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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: June 2026

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.6% in June and 4.5% in May. The county is tied with Malheur and Wheeler for the third lowest rate among Oregon's 36 counties. Morrow County's rate is down from 5.2% in June 2025. The Oregon rate held steady at 5.2% in June and the U.S. rate was 4.2%.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 90 in June, bringing the total to 5,730. The private sector added 120 jobs over the month, while public-sector employment was flat. Over the year since June 2025, Morrow County's total employment decreased by 70, with a loss of 90 jobs in the private sector. The largest losses were in trade, transportation, and utilities (-70), and leisure and hospitality (-20). Gains were largest in construction (+30), and private education and health services (+20). Public-sector employment rose by 10 over the year, all added in local government.

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.3% in June and 5.1% in May. The county's unemployment rate is down from 5.6% in June 2025. The Oregon rate held steady at 5.2% in June and the U.S. rate was 4.2%.

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment decreased by 370 in June to reach 30,370. In the not seasonally adjusted industries, the largest loss occurred in retail trade (-30). The largest gain was in food manufacturing (+40). Total government employment decreased by 130 over the month. There was a seasonal loss of 250 jobs in local education, and gains in local government (+70) and Indian tribal (+30).

Over the year ending June 2026, Umatilla County's employment increased by 170. In the private sector, there were significant losses in trade, transportation, and utilities (-140), and manufacturing (-110). Over the year, the largest gains were in information (+280), and private education and health services (+250). Within the private education and health services sector, the bulk of the job gains were in nursing and residential care facilities (+90). The public sector lost 130 jobs over the year. The largest loss was in local education (-210), and the largest gain was in Indian tribal (+120).

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, Aug. 19, and July county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, Aug. 25.



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Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2026	May 2026	June 2025	May 2026	June 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,122	6,057	6,329	65	-207
Unemployed	309	262	319	47	-10
Unemployment rate	5.0%	4.3%	5.0%	0.7	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>4.5%</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-0.6</i>
Employed	5,813	5,795	6,010	18	-197
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,730	5,610	5,810	120	-80
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5,640</i>	<i>5,550</i>	<i>5,710</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>-70</i>
Total private	4,600	4,480	4,690	120	-90
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	410	390	380	20	30
Manufacturing	1,510	1,430	1,500	80	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	790	800	860	-10	-70
Wholesale trade	80	90	90	-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	200	190	210	10	-10
Private education and health services	340	340	320	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	210	200	230	10	-20
Government	1,130	1,130	1,120	0	10
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	50	50	50	0	0
Local government	1,030	1,030	1,020	0	10

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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	June 2026	May 2026	June 2025	May 2026	June 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,851	37,529	37,912	322	-61
Unemployed	2,044	1,777	2,000	267	44
Unemployment rate	5.4%	4.7%	5.3%	0.7	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.1%	5.6%	0.2	-0.3
Employed	35,807	35,752	35,912	55	-105
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	30,800	30,930	30,630	-130	170
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,370	30,740	30,200	-370	170
Total private	22,660	22,660	22,360	0	300
Mining, logging, and construction	1,710	1,710	1,700	0	10
Manufacturing	2,540	2,520	2,650	20	-110
Durable goods	1,000	1,020	1,090	-20	-90
Nondurable goods	1,540	1,500	1,560	40	-20
Food manufacturing	1,230	1,190	1,230	40	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,590	6,610	6,730	-20	-140
Wholesale trade	980	970	990	10	-10
Retail trade	3,320	3,350	3,300	-30	20
Food and beverage retailers	710	710	710	0	0
General merchandise retailers	920	950	910	-30	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,290	2,290	2,440	0	-150
Information	1,160	1,160	880	0	280
Financial activities	900	910	880	-10	20
Professional and business services	1,320	1,310	1,310	10	10
Private education and health services	4,750	4,770	4,500	-20	250
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,120	1,110	1,030	10	90
Leisure and hospitality	2,930	2,910	2,940	20	-10
Accommodation and food services	2,770	2,750	2,780	20	-10
Other services	760	760	770	0	-10
Government	8,140	8,270	8,270	-130	-130
Federal government	460	450	480	10	-20
State government	1,710	1,700	1,710	10	0
Local government	5,970	6,120	6,080	-150	-110
Indian tribal	1,930	1,900	1,810	30	120
Local education	2,720	2,970	2,930	-250	-210
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,320	1,250	1,340	70	-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.

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