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## **Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: October 2022**

### **Unemployment Rates Continue to Drift Upward**

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 4.5% in October. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 22<sup>nd</sup> in October, tied with Union and Columbia. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment held steady.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose by 160 jobs in October to 28,870. Private industry jobs gains were limited to mining, logging, and construction (+10); professional and business services (+10); and education and health services (+10). Leisure and hospitality cut 50 jobs in October, falling to 2,810. In the public sector, local government education rose by 240 jobs to reach 2,550. Umatilla County remains 320 jobs shy (-1.1%) of its pre-pandemic high.

Umatilla County's total private employment rose by 350 jobs over the year ending in October. Leisure and hospitality led private industry, rising by 270 jobs to reach 2,810 (+10.6%). Information increased its total by 140 jobs, climbing to 680 (+25.9%). Other local government led the public sector, rising by 50 jobs over the year (+4.5%), followed by an increase of 30 in local education and 20 in Indian tribal.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.3 percentage point in October to 4.0% to rank 13<sup>th</sup> among Oregon counties, tied with Marion and Malheur. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose by 20 jobs in October to 5,520 jobs. Manufacturing rose by 10 jobs in October and wholesale trade also chipped in 10. In the public sector, local government rose by 10 jobs to reach 960. Morrow County has surpassed its pre-pandemic high by 440 jobs or 8.8%.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 340 jobs over the year ending in October (+8.3%). Construction led private industry, rising by 50 jobs or 55.6% to total 140. Retail trade rose by 30 jobs over the year to reach 280. Professional and business services chipped in 20, climbing to 320. Local government rose by 20 jobs over the year and state government chipped in 10.

## Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November 2022 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 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--				
	October 2022	September 2022	October 2021	September 2022	October 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	6,132	6,177	6,100	-45	32
Unemployed	234	229	199	5	35
Unemployment rate	3.8%	3.7%	3.3%	0.1	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	3.7%	4.0%	0.3	0.0
Employed	5,898	5,948	5,901	-50	-3
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	5,520	5,500	5,150	20	370
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,450	5,390	5,080	60	370
Total private	4,430	4,420	4,090	10	340
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	140	140	90	0	50
Manufacturing	1,760	1,750	1,770	10	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	650	640	590	10	60
Wholesale trade	130	120	120	10	10
Retail trade	280	280	250	0	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	240	240	220	0	20
Financial activities	80	80	80	0	0
Professional and business services	320	320	300	0	20
Education and health services	280	280	270	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	270	270	260	0	10
Government	1,090	1,080	1,060	10	30
Federal government	60	60	60	0	0
State government	70	70	60	0	10
Local government	960	950	940	10	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--				
	October 2022	September 2022	October 2021	September 2022	October 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	38,275	38,903	38,048	-628	227
Unemployed	1,606	1,845	1,410	-239	196
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.7%	3.7%	-0.5	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	4.3%	4.5%	0.2	0.0
Employed	36,669	37,058	36,638	-389	31
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	28,870	28,710	28,520	160	350
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	28,350	28,370	28,010	-20	340
Total private	21,460	21,500	21,200	-40	260
Mining, logging, and construction	1,330	1,320	1,340	10	-10
Manufacturing	2,890	2,890	2,970	0	-80
Durable goods	1,370	1,350	1,310	20	60
Nondurable goods	1,520	1,540	1,660	-20	-140
Food manufacturing	1,150	1,180	1,350	-30	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,820	6,840	7,080	-20	-260
Wholesale trade	920	920	890	0	30
Retail trade	3,350	3,360	3,510	-10	-160
Food and beverage stores	690	690	640	0	50
General merchandise stores	850	840	980	10	-130
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,550	2,560	2,680	-10	-130
Information	680	680	540	0	140
Financial activities	830	830	810	0	20
Professional and business services	1,350	1,340	1,280	10	70
Education and health services	3,910	3,900	3,880	10	30
Nursing and residential care facilities	910	920	880	-10	30
Leisure and hospitality	2,810	2,860	2,540	-50	270
Accommodation and food services	2,690	2,750	2,420	-60	270
Other services	840	840	760	0	80
Government	7,410	7,210	7,320	200	90
Federal government	490	500	500	-10	-10
State government	1,490	1,500	1,490	-10	0
Local government	5,430	5,210	5,330	220	100
Indian tribal	1,730	1,740	1,710	-10	20
Local education	2,550	2,310	2,520	240	30
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,150	1,160	1,100	-10	50

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