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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: January 2023

Unemployment Rates Rise Above Year-Ago Levels

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 5.1% in January. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 22nd in January, tied with Columbia. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.8 percentage point.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment fell by 340 jobs in January, dropping to 28,540. Mining, logging, and construction cut 90 jobs, falling to 1,190, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 90, dropping to 2,450. Leisure and hospitality (-70); education and health services (-50); and retail trade (-40) also cut jobs. In the public sector, other local government rose by 30 to 1,150 and local education chipped in 20 to reach 2,680. Umatilla County remains 150 jobs shy (-0.5%) of its pre-pandemic high.

Umatilla County's total private employment rose by 200 jobs over the year ending in January. Leisure and hospitality led private industry, rising by 190 jobs to reach 2,750 (+7.4%). Information increased its total by 120 jobs, climbing to 710 (+20.3%). Transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 160 jobs over the year ending in January, falling to 2,450 (-6.1%). Manufacturing (-130) and education and health services (-40) also cut jobs over the year. Indian tribal government rose by 140 jobs over the year to 1,760, local education increased its total by 130, and other local chipped in 80.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point in January to 4.3% to rank 10th among Oregon counties, tied with Wasco. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.5 percentage point.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment held steady in January at 5,610 jobs. In the private sector, transportation, warehousing, and utilities cut 10 jobs, falling to 190. Federal government cut 10 jobs in January, falling to 50, and local government shed 10.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 380 jobs over the year ending in January (+9.2%). Manufacturing led private industry, rising by 110 jobs or 6.3% to total 1,850. Professional and business services rose by 40 jobs, climbing to 330. Retail trade (+30), construction (+20), and leisure and hospitality (+10) also rose over the year. Local government rose by 50 jobs over the year to reach 970.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February 2023 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on March 28th, 2023 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on March 21st, 2023.

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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--				
	January 2023	December 2022	January 2022	December 2022	January 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,768	5,819	5,697	-51	71
Unemployed	319	258	277	61	42
Unemployment rate	5.5%	4.4%	4.9%	1.1	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.3%	4.2%	3.8%	0.1	0.5
Employed	5,449	5,561	5,420	-112	29
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,610	5,610	5,150	0	460
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,710	5,640	5,240	70	470
Total private	4,500	4,510	4,120	-10	380
Mining and logging	20	20	30	0	-10
Construction	160	160	140	0	20
Manufacturing	1,850	1,850	1,740	0	110
Trade, transportation, and utilities	610	620	570	-10	40
Wholesale trade	130	130	120	0	10
Retail trade	290	290	260	0	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	190	200	190	-10	0
Financial activities	80	80	70	0	10
Professional and business services	330	330	290	0	40
Private education and health services	280	280	280	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	240	240	230	0	10
Government	1,110	1,100	1,030	10	80
Federal government	50	60	50	-10	0
State government	90	60	60	30	30
Local government	970	980	920	-10	50

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--		
	January 2023	December 2022	January 2022	December 2022	January 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,907	37,588	36,884	319	1,023
Unemployed	2,935	1,973	1,976	962	959
Unemployment rate	7.7%	5.2%	5.4%	2.5	2.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	4.9%	4.3%	0.2	0.8
Employed	34,972	35,615	34,908	-643	64
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	28,540	28,880	28,020	-340	520
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	29,120	28,810	28,590	310	530
Total private	21,100	21,470	20,900	-370	200
Mining, logging, and construction	1,190	1,280	1,170	-90	20
Manufacturing	2,780	2,780	2,910	0	-130
Durable goods	1,320	1,320	1,360	0	-40
Nondurable goods	1,460	1,460	1,550	0	-90
Food manufacturing	1,100	1,110	1,240	-10	-140
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,810	6,950	6,950	-140	-140
Wholesale trade	900	910	910	-10	-10
Retail trade	3,460	3,500	3,430	-40	30
Food and beverage retailers	740	740	670	0	70
General merchandise retailers	890	900	830	-10	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,450	2,540	2,610	-90	-160
Information	710	700	590	10	120
Financial activities	870	870	810	0	60
Professional and business services	1,310	1,330	1,260	-20	50
Private education and health services	3,850	3,900	3,890	-50	-40
Nursing and residential care facilities	890	900	870	-10	20
Leisure and hospitality	2,750	2,820	2,560	-70	190
Accommodation and food services	2,630	2,690	2,440	-60	190
Other services	830	840	760	-10	70
Government	7,440	7,410	7,120	30	320
Federal government	450	460	450	-10	0
State government	1,400	1,400	1,430	0	-30
Local government	5,590	5,550	5,240	40	350
Indian tribal	1,760	1,770	1,620	-10	140
Local education	2,680	2,660	2,550	20	130
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,150	1,120	1,070	30	80

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