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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: April 2023

Unemployment Rates Moderate in April

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.4 percentage point to 4.7% in April. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 23rd in April. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.6 percentage point.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment held steady in April with 28,680 jobs. Leisure and hospitality rose by 50 to 2,780 jobs and mining, logging, and construction chipped in 40 to reach 1,300. Transportation, warehousing and utilities (-40) and manufacturing (-30) lost jobs in April. In the public sector, federal government rose by 20 jobs and local education shed 30.

Umatilla County's total private employment fell by 330 jobs over the year ending in April. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities cut its total by 290 jobs (-11.1%) dropping to 2,320. Manufacturing cut 390 jobs over the year, with losses in both durable goods (-10.9%) and nondurable goods (-14.4%). Accommodation and food services led private industry growth, rising by 110 jobs (+4.3%) to total 2,650. Information increased its total by 100 jobs, climbing to 730 (+15.9%) and education and health services chipped in 90 to reach 4,020 (+2.3%). Indian tribal government rose by 120 jobs over the year to 1,810, local education increased its total by 80, and other local chipped in 40.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.3 percentage point in April to 3.8%, ranking ninth among Oregon counties. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose by 20 in April to 5,620 jobs. In the private sector, construction (+10) and education and health services (+10) added jobs in April. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities cut 10 jobs, falling to 180. Government held steady in April with 1,090 jobs.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 250 jobs over the year ending in April (+5.8%). Construction (+30), manufacturing (+30), and education and health services (+30) led the private sector's over-the-year growth. Local government rose by 40 jobs over the year to total 980 (+4.3%).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May 2023 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on June 21st, 2023 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on June 14th, 2023.

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 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023	April 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,836	5,838	5,989	-2	-153
Unemployed	148	185	205	-37	-57
Unemployment rate	2.5%	3.2%	3.4%	-0.7	-0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.8%	4.1%	3.7%	-0.3	0.1
Employed	5,688	5,653	5,784	35	-96
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,620	5,600	5,330	20	290
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,630	5,630	5,340	0	290
Total private	4,530	4,510	4,280	20	250
Mining and logging	30	30	20	0	10
Construction	190	180	160	10	30
Manufacturing	1,800	1,800	1,770	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	610	620	600	-10	10
Wholesale trade	130	130	130	0	0
Retail trade	300	300	290	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	180	190	180	-10	0
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	320	320	310	0	10
Private education and health services	310	300	280	10	30
Leisure and hospitality	270	270	250	0	20
Government	1,090	1,090	1,050	0	40
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	60	60	60	0	0
Local government	980	980	940	0	40

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

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	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023	April 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,695	36,918	37,677	-223	-982
Unemployed	1,106	1,410	1,480	-304	-374
Unemployment rate	3.0%	3.8%	3.9%	-0.8	-0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	5.1%	4.1%	-0.4	0.6
Employed	35,589	35,508	36,197	81	-608
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	28,680	28,680	28,730	0	-50
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	28,620	28,800	28,680	-180	-60
Total private	21,150	21,150	21,480	0	-330
Mining, logging, and construction	1,300	1,260	1,280	40	20
Manufacturing	2,660	2,690	3,050	-30	-390
Durable goods	1,230	1,240	1,380	-10	-150
Nondurable goods	1,430	1,450	1,670	-20	-240
Food manufacturing	1,090	1,100	1,320	-10	-230
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,680	6,730	6,980	-50	-300
Wholesale trade	900	900	920	0	-20
Retail trade	3,460	3,470	3,450	-10	10
Food and beverage retailers	700	700	680	0	20
General merchandise retailers	970	980	870	-10	100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,320	2,360	2,610	-40	-290
Information	730	730	630	0	100
Financial activities	840	840	850	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,260	1,270	1,300	-10	-40
Private education and health services	4,020	4,030	3,930	-10	90
Nursing and residential care facilities	910	910	880	0	30
Leisure and hospitality	2,780	2,730	2,680	50	100
Accommodation and food services	2,650	2,610	2,540	40	110
Other services	880	870	780	10	100
Government	7,530	7,530	7,250	0	280
Federal government	470	450	450	20	20
State government	1,460	1,470	1,440	-10	20
Local government	5,600	5,610	5,360	-10	240
Indian tribal	1,810	1,800	1,690	10	120
Local education	2,660	2,690	2,580	-30	80
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,130	1,120	1,090	10	40

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