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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: August 2023

Leisure and Hospitality Climbs to Record High in August

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to 3.9% in August. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 20th in August. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.1 percentage points.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 29,540 in August, an increase of 50 jobs. Private industry employment rose by 20 jobs in August to reach 22,540 and government gained 30, climbing to 7,000. Professional and business services (+40) and leisure and hospitality (+30) led private industry in August. Partially offsetting job losses hit manufacturing (-40), and education and health services (-20). In the public sector, local education rose by 60 jobs to 1,760, while other local government cut 30 jobs, dropping to 1,310.

Umatilla County's total private industry employment rose by 480 jobs over the year ending in August. Manufacturing cut 260 jobs over the year, with losses in both durable goods (-240) and nondurable goods (-20). Transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 140 jobs (-5.6%) dropping to 2,340. Professional and business services led private-industry growth, rising by 420 jobs thanks in part to a non-economic code change (a correction or reclassification in our administrative records). Leisure and hospitality increased its total by 230 jobs, climbing to 3,060 (+8.1%). Government employment rose by 260 jobs over the year, led by an increase of 120 in state government. Other local government rose by 80 jobs, Indian tribal increased its total by 70, and local education cut 20.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in August at 3.3%, ranking seventh among Oregon counties, tied with Multnomah. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.1 percentage points.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose to 5,720 in August, an increase of 120 jobs. Manufacturing (+10); wholesale trade (+10); retail trade (+10); professional and business services (+10); education and health services (+10); and leisure and hospitality (+10) added jobs in August. Local government led the public sector, rising by 60 jobs to 890.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 170 jobs over the year ending in August (+3.7%). Construction (+30), manufacturing (+30), and leisure and hospitality (+30) led private industry's over-the-year growth. Over-the-year job gains also lifted professional and business services

(+20), and education and health services (+20). Federal government rose by 10 jobs over the year and state government cut 20.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September 2023 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Oct. 24th, 2023 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Oct. 18th, 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-- | | | | |
|--|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| | August 2023 | July 2023 | August 2022 | July 2023 | August 2022 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 6,126 | 6,105 | 6,165 | 21 | -39 |
| Unemployed | 212 | 241 | 277 | -29 | -65 |
| Unemployment rate | 3.5% | 3.9% | 4.5% | -0.4 | -1.0 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 3.3% | 3.3% | 4.4% | 0.0 | -1.1 |
| Employed | 5,914 | 5,864 | 5,888 | 50 | 26 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 5,720 | 5,600 | 5,560 | 120 | 160 |
| Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted) | 5,670 | 5,650 | 5,520 | 20 | 150 |
| Total private | 4,710 | 4,650 | 4,540 | 60 | 170 |
| Mining and logging | 30 | 30 | 20 | 0 | 10 |
| Construction | 220 | 230 | 190 | -10 | 30 |
| Manufacturing | 1,900 | 1,890 | 1,870 | 10 | 30 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 620 | 600 | 630 | 20 | -10 |
| Wholesale trade | 120 | 110 | 130 | 10 | -10 |
| Retail trade | 310 | 300 | 310 | 10 | 0 |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 190 | 190 | 190 | 0 | 0 |
| Financial activities | 70 | 70 | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| Professional and business services | 350 | 340 | 330 | 10 | 20 |
| Private education and health services | 300 | 290 | 280 | 10 | 20 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 280 | 270 | 250 | 10 | 30 |
| Government | 1,010 | 950 | 1,020 | 60 | -10 |
| Federal government | 80 | 80 | 70 | 0 | 10 |
| State government | 40 | 40 | 60 | 0 | -20 |
| Local government | 890 | 830 | 890 | 60 | 0 |

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

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| | August 2023 | July 2023 | August 2022 | July 2023 | August 2022 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 38,825 | 38,884 | 38,891 | -59 | -66 |
| Unemployed | 1,490 | 1,736 | 1,887 | -246 | -397 |
| Unemployment rate | 3.8% | 4.5% | 4.9% | -0.7 | -1.1 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 3.9% | 4.0% | 5.0% | -0.1 | -1.1 |
| Employed | 37,335 | 37,148 | 37,004 | 187 | 331 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 29,540 | 29,490 | 28,800 | 50 | 740 |
| Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted) | 29,790 | 29,810 | 29,030 | -20 | 760 |
| Total private | 22,540 | 22,520 | 22,060 | 20 | 480 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 1,430 | 1,420 | 1,350 | 10 | 80 |
| Manufacturing | 2,600 | 2,640 | 2,860 | -40 | -260 |
| Durable goods | 1,090 | 1,110 | 1,330 | -20 | -240 |
| Nondurable goods | 1,510 | 1,530 | 1,530 | -20 | -20 |
| Food manufacturing | 1,140 | 1,150 | 1,170 | -10 | -30 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 6,770 | 6,760 | 6,910 | 10 | -140 |
| Wholesale trade | 990 | 990 | 940 | 0 | 50 |
| Retail trade | 3,440 | 3,440 | 3,490 | 0 | -50 |
| Food and beverage retailers | 760 | 750 | 730 | 10 | 30 |
| General merchandise retailers | 920 | 940 | 920 | -20 | 0 |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 2,340 | 2,330 | 2,480 | 10 | -140 |
| Information | 680 | 680 | 690 | 0 | -10 |
| Financial activities | 900 | 910 | 870 | -10 | 30 |
| Professional and business services | 2,160 | 2,120 | 1,740 | 40 | 420 |
| Private education and health services | 4,040 | 4,060 | 3,990 | -20 | 50 |
| Nursing and residential care facilities | 960 | 960 | 890 | 0 | 70 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 3,060 | 3,030 | 2,830 | 30 | 230 |
| Accommodation and food services | 2,900 | 2,890 | 2,700 | 10 | 200 |
| Other services | 900 | 900 | 820 | 0 | 80 |
| Government | 7,000 | 6,970 | 6,740 | 30 | 260 |
| Federal government | 510 | 510 | 500 | 0 | 10 |
| State government | 1,540 | 1,540 | 1,420 | 0 | 120 |
| Local government | 4,950 | 4,920 | 4,820 | 30 | 130 |
| Indian tribal | 1,880 | 1,880 | 1,810 | 0 | 70 |
| Local education | 1,760 | 1,700 | 1,780 | 60 | -20 |
| Local government excluding education and tribal | 1,310 | 1,340 | 1,230 | -30 | 80 |

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