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## **Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: March 2021**

### **Unemployment Rates Improve Slightly in March**

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point in March, to 5.7%. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 14<sup>th</sup> in March, tied with Baker. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 1.7 percentage points.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 27,680 in March, an increase of 260 jobs. Private industry rose by 190 jobs in March to reach 20,850, while government climbed to 6,830, an increase of 70.

Umatilla County's total private employment fell by 170 jobs over the year ending in March (-0.8%) and government cut 600 (-8.1%). COVID-19 impacts in leisure and hospitality idled 540 jobs, dropping its total to 2,000, a loss of 21.3%. Manufacturing trimmed its payrolls by 70 jobs, falling to 3,080, an over-the-year loss of 2.2%. Other services trimmed its payrolls by 20 jobs, falling to 710 (-2.7%). Professional and business services rose by 150 jobs over the year to reach 1,330 (+12.7%). Retail trade rose by 160 (+4.9%) over the year, climbing to 3,400. Government job losses hit local education (-430), Indian tribal (-110), other local (-20), state government (-20), and federal (-20).

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.4 percentage point in March to 4.8%. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked fourth out of 36 Oregon counties, tied with Benton. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 1.2 percentage points.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose by 20 jobs in March to reach 5,060. Private industry rose by 20 jobs, climbing to 4,090, and government held steady with 970.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 160 jobs over the year ending in March, an increase of 4.1%. Leisure and hospitality cut 40 jobs, falling to 180 (-18.2%). Manufacturing idled 10 jobs, cutting its total to 1,790 (-0.6%). Professional and business services helped to offset over-the-year COVID-19 losses, adding 90 jobs to total 440 (+25.7%). Local government lost 60 jobs, trimming its total to 860, a loss of 6.5%.

## Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April 2021 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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--				
	March 2021	February 2021	March 2020	February 2021	March 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	5,996	5,887	5,731	109	265
Unemployed	315	364	269	-49	46
Unemployment rate	5.3%	6.2%	4.7%	-0.9	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	5.2%	3.6%	-0.4	1.2
Employed	5,681	5,523	5,462	158	219
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	5,060	5,040	4,970	20	90
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,100	5,070	5,010	30	90
Total private	4,090	4,070	3,930	20	160
Mining and logging	20	30	20	-10	0
Construction	80	80	50	0	30
Manufacturing	1,790	1,790	1,800	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	660	650	660	10	0
Wholesale trade	120	120	110	0	10
Retail trade	250	250	250	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	290	280	300	10	-10
Financial activities	70	70	80	0	-10
Professional and business services	440	440	350	0	90
Education and health services	270	270	280	0	-10
Leisure and hospitality	180	170	220	10	-40
Government	970	970	1,040	0	-70
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	60	60	70	0	-10
Local government	860	860	920	0	-60

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 2021	February 2021	March 2020	February 2021	March 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	38,023	37,765	36,175	258	1,848
Unemployed	2,429	2,660	1,836	-231	593
Unemployment rate	6.4%	7.0%	5.1%	-0.6	1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.7%	5.8%	4.0%	-0.1	1.7
Employed	35,594	35,105	34,339	489	1,255
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	27,680	27,420	28,450	260	-770
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	27,790	27,830	28,560	-40	-770
Total private	20,850	20,660	21,020	190	-170
Mining, logging, and construction	1,300	1,230	1,320	70	-20
Manufacturing	3,080	3,080	3,150	0	-70
Durable goods	1,350	1,350	1,350	0	0
Nondurable goods	1,730	1,730	1,800	0	-70
Food manufacturing	1,450	1,450	1,510	0	-60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,940	6,880	6,670	60	270
Wholesale trade	910	910	910	0	0
Retail trade	3,400	3,350	3,240	50	160
Food and beverage stores	710	710	670	0	40
General merchandise stores	890	870	790	20	100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,630	2,620	2,520	10	110
Information	490	480	450	10	40
Financial activities	850	850	840	0	10
Professional and business services	1,330	1,330	1,180	0	150
Education and health services	4,150	4,130	4,140	20	10
Nursing and residential care facilities	980	990	970	-10	10
Leisure and hospitality	2,000	1,980	2,540	20	-540
Accommodation and food services	1,960	1,940	2,410	20	-450
Other services	710	700	730	10	-20
Government	6,830	6,760	7,430	70	-600
Federal government	440	440	460	0	-20
State government	1,480	1,470	1,500	10	-20
Local government	4,910	4,850	5,470	60	-560
Indian tribal	1,580	1,580	1,690	0	-110
Local education	2,280	2,240	2,710	40	-430
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,050	1,030	1,070	20	-20

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