



Grant County

Labor Area Summary

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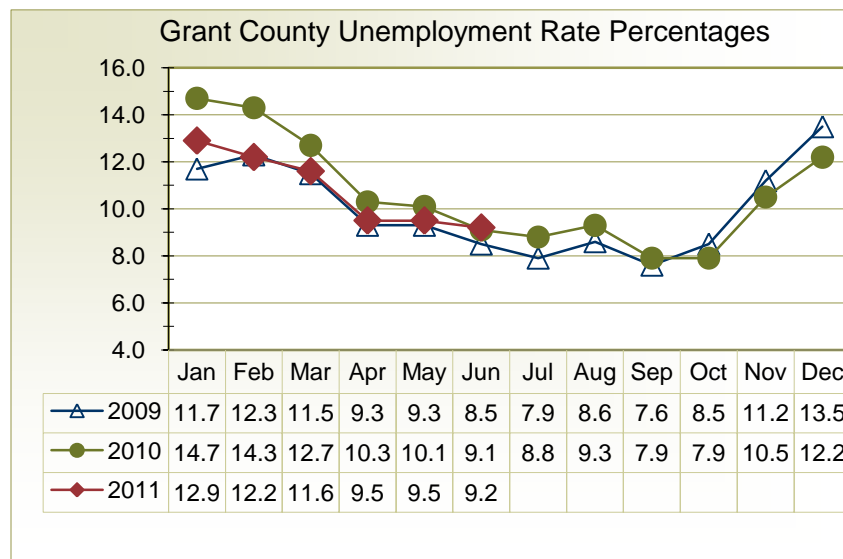
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Unemployment

Grant County's unemployment rate of 9.2 percent (not seasonally adjusted) is 0.3 percentage points below May 2011 and 0.1 percentage points above June 2010.

The civilian labor force has dropped in year-over-year figures along with the number employed. Over-the-month there is growth occurring with an increased civilian labor force and total employment growth. Total employment growth is slightly smaller this year compared to last and shows that even though growth is occurring since May 2011, there are small struggles happening in the labor market.

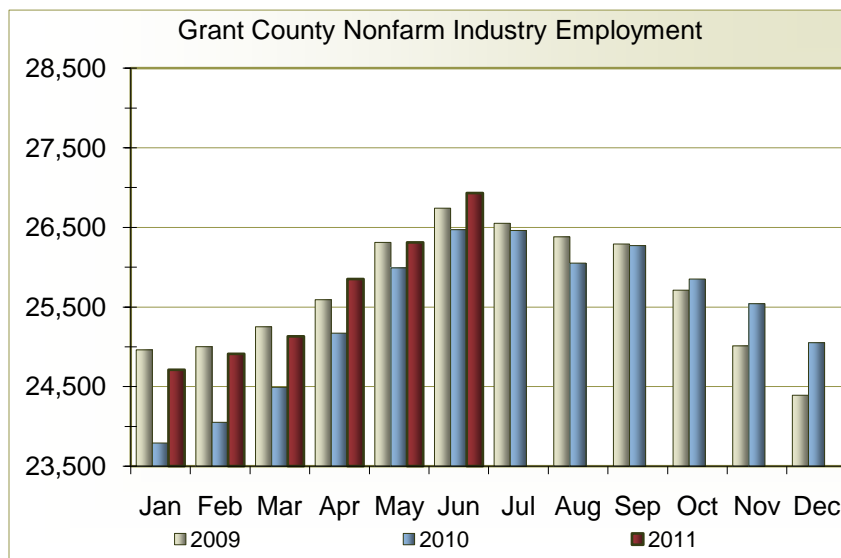
Currently the civilian labor force is above June 2008 levels, but below June 2009 and 2010. Civilian labor force and total employment figures peaked in 2009, which is one year past the peak for total nonfarm employment.



Washington state's unemployment rate of 9.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted) is 0.3 percentage points above the May 2011 figure and 0.1 percentage points below June 2010. The civilian labor force and total employment continue to drop in year-over-year figures. The number unemployed grew this month contributing to a higher unemployment rate. The labor market in Washington seems to be faltering slightly as total employment dropped over-the-month.

Employment

Grant county's first year-over-year loss for June occurred in 2008 and continued into June 2010. With the first year-over-year employment gain for June occurring since 2007, the labor market is starting to see sustained growth. This is currently the ninth month in succession where year-over-year gains have occurred.



Over-the-month total nonfarm employment made strong gains almost entirely across the board. Government was the only area that saw a small drop. Private employment growth is very close to last year's level which was also mainly in the goods-producing sector. The goods-producing sector continues to be a strong driver for Grant county both in the number employed and the growth. The service-providing sector gained jobs, but fewer than the goods-producing sector. Information and financial activities remained flat.

Year-over-year total nonfarm employment growth is now in its ninth month of successive gains. The goods-producing sector continues to be the driver in employment growth. The service-providing sector saw minimal job growth but did have strong gains in trade, transportation and utilities and information and financial activities. With sustainable growth in the private sector, a much more robust labor market has developed in Grant county.

Washington state's non-seasonally adjusted employment figures show growth both in total nonfarm and total private employment in year-over-year and over-the-month figures. Professional and business services continue to lead the year-over-year growth while leisure and hospitality leads over-the-month growth. The state has been adding jobs, but at a very slow pace.

Consumer confidence was on an upward swing since the end of 2010 but peaked in April this year. May and June show slowly dropping confidence. Consumer expectations has also been dropping the last two months but has been on an overall upward trend the last two years.

Summary Table

Labor Market Information for Grant County						
Not Seasonally Adjusted/*Updated with ***QCEW Data: December 2010						
				Change		
	Prelim June-11	Revised May-11	Revised June-10	May-11 June-11	June-10 June-11	June-10 June-11 %
Employment by Place of Residence						
Civilian Labor Force	43,960	42,000	44,620	1,960	-660	-1.5%
Resident Employment	39,890	38,020	40,570	1,870	-680	-1.7%
Unemployment	4,070	3,980	4,050	90	20	0.5%
Unemployment Rate	9.2	9.5	9.1	-0.2	0.1	
Employment by Place of Work (**NAICS Industry Titles)						
Total Nonfarm 1/	26,930	26,310	26,510	620	420	1.6%
Total Private	18,750	18,120	18,380	630	370	2.0%
Goods Producing	5,730	5,250	5,360	480	370	6.9%
Service Providing	21,200	21,060	21,150	140	50	0.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	5,650	5,610	5,510	40	140	2.5%
Information and Financial Activities	1,160	1,160	1,000	0	160	16.0%
Government	8,180	8,190	8,130	-10	50	0.6%
Workers in Labor/Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>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.</i>						
<i>*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.</i>						
<i>**North American Industry Classification System</i>						
<i>***QCEW = Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages</i>						