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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: September 2023

Summer Season Gives Way to a New School Year

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to 3.8% in September. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 18th in September. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.3 percentage points.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 30,300 in September, an increase of 760 jobs. Private industry employment rose by 160 jobs in September to reach 22,710 and government increased its total by 590, climbing to 7,590. Leisure and hospitality led private industry in September, with the return of the Pendleton Round-Up lifting the industry by 90 jobs to 3,150. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities also performed well, rising by 70 jobs to reach 2,410 (+3.0%). Education and health services increased its total by 40, rising to 4,090. Job losses hit mining, logging, and construction (-20); manufacturing (-20); wholesale trade (-20); and retail trade (-20). In the public sector, local education welcomed a new school year, rising by 570 jobs to reach 2,500. Other local government ended the summer season with a loss of 130 jobs, falling to 1,180.

Umatilla County's total private industry employment rose by 680 jobs over the year ending in September (+3.1%). Manufacturing cut 170 jobs over the year, falling to 2,580. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 140 jobs (-5.5%) dropping to 2,410. Professional and business services led private-industry growth, rising by 430 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 220 jobs, climbing to 3,150 (+7.5%). Government employment rose by 210 jobs over the year, led by an increase of 100 in state government. Indian Tribal rose by 90 jobs, other local increased its total by 60, and local education cut 50.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point in September to 3.4%, ranking seventh among Oregon counties, tied with Multnomah. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.1 percentage points.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose to 5,770 in September, an increase of 30 jobs. Private industry cut its total to 4,680 in September with losses in mining and logging (-10); construction (-10); manufacturing (-10); wholesale trade (-10); retail trade (-10); and education and health services (-10). Transportation, warehousing, and utilities earned Morrow County's lone private industry job gain in September. Local government led the public sector, rising by 80 jobs to 980.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 160 jobs over the year ending in September (+3.5%). Construction (+30), manufacturing (+30), and leisure and hospitality (+30) led private industry's over-the-year growth. Over-the-year job gains also lifted retail trade (+20), increasing its total to 300. Local government rose by 20 jobs over the year and state government cut 20, while federal government increased its total by 10.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October 2023 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Nov. 21st, 2023 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Nov. 15th, 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

	September 2023	August 2023	September 2022	--Change From--	
				August 2023	September 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,199	6,140	6,220	59	-21
Unemployed	184	212	247	-28	-63
Unemployment rate	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%	-0.5	-1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.4%	3.3%	4.5%	0.1	-1.1
Employed	6,015	5,928	5,973	87	42
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,770	5,740	5,600	30	170
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,670	5,690	5,500	-20	170
Total private	4,680	4,720	4,520	-40	160
Mining and logging	30	30	20	0	10
Construction	220	230	190	-10	30
Manufacturing	1,890	1,900	1,860	-10	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	610	620	600	-10	10
Wholesale trade	110	120	120	-10	-10
Retail trade	300	310	280	-10	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	200	190	200	10	0
Financial activities	70	70	80	0	-10
Professional and business services	350	350	340	0	10
Private education and health services	290	300	280	-10	10
Leisure and hospitality	280	280	250	0	30
Government	1,090	1,020	1,080	70	10
Federal government	70	80	60	-10	10
State government	40	40	60	0	-20
Local government	980	900	960	80	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

	September 2023	August 2023	September 2022	--Change From--	
				August 2023	September 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	39,273	38,935	39,406	338	-133
Unemployed	1,254	1,490	1,994	-236	-740
Unemployment rate	3.2%	3.8%	5.1%	-0.6	-1.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.8%	3.9%	5.1%	-0.1	-1.3
Employed	38,019	37,445	37,412	574	607
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	30,300	29,550	29,410	750	890
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,010	29,800	29,120	210	890
Total private	22,710	22,550	22,030	160	680
Mining, logging, and construction	1,410	1,430	1,330	-20	80
Manufacturing	2,580	2,600	2,750	-20	-170
Durable goods	1,070	1,090	1,220	-20	-150
Nondurable goods	1,510	1,510	1,530	0	-20
Food manufacturing	1,130	1,140	1,170	-10	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,800	6,770	6,930	30	-130
Wholesale trade	970	990	910	-20	60
Retail trade	3,420	3,440	3,470	-20	-50
Food and beverage retailers	750	760	740	-10	10
General merchandise retailers	930	920	910	10	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,410	2,340	2,550	70	-140
Information	690	680	690	10	0
Financial activities	900	900	870	0	30
Professional and business services	2,180	2,160	1,750	20	430
Private education and health services	4,090	4,050	3,980	40	110
Nursing and residential care facilities	960	960	910	0	50
Leisure and hospitality	3,150	3,060	2,930	90	220
Accommodation and food services	2,990	2,900	2,790	90	200
Other services	910	900	800	10	110
Government	7,590	7,000	7,380	590	210
Federal government	500	510	490	-10	10
State government	1,570	1,540	1,470	30	100
Local government	5,520	4,950	5,420	570	100
Indian tribal	1,840	1,880	1,750	-40	90
Local education	2,500	1,760	2,550	740	-50
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,180	1,310	1,120	-130	60

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