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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: May 2025

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to 5.1% in May. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County tied with Linn and Wallowa counties for 22nd. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.7 percentage point. It represented the county's fifth lowest May rate since comparable statistics began in 1990.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose by 220 jobs to 30,380 in May. Private industry increased by 150 jobs in May, rising to 22,430, and government added 70 jobs to reach 7,950. Leisure and hospitality increased its total in May, climbing to 2,890, a gain of 40. Mining, logging, and construction added 30 jobs, rising to 1,590. Private education and health services also added 30 jobs to total 4,600. In the public sector, other local government increased by 30 jobs, while federal government, state government, Indian tribal, and local education each added 10 jobs.

Umatilla County's total private industry employment increased by 150 jobs over the year ending in May (+0.7%). Private education and health services led private-industry gains, rising by 220 jobs (+5.0%), followed by information, up 90 jobs (+11.5%) over the year. Retail trade led losses, falling by 150 jobs (-4.4%). Manufacturing, and leisure and hospitality dropped 50 jobs each over the year. Government employment decreased by 90 jobs over the year, led by a loss of 130 in local education. Federal government fell by 30 jobs, other local government decreased by 20, state government added 90, and Indian tribal held steady.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point in May to 4.9%, ranking in a tie with Baker and Tillamook counties for 19th among Oregon counties. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 1.0 percentage point.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment increased to 5,790 in May, a gain of 10 jobs. Private industry increased by 10 jobs, rising to 4,940 jobs, and government held steady at 850. Construction, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities increased by 20 jobs each to lead gains. Manufacturing and professional and business services dropped 30 jobs each to lead losses. In the public sector, federal government, state government, and local government all held steady.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 220 jobs over the year ending in May (+4.7%). Private industry's over-the-year growth was led by a gain in construction, up 70 jobs, followed by gains of 20 jobs each in transportation, warehousing, and utilities; private education and health services; and

leisure and hospitality. Professional and business services dropped 20 jobs to lead losses, followed by manufacturing and wholesale trade, down 10 jobs each. Government employment fell by 280 jobs over the year, with local government shedding 270 jobs, federal government dropping 10, and state government holding steady.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, July 22, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Wednesday, July 16.



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Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024	April 2025	May 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,213	6,144	6,281	69	-68
Unemployed	266	250	197	16	69
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.1%	3.1%	0.2	1.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.9%</i>	<i>4.8%</i>	<i>3.9%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>1.0</i>
Employed	5,947	5,894	6,084	53	-137
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,790	5,780	5,850	10	-60
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5,740</i>	<i>5,780</i>	<i>5,800</i>	<i>-40</i>	<i>-60</i>
Total private	4,940	4,930	4,720	10	220
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	380	360	310	20	70
Manufacturing	1,580	1,610	1,590	-30	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	860	850	840	10	20
Wholesale trade	100	100	110	0	-10
Retail trade	300	310	290	-10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	460	440	440	20	20
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	370	400	390	-30	-20
Private education and health services	340	340	320	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	250	240	230	10	20
Government	850	850	1,130	0	-280
Federal government	50	50	60	0	-10
State government	50	50	50	0	0
Local government	750	750	1,020	0	-270

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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	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024	April 2025	May 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,095	36,909	36,882	186	213
Unemployed	1,646	1,749	1,313	-103	333
Unemployment rate	4.4%	4.7%	3.6%	-0.3	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.1%</i>	<i>5.0%</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Employed	35,449	35,160	35,569	289	-120
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	30,380	30,160	30,320	220	60
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>30,220</i>	<i>30,080</i>	<i>30,160</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>60</i>
Total private	22,430	22,280	22,280	150	150
Mining, logging, and construction	1,590	1,560	1,590	30	0
Manufacturing	2,650	2,700	2,700	-50	-50
Durable goods	1,160	1,180	1,200	-20	-40
Nondurable goods	1,490	1,520	1,500	-30	-10
Food manufacturing	1,150	1,190	1,140	-40	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,820	6,760	6,950	60	-130
Wholesale trade	1,030	1,020	1,010	10	20
Retail trade	3,280	3,260	3,430	20	-150
Food and beverage retailers	680	680	710	0	-30
General merchandise retailers	950	930	970	20	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,510	2,480	2,510	30	0
Information	870	850	780	20	90
Financial activities	900	890	860	10	40
Professional and business services	1,330	1,330	1,280	0	50
Private education and health services	4,600	4,570	4,380	30	220
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,060	1,060	1,030	0	30
Leisure and hospitality	2,890	2,850	2,940	40	-50
Accommodation and food services	2,690	2,660	2,790	30	-100
Other services	780	770	800	10	-20
Government	7,950	7,880	8,040	70	-90
Federal government	490	480	520	10	-30
State government	1,720	1,710	1,630	10	90
Local government	5,740	5,690	5,890	50	-150
Indian tribal	1,820	1,810	1,820	10	0
Local education	2,750	2,740	2,880	10	-130
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,170	1,140	1,190	30	-20

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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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