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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: December 2025

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9% in December and 4.9% in November. The December rate ranks it in a tie with Deschutes County for 4th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties. Morrow County's rate is up from 4.0% in December 2024. The Oregon rate was 5.2% in December and the U.S. rate was 4.4%.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment decreased by 20 in December to reach 5,880. In the not seasonally adjusted industries, there was a significant loss of 20 in construction.

Morrow County's employment increased by 10 jobs over the year ending in December. Private industry dropped 60 jobs, while the public sector increased by 70. There were losses in professional and business services (-150) and manufacturing (-110). There were gains in construction (70) and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (60). Government employment rose by 70 jobs over the year, due to an increase in local government of 70.

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.6% in December and 5.6% in November. The December rate ranks 19th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties. Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is up from 4.7% in December 2024. The Oregon rate was 5.2% in December and the U.S. rate was 4.4%.

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment dropped 20 jobs in December to reach 30,060. In the not seasonally adjusted private sector industries, there was a seasonal loss of 80 in mining, logging, and construction. Government dropped by 100 due to losses in local education (-60), federal government (-30), and other local government (-20) that were countered by a gain of 10 in Indian tribal.

Umatilla County's employment dropped 80 jobs over the year ending in December. Private industry decreased by 210 jobs since December 2024. There were significant losses in retail trade (-80), professional and business services (-80), and leisure and hospitality (-70). There were gains in information (60) and manufacturing (30). Government employment rose by 130 jobs over the year due to gains in local education (110), state government (10), and Indian tribal (10).

Next Press Releases

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Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2025	November 2025	December 2024	November 2025	December 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,276	6,391	6,139	-115	137
Unemployed	299	266	256	33	43
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.2%	4.2%	0.6	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	4.9%	4.0%	0.0	0.9
Employed	5,977	6,125	5,883	-148	94
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,870	5,880	5,860	-10	10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,880	5,900	5,870	-20	10
Total private	4,750	4,760	4,810	-10	-60
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	420	440	350	-20	70
Manufacturing	1,470	1,470	1,580	0	-110
Trade, transportation, and utilities	910	900	860	10	50
Wholesale trade	90	90	100	0	-10
Retail trade	310	310	310	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	510	500	450	10	60
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	210	210	360	0	-150
Private education and health services	320	320	330	0	-10
Leisure and hospitality	210	220	230	-10	-20
Government	1,120	1,120	1,050	0	70
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	50	40	50	10	0
Local government	1,020	1,030	950	-10	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 2025	November 2025	December 2024	November 2025	December 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,641	37,187	36,267	-546	374
Unemployed	2,054	1,809	1,744	245	310
Unemployment rate	5.6%	4.9%	4.8%	0.7	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	5.6%	4.7%	0.0	0.9
Employed	34,587	35,378	34,523	-791	64
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	30,100	30,350	30,180	-250	-80
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,060	30,080	30,140	-20	-80
Total private	22,000	22,150	22,210	-150	-210
Mining, logging, and construction	1,580	1,660	1,600	-80	-20
Manufacturing	2,570	2,580	2,540	-10	30
Durable goods	1,020	1,030	1,060	-10	-40
Nondurable goods	1,550	1,550	1,480	0	70
Food manufacturing	1,230	1,230	1,160	0	70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,830	6,850	6,950	-20	-120
Wholesale trade	980	980	1,000	0	-20
Retail trade	3,250	3,250	3,330	0	-80
Food and beverage retailers	700	710	690	-10	10
General merchandise retailers	940	940	960	0	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,600	2,620	2,620	-20	-20
Information	870	860	810	10	60
Financial activities	840	840	860	0	-20
Professional and business services	1,250	1,270	1,330	-20	-80
Private education and health services	4,510	4,530	4,520	-20	-10
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,030	1,030	1,040	0	-10
Leisure and hospitality	2,790	2,800	2,860	-10	-70
Accommodation and food services	2,650	2,660	2,690	-10	-40
Other services	760	760	740	0	20
Government	8,100	8,200	7,970	-100	130
Federal government	510	540	510	-30	0
State government	1,710	1,710	1,700	0	10
Local government	5,880	5,950	5,760	-70	120
Indian tribal	1,820	1,810	1,810	10	10
Local education	2,940	3,000	2,830	-60	110
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,120	1,140	1,120	-20	0

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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.

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