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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: February 2023

Employment Rises Above Pre-Pandemic Levels

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 5.3% in February. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 24th in February. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 1.2 percentage points.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment rose by 130 jobs in February to 28,670. Manufacturing led private industry, rising by 40 jobs to reach 2,820. Mining, logging, and construction also rose by 40, increasing its total to 1,230. Education and health services (+20) and leisure and hospitality (+20) also rose in February. In the public sector, local government education rose by 30 to 2,710 and state government cut 10, falling to 1,390. Umatilla County has surpassed its pre-pandemic employment level (February 2020) by 280 jobs or 1.0%.

Umatilla County's total private employment rose by 20 jobs over the year ending in February. Leisure and hospitality led private industry, rising by 150 jobs (+5.7%). Information increased its total by 120 jobs, climbing to 720 (+20%). Transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 190 jobs over the year ending in February, falling to 2,410 (-7.3%). Manufacturing (-190) and education and health services (-30) also cut jobs over the year. Indian tribal government rose by 120 jobs over the year to 1,760, local education increased its total by 110, and other local chipped in 60.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in February at 4.3%, ranking 10th among Oregon counties. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.7 percentage point.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose by 70 in February to 5,650 jobs. In the private sector, professional and business services increased its total by 20 jobs, rising to 350. Other industries adding jobs included mining and logging (+10); wholesale trade (+10); retail trade (+10); financial activities (+10); and leisure and hospitality (+10). Local government rose by 10 jobs in February, increasing its total to 980. Morrow County has surpassed its pre-pandemic employment level (February 2020) by 630 jobs or 12.5%

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 290 jobs over the year ending in February (+6.8%). Manufacturing led private industry, rising by 60 jobs or 3.4% to total 1,850. Professional and business services rose by 50 jobs, and leisure and hospitality chipped in 20. Local government rose by 20 jobs over the year while state and federal held steady.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March 2023 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on April 25th, 2023 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on April 19th, 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--				
	February 2023	January 2023	February 2022	January 2023	February 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,839	5,766	5,819	73	20
Unemployed	281	319	228	-38	53
Unemployment rate	4.8%	5.5%	3.9%	-0.7	0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.3%	4.3%	3.6%	0.0	0.7
Employed	5,558	5,447	5,591	111	-33
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,650	5,580	5,340	70	310
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,690	5,680	5,380	10	310
Total private	4,560	4,500	4,270	60	290
Mining and logging	30	20	30	10	0
Construction	160	160	160	0	0
Manufacturing	1,850	1,850	1,790	0	60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	630	610	620	20	10
Wholesale trade	130	130	120	0	10
Retail trade	300	290	290	10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	200	190	210	10	-10
Financial activities	80	80	70	0	10
Professional and business services	350	330	300	20	50
Private education and health services	280	280	280	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	250	240	230	10	20
Government	1,090	1,080	1,070	10	20
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	60	60	60	0	0
Local government	980	970	960	10	20

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--				
	February 2023	January 2023	February 2022	January 2023	February 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,923	37,892	37,420	31	503
Unemployed	2,493	2,926	1,708	-433	785
Unemployment rate	6.6%	7.7%	4.6%	-1.1	2.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.1%	4.1%	0.2	1.2
Employed	35,430	34,966	35,712	464	-282
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	28,670	28,540	28,370	130	300
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	29,020	29,120	28,720	-100	300
Total private	21,220	21,110	21,200	110	20
Mining, logging, and construction	1,230	1,190	1,220	40	10
Manufacturing	2,820	2,780	3,010	40	-190
Durable goods	1,330	1,320	1,380	10	-50
Nondurable goods	1,490	1,460	1,630	30	-140
Food manufacturing	1,140	1,100	1,310	40	-170
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,780	6,810	6,970	-30	-190
Wholesale trade	900	900	910	0	-10
Retail trade	3,470	3,460	3,460	10	10
Food and beverage retailers	730	740	680	-10	50
General merchandise retailers	890	890	830	0	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,410	2,450	2,600	-40	-190
Information	720	710	600	10	120
Financial activities	880	870	830	10	50
Professional and business services	1,300	1,300	1,260	0	40
Private education and health services	3,890	3,870	3,920	20	-30
Nursing and residential care facilities	890	890	880	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	2,770	2,750	2,620	20	150
Accommodation and food services	2,650	2,630	2,480	20	170
Other services	830	830	770	0	60
Government	7,450	7,430	7,170	20	280
Federal government	450	450	440	0	10
State government	1,390	1,400	1,410	-10	-20
Local government	5,610	5,580	5,320	30	290
Indian tribal	1,760	1,760	1,640	0	120
Local education	2,710	2,680	2,600	30	110
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,140	1,140	1,080	0	60

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