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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: May 2026

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.5% in May and 4.4% in April. The county has the fourth lowest rate among Oregon's 36 counties. Morrow County's rate is down from 5.2% in May 2025. The Oregon rate held steady at 5.2% in May and the U.S. rate was 4.3%.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment decreased by 20 in May, bringing the total to 5,580. Private-sector employment was flat over the month, and government employment rose by 10.

Over the year since May 2025, Morrow County's total employment decreased by 150, with a loss of 190 jobs in the private sector. The largest losses were in manufacturing (-80); trade, transportation, and utilities (-70); and leisure and hospitality (-30). Public-sector employment rose by 40 over the year, with all of those jobs added in local government.

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 5.1% in May. The county's unemployment rate is down slightly from 5.6% in May 2025. The Oregon rate held steady at 5.2% in May and the U.S. rate was 4.3%.

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment added 10 jobs in May to reach 30,870. In the not seasonally adjusted industries, the largest gains were in accommodation and food services (+40); and mining, logging, and construction (+40). The largest losses occurred in professional and business services (-30), and retail trade (-20). Public-sector employment increased by 80, with the bulk of those jobs added in local government (+70).

Over the year ending May 2026, Umatilla County's employment increased by 500. In the private sector, there were significant losses in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-130); manufacturing (-100); and trade, transportation, and utilities (-90). Over the year, the largest gains were in information (+300), and private education and health services (+220). In the public sector, 180 jobs were added in local government.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, July 15, and June county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, July 21.



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Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	May 2026	April 2026	May 2025	April 2026	May 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,075	6,085	6,194	-10	-119
Unemployed	264	226	279	38	-15
Unemployment rate	4.3%	3.7%	4.5%	0.6	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	4.4%	5.2%	0.1	-0.7
Employed	5,811	5,859	5,915	-48	-104
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,640	5,630	5,790	10	-150
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,580	5,600	5,730	-20	-150
Total private	4,520	4,520	4,710	0	-190
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	390	390	390	0	0
Manufacturing	1,430	1,440	1,510	-10	-80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	800	790	870	10	-70
Wholesale trade	90	80	100	10	-10
Retail trade	290	290	310	0	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	420	420	460	0	-40
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	230	230	220	0	10
Private education and health services	340	340	320	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	200	200	230	0	-30
Government	1,120	1,110	1,080	10	40
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	50	50	50	0	0
Local government	1,020	1,010	980	10	40

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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	May 2026	April 2026	May 2025	April 2026	May 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,484	37,408	37,234	76	250
Unemployed	1,789	1,729	1,748	60	41
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.6%	4.7%	0.2	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.1%	5.6%	0.0	-0.5
Employed	35,695	35,679	35,486	16	209
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	30,870	30,710	30,360	160	510
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,680	30,670	30,180	10	500
Total private	22,660	22,580	22,310	80	350
Mining, logging, and construction	1,710	1,670	1,690	40	20
Manufacturing	2,520	2,510	2,620	10	-100
Durable goods	1,020	1,030	1,110	-10	-90
Nondurable goods	1,500	1,480	1,510	20	-10
Food manufacturing	1,190	1,170	1,190	20	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,630	6,620	6,720	10	-90
Wholesale trade	970	970	980	0	-10
Retail trade	3,360	3,380	3,310	-20	50
Food and beverage retailers	710	710	700	0	10
General merchandise retailers	950	970	930	-20	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,300	2,270	2,430	30	-130
Information	1,160	1,150	860	10	300
Financial activities	910	900	870	10	40
Professional and business services	1,300	1,330	1,300	-30	0
Private education and health services	4,760	4,770	4,540	-10	220
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,110	1,120	1,030	-10	80
Leisure and hospitality	2,910	2,880	2,930	30	-20
Accommodation and food services	2,750	2,710	2,780	40	-30
Other services	760	750	780	10	-20
Government	8,210	8,130	8,050	80	160
Federal government	450	420	480	30	-30
State government	1,700	1,720	1,690	-20	10
Local government	6,060	5,990	5,880	70	180
Indian tribal	1,900	1,880	1,810	20	90
Local education	2,970	2,960	2,870	10	100
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,190	1,150	1,200	40	-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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