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

### **Unemployment Rates Increase and Employment Also Rises**

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point in April, to 6.3%. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 18<sup>th</sup> in April, tied with Deschutes. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 6.2 percentage points from its 12.5% April 2020 COVID high.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 28,180 in April, an increase of 110 jobs. Private industry rose by 40 jobs, climbing to 21,230, while government increased its total by 70 jobs to 6,950. Manufacturing increased its total by 20 jobs in April, reaching 3,250 and leisure and hospitality chipped in 20 to total 2,280. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities cut 40 jobs in April, falling to 2,530. In government, Indian tribal rose by 30 jobs to 1,620 and other local chipped in 20 to reach 1,050.

Umatilla County's total private employment rose by 2,070 jobs over the year ending in April, an increase of 10.8% over April 2020's COVID-19 job losses. Manufacturing led private industry, rising by 570 jobs over the year, an increase of 21.3%. Leisure and hospitality regained some of its COVID losses, rising by 500 jobs (+28.1%). Retail trade increased its total by 260 jobs over the year to reach 3,390 (+8.3%), and education and health services produced a gain of 260 (+6.7%) climbing to 4,150. Professional and business services increased its total by 210 jobs to reach 1,340, an over-the-year gain of 18.6%. Other services rose by 110 jobs over the year and information chipped in 60. Local government education cut 170 jobs over the year (-6.8%), falling to 2,330, but Indian tribal provided an offsetting gain of 120 (+8.0%).

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.3 percentage point in April to 5.3%. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked fifth out of 36 Oregon counties, tied with Hood River and Washington. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.9 percentage points.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment fell to 5,010 in April, a loss of 20 jobs. Private industry cut 20 jobs, falling to 4,010 and government held steady with 1,000. Retail trade cut 10 jobs in April, falling to 240. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities also cut 10, dropping to 230, and leisure and hospitality idled 10, slipping to 190.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 130 over the year ending in April. Professional and business services led private industry, rising by 80 jobs over the year (+21.6%) to total 450.

Wholesale trade (+20), leisure and hospitality (+20), mining and logging (+10), construction (+10), and retail trade (+10) also rose over the year. Manufacturing lost 80 jobs, cutting its total to 1,720 (-4.4%). Local government led the public sector, rising by 20 jobs to total 880.

### Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May 2021 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on June 15<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--				
	April 2021	March 2021	April 2020	March 2021	April 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	6,062	6,038	5,557	24	505
Unemployed	290	325	368	-35	-78
Unemployment rate	4.8%	5.4%	6.6%	-0.6	-1.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.0%	7.2%	0.3	-1.9
Employed	5,772	5,713	5,189	59	583
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	5,010	5,030	4,850	-20	160
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4,980	5,070	4,820	-90	160
Total private	4,010	4,030	3,880	-20	130
Mining and logging	30	30	20	0	10
Construction	70	70	60	0	10
Manufacturing	1,720	1,720	1,800	0	-80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	600	620	620	-20	-20
Wholesale trade	130	130	110	0	20
Retail trade	240	250	230	-10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	230	240	280	-10	-50
Financial activities	70	70	80	0	-10
Professional and business services	450	450	370	0	80
Education and health services	270	270	280	0	-10
Leisure and hospitality	190	200	170	-10	20
Government	1,000	1,000	970	0	30
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	70	70	60	0	10
Local government	880	880	860	0	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--				
	April 2021	March 2021	April 2020	March 2021	April 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	38,469	38,344	36,602	125	1,867
Unemployed	2,295	2,505	4,462	-210	-2,167
Unemployment rate	6.0%	6.5%	12.2%	-0.5	-6.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.3%	6.1%	12.5%	0.2	-6.2
Employed	36,174	35,839	32,140	335	4,034
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	28,180	28,070	26,130	110	2,050
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	28,170	28,180	26,120	-10	2,050
Total private	21,230	21,190	19,160	40	2,070
Mining, logging, and construction	1,360	1,310	1,330	50	30
Manufacturing	3,250	3,230	2,680	20	570
Durable goods	1,450	1,450	1,020	0	430
Nondurable goods	1,800	1,780	1,660	20	140
Food manufacturing	1,480	1,470	1,430	10	50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,840	6,870	6,500	-30	340
Wholesale trade	920	920	920	0	0
Retail trade	3,390	3,380	3,130	10	260
Food and beverage stores	700	710	700	-10	0
General merchandise stores	850	850	800	0	50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,530	2,570	2,450	-40	80
Information	500	500	440	0	60
Financial activities	800	810	810	-10	-10
Professional and business services	1,340	1,340	1,130	0	210
Education and health services	4,150	4,160	3,890	-10	260
Nursing and residential care facilities	990	1,000	970	-10	20
Leisure and hospitality	2,280	2,260	1,780	20	500
Accommodation and food services	2,210	2,190	1,700	20	510
Other services	710	710	600	0	110
Government	6,950	6,880	6,970	70	-20
Federal government	450	440	440	10	10
State government	1,500	1,490	1,490	10	10
Local government	5,000	4,950	5,040	50	-40
Indian tribal	1,620	1,590	1,500	30	120
Local education	2,330	2,330	2,500	0	-170
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,050	1,030	1,040	20	10

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