



Grant County

Labor Area Summary

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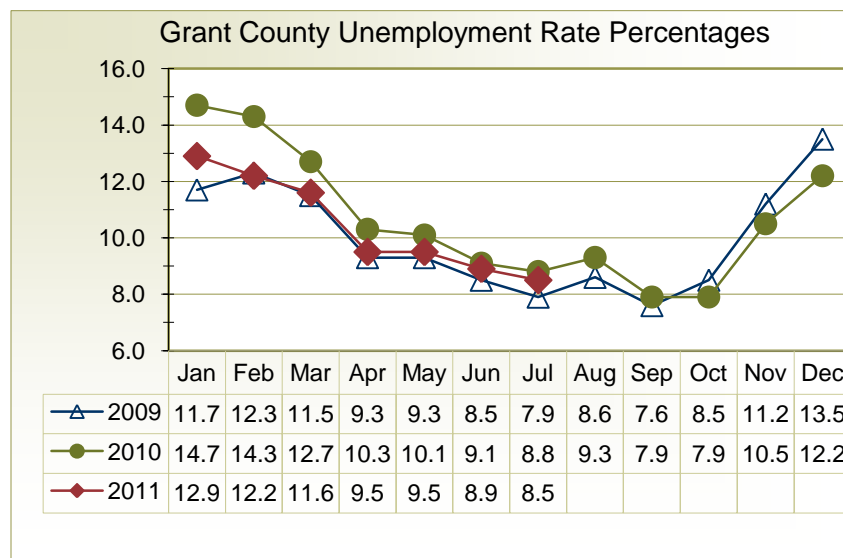
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Unemployment

Grant County's unemployment rate of 8.5 percent (not seasonally adjusted) is 0.4 percentage points below June 2011 and 0.3 percentage points below July 2010.

The civilian labor force is down in year-over-year figures but up over-the-month. Since March of this year the civilian labor force has been slightly under 2010 figures. Total employment is also down along with the number unemployed. Over-the-month the labor force is up, but the number employed is up even more contributing to a slight decrease in the number unemployed.

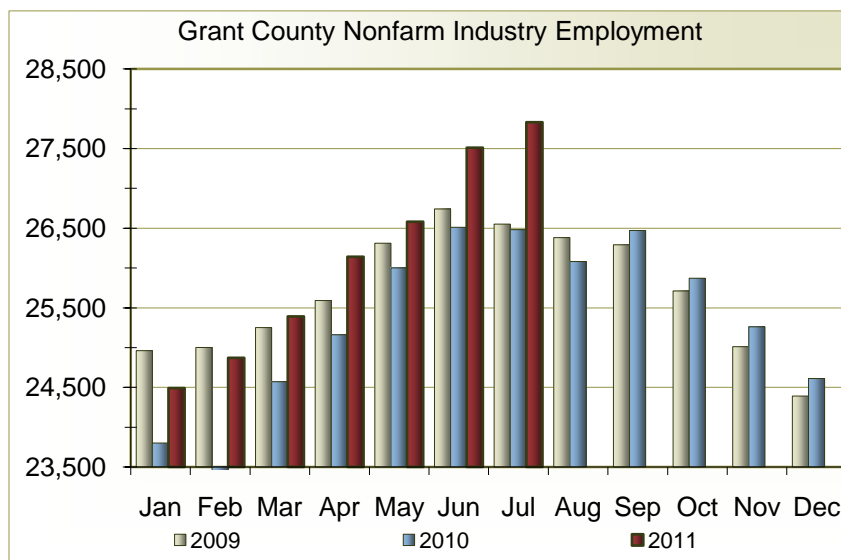
Currently the civilian labor force is just below July 2010 levels, and also below July 2009 levels, which was peak labor force figures for July. Total employment figures for July also peaked in 2009 and are currently under those levels by approximately 4 percent.



Washington state's unemployment rate of 9.0 percent (not seasonally adjusted) is 0.3 percentage points below the June 2011 figure and 0.1 percentage points below July 2010. The civilian labor force is down both over-the-month and year-over-year along with total employment. Total unemployment is down year-over-year which is showing signs of a slightly more healthy labor market.

Employment

Grant county is now in its eleventh month of year-over-year gains. The last two months are showing the strongest growth as the area is in peak employment for the year. This month is the first July year-over-year gain since 2007. The gain puts the county close to peak employment levels back in 2007 and shows very robust growth.



Over-the-month total nonfarm employment shows a strong gain. Grant county normally hits peak employment in June of each year, so showing stronger employment gains in July is slightly abnormal. Total private employment made all of the employment gains this month with government employment shedding jobs. The goods-producing sector continues to be an area of concentration and growth for the area as this area held the majority of the gains. The service-providing sector is down from government employment and only edged up in trade, transportation, and utilities.

Year-over-year total nonfarm employment made significant gains along with total private employment. Private employment housed the majority of the gains. The goods-producing and service-providing sectors made almost equivalent gains. With employment gains occurring almost entirely across the board, only information and financial activities has lost jobs. Fortunately the drop is a marginal figure overall, but significant within the industry.

Washington state's non-seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment has dropped slightly over-the-month but total private employment made a slight jump up. Over-the-month the goods-producing sector is up, but the service-providing sector fell slightly due to government employment. Most private service-providing sectors made small gains this month.

Consumer confidence and consumer expectations have edged up this month after dropping the last two months. Average weekly hours worked in manufacturing, a business cycle indicator, has remained flat since March, but has grown in year-over-year figures showing increased production among the labor.

Summary Table

Labor Market Information for Grant County Not Seasonally Adjusted/*Updated with ***QCEW Data: December 2010						
	Prelim July-11	Revised June-11	Revised July-10	Change		
				June-11 July-11	July-10 July-11	July-10 July-11 %
Employment by Place of Residence						
Civilian Labor Force	45,460	44,390	45,680	1,070	-220	-0.5%
Resident Employment	41,610	40,440	41,670	1,170	-60	-0.1%
Unemployment	3,850	3,950	4,010	-100	-160	-4.0%
Unemployment Rate	8.5	8.9	8.8	-0.4	-0.3	
Employment by Place of Work (**NAICS Industry Titles)						
Total Nonfarm 1/	27,830	27,510	26,480	320	1,350	5.1%
Total Private	19,990	19,360	18,710	630	1,280	6.8%
Goods Producing	6,520	6,030	5,840	490	680	11.6%
Service Providing	21,310	21,480	20,640	-170	670	3.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	5,750	5,710	5,430	40	320	5.9%
Information and Financial Activities	960	960	1,000	0	-40	-4.0%
Government	7,840	8,150	7,770	-310	70	0.9%
Workers in Labor/Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0	
1/ Excludes proprietors, self-employed, members of the armed services, workers in private households, and agriculture. Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers receiving pay during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Columns may not add due to rounding.						
*Prepared by the Labor Market and Economic Analysis branch using a Quarterly Benchmark process. This process uses the most recent quarter from the Unemployment Insurance Tax Reports and estimates employment from that point to present.						
**North American Industry Classification System						
***QCEW = Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages						