



# Grant County

## Labor Area Summary

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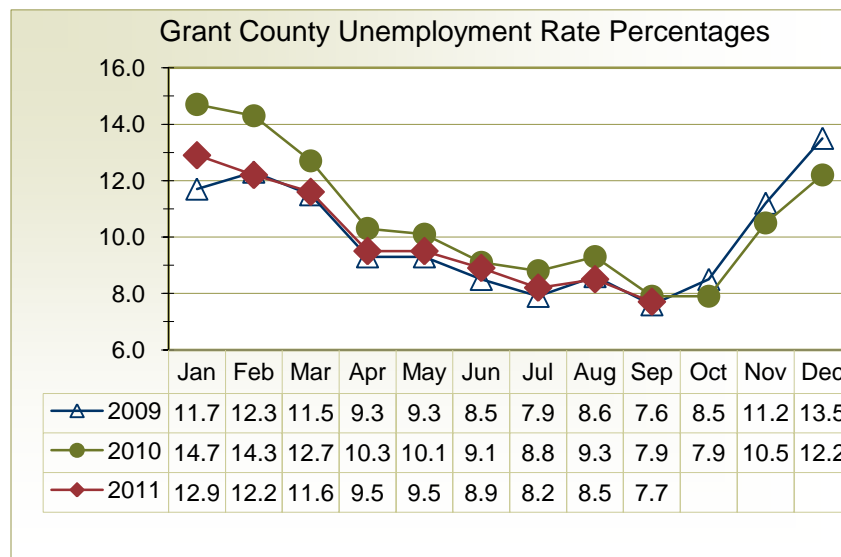
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## Unemployment

Grant County's unemployment rate of 7.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted) is 0.8 percentage points below August 2011 and 0.2 percentage points below September 2010.

The civilian labor force made a slight improvement this month along with the number employed in year-over-year figures. Over-the-month the labor force is up and the number employed is also up, which helped lower the unemployment rate over-the-month.

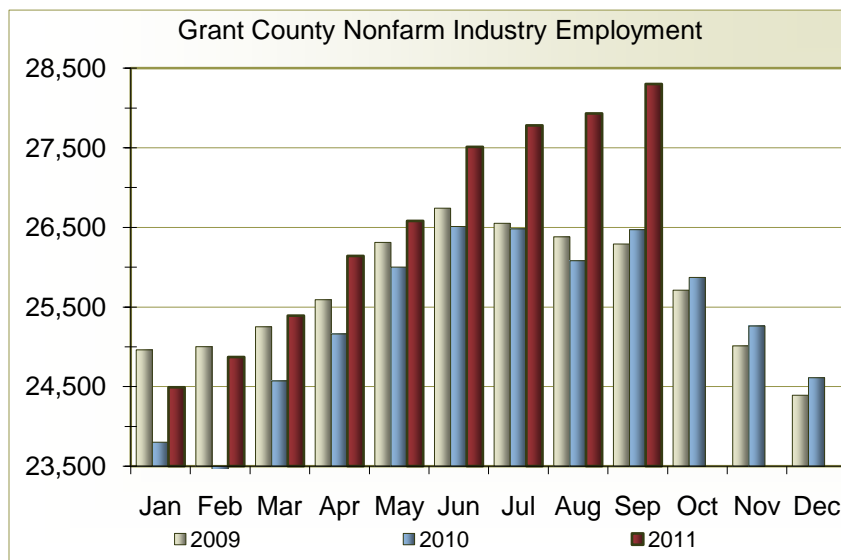
The unemployment rate has been making year-year-year drops for 12 straight months and continues to show a stronger labor market. As we move out of peak employment, the unemployment rate naturally rises. It will be important to watch the continued year-over-year improvements as over-the-month increases are expected.



Washington state's unemployment rate of 8.5 percent (not seasonally adjusted) is 0.5 percentage points below the August 2011 figure and 0.4 percentage points below September 2010. The civilian labor force is down in year-over-year figures which show signs of discouraged workers leaving the labor force. The number employed is also down in year-over-year figures. Over-the-month there has been improvements across the board.

## Employment

The last four months are showing increased total nonfarm growth. Peak employment figures are normally reached in June of each year. Currently, though, a much more robust labor market has presented itself. Unfortunately this could be from agricultural harvest times being pushed back.



Employment figures are slightly skewed this month as the agricultural season was delayed most of the summer by a few weeks. Although these figures show total nonfarm employment there was a significant change in nondurable goods manufacturing which is largely affected by agriculture. Although these employment figures are showing very robust growth, it would be much smaller without the agricultural effects.

Over-the-month total nonfarm employment and total private employment edged up. In September each year there is a small spike in total nonfarm employment which mainly comes from manufacturing. The goods-producing sector made a stronger jump than the service-providing sector. The main improvement in the service-providing sector is coming from state government now that the school year has begun.

Year-over-year total nonfarm employment made an extremely strong jump. Again, this is mainly an improvement within the nondurable goods manufacturing due to a late agricultural season. The service-providing sector did also gain jobs, but much less than the goods-producing sector. Trade, transportation and utilities is another sector that is affected by a late agricultural season. Information and financial activities was the one area to shed employment.

Washington state's non-seasonally adjusted figures show strong gains in aerospace manufacturing within the goods-producing sector and transportation and warehousing within the service-providing sector. Washington looks to be on an upward trajectory, but continues the slow growth.

Consumer confidence and consumer expectations edged up this month, but are still at very low levels. The consumer price index is still climbing steadily along with food and energy. The housing price index reached a peak in 2008, declined through 2010, and has begun a steady climb again at the start of 2011.

## Summary Table

Labor Market Information for Grant County						
Not Seasonally Adjusted/*Updated with ***QCEW Data: December 2010						
				Change		
	Prelim Sep-11	Revised Aug-11	Revised Sep-10	Aug-11 Sep-11	Sep-10 Sep-11	Sep-10 Sep-11 %
<b>Employment by Place of Residence</b>						
Civilian Labor Force	45,870	44,290	45,550	1,580	320	0.7%
Resident Employment	42,340	40,510	41,970	1,830	370	0.8%
Unemployment	3,530	3,780	3,580	-250	-50	-1.4%
Unemployment Rate	7.7	8.5	7.9	-0.8	-0.2	
<b>Employment by Place of Work (**NAICS Industry Titles)</b>						
Total Nonfarm 1/	28,300	27,930	26,470	370	1,830	6.9%
Total Private	20,580	20,380	18,890	200	1,690	8.9%
Goods Producing	6,960	6,730	5,710	230	1,250	21.9%
Service Providing	21,340	21,200	20,760	140	580	2.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	5,840	5,800	5,520	40	320	5.8%
Information and Financial Activities	970	970	1,160	0	-190	-16.4%
Government	7,720	7,550	7,580	170	140	1.8%
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						