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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: October 2026

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 4.6% in October. The Oregon rate was 4.9% in October, and the U.S. rate was 4.1%. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was unchanged in October, with a total of 6,020 jobs. The private sector collectively lost 30 jobs over the month in the not seasonally adjusted industries. The largest loss was in trade, transportation, and utilities (-20). In the public sector, local government added 20 jobs over the month.

Over the year since October 2025, Morrow County's total employment increased by 370. In the private sector, the largest loss was in trade, transportation, and utilities (-50). The largest gains were in construction (+120) and manufacturing (+50). In the public sector, there was a gain of 30 jobs in local government.

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.0% in October and 5.2% in September. The Oregon rate was 4.9% in October, and the U.S. rate was 4.1%. Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 60 in October, bringing the total to 30,210. In the not seasonally adjusted industries, the private sector lost 130 jobs. There was a seasonal loss of 90 jobs in leisure and hospitality. The largest gain was in general merchandise retailers (+40). Total public-sector employment increased by 250 over the month, with a seasonal gain of 290 jobs in local government.

Over the year ending October 2026, Umatilla County's employment decreased by 40. In the private sector, there were significant losses in leisure and hospitality (-150); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-140); and mining, logging, and construction (-130). Over the year, the largest gains were in information (+200), private education and health services (+200), and wholesale trade (+140). Public-sector employment increased by 70 over the year. The largest loss was in local education (-180), and the largest gain was in Indian tribal (+80).

Next News Releases
The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, Dec. 16, and November county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, Dec. 22.

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Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	October 2026	September 2026	October 2025	--Change From-- September 2026	--Change From-- October 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,466	6,489	NA	-23	NA
Unemployed	244	235	NA	9	NA
Unemployment rate	3.8%	3.6%	NA	0.2	NA
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	*4.6%*	*4.6%*	NA	*0.0*	NA
Employed	6,222	6,254	NA	-32	NA
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,050	6,060	5,680	-10	370
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	*6,020*	*6,020*	*5,650*	*0*	*370*
Total private	4,910	4,940	4,570	-30	340
Mining and logging	40	40	30	0	10
Construction	540	540	420	0	120
Manufacturing	1,580	1,580	1,530	0	50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	760	780	810	-20	-50
Wholesale trade	70	80	80	-10	-10
Retail trade	280	290	290	-10	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	410	410	440	0	-30
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	210	210	200	0	10
Private education and health services	340	340	320	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	220	220	210	0	10
Government	1,140	1,120	1,110	20	30
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	50	50	50	0	0
Local government	1,040	1,020	1,010	20	30

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

				--Change From--	
	October 2026	September 2026	October 2025	September 2026	October 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	38,320	38,448	NA	-128	NA
Unemployed	1,541	1,502	NA	39	NA
Unemployment rate	4.0%	3.9%	NA	0.1	NA
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	*5.0%*	*5.2%*	NA	*-0.2*	NA
Employed	36,779	36,946	NA	-167	NA
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	30,580	30,460	30,610	120	-30
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	*30,210*	*30,150*	*30,250*	*60*	*-40*
Total private	22,540	22,670	22,640	-130	-100
Mining, logging, and construction	1,590	1,590	1,720	0	-130
Manufacturing	2,420	2,420	2,480	0	-60
Durable goods	970	940	990	30	-20
Nondurable goods	1,450	1,480	1,490	-30	-40
Food manufacturing	1,170	1,190	1,170	-20	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,630	6,640	6,700	-10	-70
Wholesale trade	1,080	1,090	940	-10	140
Retail trade	3,140	3,130	3,210	10	-70
Food and beverage retailers	690	690	700	0	-10
General merchandise retailers	900	860	880	40	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,410	2,420	2,550	-10	-140
Information	1,250	1,250	1,050	0	200
Financial activities	850	850	900	0	-50
Professional and business services	1,480	1,500	1,490	-20	-10
Private education and health services	4,840	4,840	4,640	0	200
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,040	1,050	1,050	-10	-10
Leisure and hospitality	2,770	2,860	2,920	-90	-150
Accommodation and food services	2,670	2,710	2,760	-40	-90
Other services	710	720	740	-10	-30
Government	8,040	7,790	7,970	250	70
Federal government	490	480	440	10	50
State government	1,710	1,720	1,700	-10	10
Local government	5,840	5,590	5,830	250	10
Indian tribal	1,900	1,940	1,820	-40	80
Local education	2,750	2,460	2,880	290	-130
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,190	1,190	1,130	0	60

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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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