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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: March 2022

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates Fall Again in March

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point in March, to 3.9%. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 16th in March, tied with Baker and Wasco. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 2.2 percentage points.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 28,360 in March, an increase of 220 jobs. Private industry rose by 220 jobs, climbing to 21,200, while government held steady at 7,160. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+40) joined education and health services (+40) and leisure and hospitality (+40) to lead the private sector in March. Mining, logging, and construction (+30); manufacturing (+30); and retail trade (+30) also rose in March. In the public sector, local government education cut 20 jobs, falling to 2,510, federal government rose by 10, and state government chipped in 10.

Umatilla County's total private employment rose by 370 jobs over the year ending in March, an increase of 1.8%. Leisure and hospitality rose by 260 jobs or 11.7% over the year to total 2,490. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities grew by 200 jobs or 7.9%. Retail trade increased its total by 110 or 3.3%. Job gains also lifted other services (+50) and information (+40). Manufacturing cut 160 jobs over the year, falling to 2,980. Education and health services shed 110, dropping to 3,930. Mining, logging, and construction cut 40 jobs, falling to 1,240. Local education led the public sector, rising by 200 jobs over the year, followed by an increase of 80 in Indian tribal government. Federal government and other local government each rose by 30. State government lost 60 jobs over the year, falling to 1,430.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point in March to 3.4%. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked seventh out of 36 Oregon counties, tied with Malheur and Yamhill. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.6 percentage points.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose by 20 in March to 5,110 jobs. Private industry rose by 30 jobs to reach 4,080, and government cut 10, falling 1,030. Manufacturing rose by 10 jobs in March to reach 1,750, education and health services chipped in 10 to total 280, and leisure and hospitality increased its payrolls by 10, climbing to 250. Local government cut 10 jobs in March, falling to 920.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 120 jobs over the year ending in March (+3.0%). Leisure and hospitality led private industry, rising by 40 jobs or 19%. Construction (+20),

wholesale trade (+10), and retail trade (+10) also rose over the year. Professional and business services cut 60 jobs (-17.1%) over the year, falling to 290. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 30 jobs (-12.5%), dropping to 210. Local government increased its total by 30 jobs (+3.4%) to lead the public sector and state government cut 10 jobs.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April 2022 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on May 24th, 2022 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on May 18th, 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--				
	March 2022	February 2022	March 2021	February 2022	March 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,065	5,938	5,950	127	115
Unemployed	216	212	316	4	-100
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.6%	5.3%	0.0	-1.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.4%	3.5%	5.0%	-0.1	-1.6
Employed	5,849	5,726	5,634	123	215
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,110	5,090	4,970	20	140
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,160	5,160	5,020	0	140
Total private	4,080	4,050	3,960	30	120
Mining and logging	20	20	30	0	-10
Construction	90	90	70	0	20
Manufacturing	1,750	1,740	1,750	10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	590	590	600	0	-10
Wholesale trade	120	120	110	0	10
Retail trade	260	260	250	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	210	210	240	0	-30
Financial activities	80	80	80	0	0
Professional and business services	290	290	350	0	-60
Education and health services	280	270	270	10	10
Leisure and hospitality	250	240	210	10	40
Government	1,030	1,040	1,010	-10	20
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	60	60	70	0	-10
Local government	920	930	890	-10	30

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--				
	March 2022	February 2022	March 2021	February 2022	March 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,960	37,503	37,519	457	441
Unemployed	1,634	1,630	2,428	4	-794
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.3%	6.5%	0.0	-2.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.9%	4.0%	6.1%	-0.1	-2.2
Employed	36,326	35,873	35,091	453	1,235
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	28,360	28,140	27,710	220	650
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	28,630	28,620	27,950	10	680
Total private	21,200	20,980	20,830	220	370
Mining, logging, and construction	1,240	1,210	1,280	30	-40
Manufacturing	2,980	2,950	3,140	30	-160
Durable goods	1,350	1,330	1,390	20	-40
Nondurable goods	1,630	1,620	1,750	10	-120
Food manufacturing	1,320	1,310	1,450	10	-130
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,120	7,050	6,800	70	320
Wholesale trade	900	900	890	0	10
Retail trade	3,490	3,460	3,380	30	110
Food and beverage stores	690	690	710	0	-20
General merchandise stores	970	980	820	-10	150
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,730	2,690	2,530	40	200
Information	560	560	520	0	40
Financial activities	840	840	830	0	10
Professional and business services	1,270	1,260	1,270	10	0
Education and health services	3,930	3,890	4,040	40	-110
Nursing and residential care facilities	880	870	950	10	-70
Leisure and hospitality	2,490	2,450	2,230	40	260
Accommodation and food services	2,380	2,340	2,150	40	230
Other services	770	770	720	0	50
Government	7,160	7,160	6,880	0	280
Federal government	460	450	430	10	30
State government	1,430	1,420	1,490	10	-60
Local government	5,270	5,290	4,960	-20	310
Indian tribal	1,680	1,680	1,600	0	80
Local education	2,510	2,530	2,310	-20	200
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,080	1,080	1,050	0	30

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