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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: January 2026

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.8% in January and 4.9% in December 2025. At 4.8%, Morrow County is tied with Deschutes and Wheeler Counties for fourth lowest rate among Oregon's 36 counties. Morrow County's rate is up from 4.0% in January 2025. The Oregon rate was 5.2% in January and the U.S. rate was 4.3%.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 100 in January to reach 5,780. In the not seasonally adjusted industries, there was a significant gain of 20 jobs in professional and business services, and a loss of 20 jobs in trade, transportation, and utilities.

Over the year since January 2025, Morrow County's total employment increased by 260, with 220 of those jobs added in private industry. There were job losses in trade, transportation, and utilities (-40), and leisure and hospitality (-20). There were job gains in manufacturing (+180), construction (+50), and professional and business services (+40). Government employment rose by 40 over the year, due to an increase in local government of 50 jobs.

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.5% in January and 5.6% in December 2025. Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is up from 4.7% in January 2025. The Oregon rate was 5.2% in January and the U.S. rate was 4.3%.

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment added 400 jobs in January to reach 30,430. In the not seasonally adjusted private-sector industries, there were seasonal losses in mining, logging, and construction (-90), and leisure and hospitality (-90). Trade, transportation, and utilities decreased by 140 jobs, and professional and business services dropped 50 jobs. Government dropped by 20 due to losses in local education (-50), federal government (-10), and other local government (-10) that were countered by a gain of 70 jobs in Indian tribal.

Over the year ending in January, Umatilla County's employment increased by 110. There were significant losses in trade, transportation, and utilities (-250), with the bulk of those losses occurring in retail trade (-130). There were also significant losses in leisure and hospitality (-100) and government (-50) over the year. There were gains in information (+260), and private education and health services (+140).



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Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	January 2026	December 2025	January 2025	December 2025	January 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,891	5,960	5,768	-69	123
Unemployed	323	294	318	29	5
Unemployment rate	5.5%	4.9%	5.5%	0.6	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	4.9%	4%	-0.1	0.8
Employed	5,568	5,666	5,450	-98	118
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,720	5,740	5,460	-20	260
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,780	5,680	5,520	100	260
Total private	4,620	4,630	4,400	-10	220
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	370	380	320	-10	50
Manufacturing	1,550	1,560	1,370	-10	180
Trade, transportation, and utilities	780	800	820	-20	-40
Wholesale trade	80	90	80	-10	0
Retail trade	290	290	300	0	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	410	420	440	-10	-30
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	250	230	210	20	40
Private education and health services	340	330	330	10	10
Leisure and hospitality	210	210	230	0	-20
Government	1,100	1,110	1,060	-10	40
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	40	40	50	0	-10
Local government	1,010	1,020	960	-10	50

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.



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Umatilla County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	January 2026	December 2025	January 2025	December 2025	January 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	36,604	36,802	36,342	-198	262
Unemployed	2,331	2,041	2,345	290	-14
Unemployment rate	6.4%	5.5%	6.5%	0.9	-0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.5%	5.6%	4.7%	-0.1	0.8
Employed	34,273	34,761	33,997	-488	276
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	29,800	30,160	29,690	-360	110
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>30,430</i>	<i>30,030</i>	<i>30,320</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>110</i>
Total private	21,810	22,150	21,730	-340	80
Mining, logging, and construction	1,530	1,620	1,480	-90	50
Manufacturing	2,500	2,520	2,520	-20	-20
Durable goods	1,040	1,040	1,050	0	-10
Nondurable goods	1,460	1,480	1,470	-20	-10
Food manufacturing	1,160	1,180	1,160	-20	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,520	6,660	6,770	-140	-250
Wholesale trade	950	960	990	-10	-40
Retail trade	3,170	3,200	3,300	-30	-130
Food and beverage retailers	700	700	700	0	0
General merchandise retailers	910	930	930	-20	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,400	2,500	2,480	-100	-80
Information	1,080	1,040	820	40	260
Financial activities	870	880	850	-10	20
Professional and business services	1,280	1,330	1,280	-50	0
Private education and health services	4,630	4,600	4,490	30	140
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,050	1,040	1,050	10	0
Leisure and hospitality	2,670	2,760	2,770	-90	-100
Accommodation and food services	2,540	2,620	2,610	-80	-70
Other services	730	740	750	-10	-20
Government	7,990	8,010	7,960	-20	30
Federal government	440	460	490	-20	-50
State government	1,700	1,710	1,670	-10	30
Local government	5,850	5,840	5,800	10	50
Indian tribal	1,880	1,810	1,830	70	50
Local education	2,890	2,940	2,840	-50	50
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,080	1,090	1,130	-10	-50

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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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