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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: December 2023

Unemployment Rates Hold Steady in December

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 3.8% in December. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 16th, tied with Union. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.4 percentage points.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total fell to 30,260 in December, a loss of 190 jobs. Private industry cut 120 jobs in December, falling to 22,430, and government shed 70, dropping to 7,830. Mining, logging, and construction pulled back in December, falling to 1,390, a loss of 60. Manufacturing cut 30 jobs, falling to 2,480, while education and health services shed 20. Private jobs gains were limited to an increase of 10 in leisure and hospitality. In the public sector, local education cut 60 jobs, falling to 2,750, federal government cut 20 and state government lost 20. Indian tribal provided a partially offsetting increase of 30, rising to 1,870 jobs.

Umatilla County's total private industry employment rose by 620 jobs over the year ending in December (+2.8%). Manufacturing cut 160 jobs over the year and transportation, warehousing, and utilities lost 40 (-1.6%). Professional and business services led private-industry growth, rising by 360 jobs thanks in part to a non-economic code change (a correction or reclassification in our administrative records). Education and health services increased its total by 120 jobs (+3.0%) and leisure and hospitality rose by 100 (+3.5%). Government employment increased by 190 jobs over the year, led by a gain of 100 in state government. Indian tribal rose by 70 jobs, other local increased its total by 80, and local education cut 70.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in December at 3.4%, ranking sixth among Oregon counties, tied with Yamhill. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.2 percentage points.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment fell to 5,780 in December, a loss of 20 jobs. Private industry cut its total to 4,640 in December, a loss of 10, while government also idled 10, falling to 1,140. Manufacturing rose by 10 jobs in December to reach 1,910. Education and health services also rose by 10, climbing to 300. Mining and logging (-10); construction (-10); and professional and business services (-10) cut jobs in December. In the public sector, federal government cut 10 jobs, while state and local held steady.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 150 jobs over the year ending in December (+3.6%). Manufacturing (+50), professional and business services (+40), and leisure and hospitality (+40) led private industry's over-the-year growth. Local government rose by 70 jobs over the year, while state and federal government each cut 10.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January 2024 Oregon, county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on March 5th, 2024.

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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--				
	December 2023	November 2023	December 2022	November 2023	December 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,872	6,005	5,819	-133	53
Unemployed	207	176	258	31	-51
Unemployment rate	3.5%	2.9%	4.4%	0.6	-0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.4%	3.4%	4.6%	0.0	-1.2
Employed	5,665	5,829	5,561	-164	104
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,780	5,800	5,580	-20	200
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,820	5,810	5,610	10	210
Total private	4,640	4,650	4,490	-10	150
Mining and logging	20	30	20	-10	0
Construction	180	190	190	-10	-10
Manufacturing	1,910	1,900	1,860	10	50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	610	610	600	0	10
Wholesale trade	110	110	110	0	0
Retail trade	300	300	290	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	200	200	200	0	0
Financial activities	80	80	70	0	10
Professional and business services	350	360	310	-10	40
Private education and health services	300	290	290	10	10
Leisure and hospitality	280	280	240	0	40
Government	1,140	1,150	1,090	-10	50
Federal government	50	60	60	-10	-10
State government	50	50	60	0	-10
Local government	1,040	1,040	970	0	70

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--				
	December 2023	November 2023	December 2022	November 2023	December 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,985	38,421	37,588	-436	397
Unemployed	1,555	1,287	1,973	268	-418
Unemployment rate	4.1%	3.3%	5.2%	0.8	-1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.8%	3.8%	5.2%	0.0	-1.4
Employed	36,430	37,134	35,615	-704	815
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	30,260	30,450	29,450	-190	810
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,180	30,160	29,380	20	800
Total private	22,430	22,550	21,810	-120	620
Mining, logging, and construction	1,390	1,450	1,290	-60	100
Manufacturing	2,480	2,510	2,640	-30	-160
Durable goods	1,040	1,050	1,210	-10	-170
Nondurable goods	1,440	1,460	1,430	-20	10
Food manufacturing	1,060	1,080	1,080	-20	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,870	6,890	6,850	-20	20
Wholesale trade	980	980	900	0	80
Retail trade	3,460	3,470	3,480	-10	-20
Food and beverage retailers	740	740	710	0	30
General merchandise retailers	990	980	970	10	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,430	2,440	2,470	-10	-40
Information	670	670	690	0	-20
Financial activities	880	880	840	0	40
Professional and business services	2,240	2,240	1,880	0	360
Private education and health services	4,120	4,140	4,000	-20	120
Nursing and residential care facilities	960	960	910	0	50
Leisure and hospitality	2,940	2,930	2,840	10	100
Accommodation and food services	2,770	2,770	2,710	0	60
Other services	840	840	780	0	60
Government	7,830	7,900	7,640	-70	190
Federal government	470	490	460	-20	10
State government	1,560	1,580	1,460	-20	100
Local government	5,800	5,830	5,720	-30	80
Indian tribal	1,870	1,840	1,800	30	70
Local education	2,750	2,810	2,820	-60	-70
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,180	1,180	1,100	0	80

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