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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: February 2021

Unemployment Rates up Slightly in February

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point in February, to 5.8%. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 15th in February, just behind Baker, Polk, and Yamhill all with rates of 5.6%. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 1.8 percentage points.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 27,430 in February, an increase of 120 jobs. Private industry rose by 160 jobs in February to reach 20,670, while government lost 40, dropping to 6,760.

Umatilla County's total private employment fell by 860 jobs over the year ending in February (-3.0%) and government cut 660 (-8.9%). COVID-19 impacts in leisure and hospitality idled 550 jobs, dropping its total to 1,990, a loss of 21.7%. Manufacturing trimmed its payrolls by 100 jobs, falling to 3,080, an over-the-year loss of 3.1%. Other services trimmed its payrolls by 50 jobs, falling to 700 (-6.7%). Professional and business services rose by 150 jobs over the year to reach 1,330 (+12.7%). Retail trade rose by 180 (5.7%) over the year, climbing to 3,350. Government job losses hit local education (-460), Indian tribal (-100), other local (-60), state government (-30), and federal (-10).

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point in February to 5.2%. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked ninth lowest out of 36 Oregon counties, tied with Hood River. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 1.6 percentage points.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose by 20 jobs in February to reach 5,040. Private industry rose by 40 jobs, climbing to 4,070, and government cut 20, falling to 970.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 130 jobs over the year ending in February, an increase of 3.3%. Leisure and hospitality cut 50 jobs, falling to 170 (-22.7%). Manufacturing idled 20 jobs, cutting its total to 1,790 (-1.1%). Professional and business services helped to offset over-the-year COVID-19 losses, adding 70 jobs to total 440 (+18.9%). Local government lost 80 jobs, trimming its total to 860, a loss of 8.5%.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March 2021 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on April 20th, 2021 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on April 13th, 2021.

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 2021	January 2021	February 2020	January 2021	February 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,888	5,793	5,605	95	283
Unemployed	363	362	251	1	112
Unemployment rate	6.2%	6.2%	4.5%	0.0	1.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.2%	5.0%	3.6%	0.2	1.6
Employed	5,525	5,431	5,354	94	171
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,040	5,020	5,000	20	40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,070	5,090	5,030	-20	40
Total private	4,070	4,030	3,940	40	130
Mining and logging	30	20	10	10	20
Construction	80	80	50	0	30
Manufacturing	1,790	1,780	1,810	10	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	650	650	670	0	-20
Wholesale trade	120	120	110	0	10
Retail trade	250	250	260	0	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	280	280	300	0	-20
Financial activities	70	70	80	0	-10
Professional and business services	440	440	370	0	70
Education and health services	270	270	270	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	170	170	220	0	-50
Government	970	990	1,060	-20	-90
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	60	70	70	-10	-10
Local government	860	870	940	-10	-80

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 2021	January 2021	February 2020	January 2021	February 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,776	37,472	35,922	304	1,854
Unemployed	2,660	2,744	1,759	-84	901
Unemployment rate	7.0%	7.3%	4.9%	-0.3	2.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>4.0%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>1.8</i>
Employed	35,116	34,728	34,163	388	953
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	27,430	27,310	28,290	120	-860
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>27,840</i>	<i>28,000</i>	<i>28,710</i>	<i>-160</i>	<i>-870</i>
Total private	20,670	20,510	20,870	160	-200
Mining, logging, and construction	1,230	1,220	1,250	10	-20
Manufacturing	3,080	3,070	3,180	10	-100
Durable goods	1,350	1,340	1,390	10	-40
Nondurable goods	1,730	1,730	1,790	0	-60
Food manufacturing	1,450	1,440	1,510	10	-60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,880	6,790	6,560	90	320
Wholesale trade	910	910	920	0	-10
Retail trade	3,350	3,310	3,170	40	180
Food and beverage stores	710	710	630	0	80
General merchandise stores	870	840	760	30	110
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,620	2,570	2,470	50	150
Information	480	480	450	0	30
Financial activities	850	850	850	0	0
Professional and business services	1,330	1,300	1,180	30	150
Education and health services	4,130	4,110	4,110	20	20
Nursing and residential care facilities	990	980	980	10	10
Leisure and hospitality	1,990	1,990	2,540	0	-550
Accommodation and food services	1,950	1,950	2,420	0	-470
Other services	700	700	750	0	-50
Government	6,760	6,800	7,420	-40	-660
Federal government	440	440	450	0	-10
State government	1,470	1,480	1,500	-10	-30
Local government	4,850	4,880	5,470	-30	-620
Indian tribal	1,580	1,600	1,680	-20	-100
Local education	2,240	2,240	2,700	0	-460
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,030	1,040	1,090	-10	-60

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