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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: November 2025

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9% in November and 4.9% in September. The November rate ranks it in a tie with Deschutes and Malheur counties for 3rd lowest among Oregon's 36 counties. The October unemployment rate is not available since underlying data was not collected due to the federal government shutdown that month. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is up from 4.0% in November 2024.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was unchanged at 5,890 in November compared to October. Not seasonally adjusted private industry decreased by 40 jobs to total 4,760, and government dropped 10 jobs to total 1,110. Manufacturing had a significant loss of 30. In the public sector, local government decreased by 10 jobs.

Morrow County's private-industry employment gained 40 jobs over the year ending in November. Private industry dropped 50 jobs since November 2024. There were losses in professional and business services (-160), manufacturing (-80), and wholesale trade (-20). There were gains in construction (80), and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (50). Government employment rose by 90 jobs over the year, with local government adding 100 jobs and state government dropping 10.

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.6% in November and 5.5% in September. The November rate ranks 18th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties. The October unemployment rate is not available since underlying data was not collected due to the federal government shutdown that month. Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is up from 4.7% in November 2024.

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment dropped 150 jobs in November compared to October. Not seasonally adjusted private industry decreased by 210 jobs to total 22,150 and government gained 40 jobs to total 8,200. There were significant losses in leisure and hospitality (-110), transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-60), and mining, logging, and construction (-30). There were significant gains in local education (80), and private education and health services (40).

Umatilla County's private-industry employment gained 200 jobs over the year ending in November. Private industry gained 70 jobs since November 2024. There were gains in private education and health services (90), manufacturing (60), information (60), and mining, logging and construction (40). There were losses in leisure and hospitality (-70), retail trade (-60), and professional and business

services (-40). Government employment rose by 140 jobs over the year, with local government adding 100 jobs, federal government adding 20 jobs and state government adding 20 jobs.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, Jan. 27, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Thursday, Jan. 22.



Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	--Change From--	
				October 2025	November 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,387	NA	6,186	NA	201
Unemployed	267	NA	218	NA	49
Unemployment rate	4.2%	NA	3.5%	NA	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	NA	4.0%	NA	0.9
Employed	6,120	NA	5,968	NA	152
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,870	5,920	5,830	-50	40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,890	5,890	5,850	0	40
Total private	4,760	4,800	4,810	-40	-50
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	430	440	350	-10	80
Manufacturing	1,470	1,500	1,550	-30	-80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	910	910	880	0	30
Wholesale trade	90	90	110	0	-20
Retail trade	310	310	310	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	510	510	460	0	50
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	210	210	370	0	-160
Private education and health services	320	320	320	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	220	220	240	0	-20
Government	1,110	1,120	1,020	-10	90
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	40	40	50	0	-10
Local government	1,020	1,030	920	-10	100

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

	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	--Change From--	
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Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,216	NA	36,671	NA	545
Unemployed	1,827	NA	1,515	NA	312
Unemployment rate	4.9%	NA	4.1%	NA	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	NA	4.7%	NA	0.9
Employed	35,389	NA	35,156	NA	233
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	30,350	30,520	30,140	-170	210
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,080	30,230	29,880	-150	200
Total private	22,150	22,360	22,080	-210	70
Mining, logging, and construction	1,660	1,690	1,620	-30	40
Manufacturing	2,580	2,600	2,520	-20	60
Durable goods	1,030	1,040	1,050	-10	-20
Nondurable goods	1,550	1,560	1,470	-10	80
Food manufacturing	1,230	1,240	1,160	-10	70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,840	6,900	6,910	-60	-70
Wholesale trade	980	980	1,000	0	-20
Retail trade	3,240	3,240	3,300	0	-60
Food and beverage retailers	710	710	690	0	20
General merchandise retailers	940	920	950	20	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,620	2,680	2,610	-60	10
Information	860	860	800	0	60
Financial activities	840	850	840	-10	0
Professional and business services	1,290	1,310	1,330	-20	-40
Private education and health services	4,530	4,490	4,440	40	90
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,030	1,000	1,030	30	0
Leisure and hospitality	2,790	2,900	2,860	-110	-70
Accommodation and food services	2,740	2,760	2,690	-20	50
Other services	760	760	760	0	0
Government	8,200	8,160	8,060	40	140
Federal government	540	540	520	0	20
State government	1,710	1,700	1,690	10	20
Local government	5,950	5,920	5,850	30	100
Indian tribal	1,810	1,840	1,800	-30	10
Local education	3,000	2,920	2,920	80	80
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,140	1,160	1,130	-20	10

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The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly payroll employment and labor force data for Oregon's metropolitan areas and counties. The estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other sources.

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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