50	80
Mining, logging, and construction	580	550	580	30	0
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	560	530	560	30	0
Manufacturing	1,290	1,290	1,280	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,120	2,110	2,060	10	60
Wholesale trade	240	230	250	10	-10
Retail trade	1,480	1,480	1,430	0	50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	400	400	380	0	20
Information	90	90	90	0	0
Financial activities	320	320	330	0	-10
Professional and business services	540	520	540	20	0
Education and health services	1,620	1,630	1,740	-10	-120
Leisure and hospitality	1,070	1,070	950	0	120
Other services	300	300	280	0	20
Government	2,490	2,430	2,450	60	40
Federal government	240	200	240	40	0
State government	360	360	360	0	0
Local government	1,890	1,870	1,850	20	40

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## Wallowa County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2021	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	3,535	3,488	3,560	47	-25
Unemployed	170	214	224	-44	-54
Unemployment rate	4.8%	6.1%	6.3%	-1.3	-1.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.7%	5.6%	-0.1	-1.0
Employed	3,365	3,274	3,336	91	29
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	2,510	2,420	2,570	90	-60
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,660	2,660	2,730	0	-70
Total private	1,790	1,730	1,890	60	-100
Mining, logging, and construction	210	210	220	0	-10
Mining and logging	30	40	40	-10	-10
Construction	180	170	180	10	0
Manufacturing	160	160	150	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	440	420	470	20	-30
Wholesale and retail trade	360	350	390	10	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	80	70	80	10	0
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	110	110	140	0	-30
Professional and business services	140	130	140	10	0
Education and health services	370	370	400	0	-30
Leisure and hospitality	230	200	230	30	0
Other services	110	110	120	0	-10
Government	720	690	680	30	40
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	100	90	100	10	0
Local government	550	530	510	20	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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