Columbia Basin Economic Indicators

Morrow and Umatilla February 2024 (January Data)

Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted) January 2023 January 2024 5.4% 3.8% Morrow Umatilla

Unemployment Rate News

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2024 was 3.4%, while Umatilla County came in at 3.8%. Both counties' rates were below Oregon's statewide rate of 4.1% and Morrow County's rate was below the national rate of 3.7%.

Morrow County's rate tied for fourth lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Umatilla County's ranked in a fourway tie for 12th.

Both counties' rates were below their January 2023 rates.

Both counties' January 2024 rates were their lowest January rates since comparable statistics began in 1990. Over the same period, Umatilla County's rate tied for its lowest rate for any month and Morrow County's tied for its second lowest.

Nonfarm Employment Change

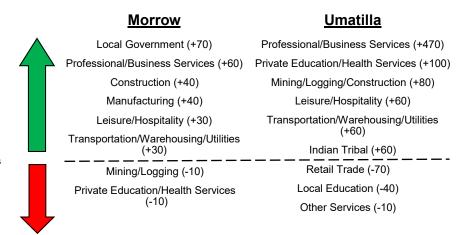
January 2023 to January 2024

Morrow County gained an estimated 280 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 200 jobs. Professional and business services, construction, and manufacturing saw the largest gains. Losses were confined to mining and logging, and education and health services. The public sector added 80 jobs with a gain in local government and federal government while state government was unchanged.

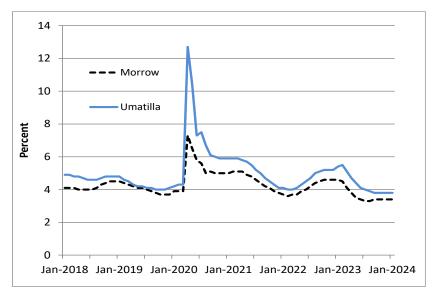
Umatilla County employment increased by an estimated 840 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 790 jobs. Gains were led by professional and business services; education and health services; and mining, logging, and construction. Losses were led by retail trade. The public sector added 50 jobs with gains in Indian tribal, state, government, and other local government overcoming a loss in local education while federal government was unchanged.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from January 2023



Unemployment rates holding steady at or near record lows



Want to learn more about the Oregon economy?

Follow us on Twitter at: twitter.com/OED_Research

Visit our web site at: QualityInfo.org

Visit our subscription service at: qualityinfo.org/subscribe

For more economic or labor market data about Morrow or Umatilla counties, contact:

Tony Wendel, Regional Economist/Workforce Analyst

Cell: 541-667-7027

E-mail: Tony.A.Wendel@employ.oregon.gov

Want to be added to the monthly distribution list?

E-mail me at: Tony.A.Wendel@employ.oregon.gov