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## **Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: July 2023**

### **Unemployment Rates Fall Again in July**

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to 4.0% in July. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 22<sup>nd</sup> in July. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.7 percentage point.

Umatilla County cut 790 nonfarm jobs in July, falling to 29,460. Private industry employment rose by 90 jobs in July to reach 22,490 and government cut 880, falling to 6,970. Wholesale trade (+30), professional and business services (+30), and education and health services (+30) led private industry in July. In the public sector, local education cut 1,010 jobs, falling to 1,700.

Umatilla County's total private industry employment rose by 590 jobs over the year ending in July. Manufacturing cut 300 jobs over the year, with losses in both durable goods (-270) and nondurable goods (-30). Transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 150 jobs (-6.1%) dropping to 2,320. Professional and business services led private-industry growth, rising by 510 jobs thanks in part to a non-economic code change (a correction or reclassification in our administrative records). Leisure and hospitality increased its total by 230 jobs, climbing to 3,010 (+8.3%). Government employment rose by 320 jobs over the year, led by an increase of 120 in state government. Other local government rose by 90 jobs, Indian tribal increased its total by 80, and local education chipped in 10.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point in July to 3.3%, ranking sixth among Oregon counties, tied with Multnomah and Yamhill. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.9 percentage point.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment fell to 5,620 in July, a loss of 120 jobs. In the private sector, manufacturing rose by 10 jobs in July to reach 1,800. Retail trade also chipped in 10 jobs, rising to 300. Education and health services cut 10 jobs in July, falling to 290. Local government slashed 150 jobs, dropping to 830, and federal government rose by 20 to reach 80.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 180 jobs over the year ending in July (+4.0%). Construction led private industry's over-the-year growth, rising by 60 jobs. Over-the-year job gains also lifted manufacturing (+20); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+20); professional and business services (+20); education and health services (+20); and leisure and hospitality (+20). Federal government rose by 10 jobs over the year and state government cut 20.

## Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August 2023 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Sep. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Sep. 13<sup>th</sup>, 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--				
	July 2023	June 2023	July 2022	June 2023	July 2022
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	6,091	6,043	6,086	48	5
Unemployed	240	203	269	37	-29
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.4%	4.4%	0.5	-0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.3%	3.4%	4.2%	-0.1	-0.9
Employed	5,851	5,840	5,817	11	34
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	5,620	5,740	5,450	-120	170
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	5,670	5,680	5,510	-10	160
Total private	4,670	4,660	4,490	10	180
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	250	240	190	10	60
Manufacturing	1,890	1,890	1,870	0	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	600	590	610	10	-10
Wholesale trade	110	110	140	0	-30
Retail trade	300	290	300	10	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	190	190	170	0	20
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	340	340	320	0	20
Private education and health services	290	300	270	-10	20
Leisure and hospitality	270	270	250	0	20
Government	950	1,080	960	-130	-10
Federal government	80	60	70	20	10
State government	40	40	60	0	-20
Local government	830	980	830	-150	0

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--				
	July 2023	June 2023	July 2022	June 2023	July 2022
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	38,810	38,775	38,465	35	345
Unemployed	1,746	1,347	1,740	399	6
Unemployment rate	4.5%	3.5%	4.5%	1.0	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.1%	4.7%	-0.1	-0.7
Employed	37,064	37,428	36,725	-364	339
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	29,460	30,250	28,550	-790	910
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	29,780	29,820	28,870	-40	910
Total private	22,490	22,400	21,900	90	590
Mining, logging, and construction	1,430	1,410	1,340	20	90
Manufacturing	2,630	2,610	2,930	20	-300
Durable goods	1,100	1,110	1,370	-10	-270
Nondurable goods	1,530	1,500	1,560	30	-30
Food manufacturing	1,150	1,130	1,190	20	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,750	6,750	6,850	0	-100
Wholesale trade	990	960	930	30	60
Retail trade	3,440	3,450	3,450	-10	-10
Food and beverage retailers	750	750	700	0	50
General merchandise retailers	950	960	930	-10	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,320	2,340	2,470	-20	-150
Information	680	680	680	0	0
Financial activities	900	900	890	0	10
Professional and business services	2,110	2,080	1,600	30	510
Private education and health services	4,080	4,050	4,010	30	70
Nursing and residential care facilities	960	950	910	10	50
Leisure and hospitality	3,010	3,000	2,780	10	230
Accommodation and food services	2,880	2,870	2,630	10	250
Other services	900	920	820	-20	80
Government	6,970	7,850	6,650	-880	320
Federal government	510	480	490	30	20
State government	1,540	1,540	1,420	0	120
Local government	4,920	5,830	4,740	-910	180
Indian tribal	1,880	1,820	1,800	60	80
Local education	1,700	2,710	1,690	-1,010	10
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,340	1,300	1,250	40	90

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