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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: February 2024

Unemployment Rates Hold Steady in February

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 3.8% in February. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed eighth, tied with Deschutes and Yamhill counties. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.7 percentage points.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 30,250 in February, a gain of 230 jobs. Private industry added 180 jobs in February, climbing to 22,510, and government added 50, rising to 7,740. Mining, logging, and construction increased its total in February, climbing to 1,380, a gain of 50. Manufacturing and transportation, warehousing, and utilities each added 40 jobs rising to 2,560 and 2,500, respectively. Private jobs losses were confined to information and professional and business services, each cutting 10 jobs. In the public sector, local education rose by 30 jobs, climbing to 2,710, other local government added 10, and state government lost 10.

Umatilla County's total private industry employment rose by 710 jobs over the year ending in February (+3.3%). Professional and business services led private-industry growth, rising by 380 jobs thanks in part to a non-economic code change (a correction or reclassification in our administrative records). Transportation, warehousing, and utilities increased its total by 150 jobs (+6.4%), and private education and health services rose by 90 (+2.2%). Retail trade cut 40 jobs over the year and other services lost 20. Government employment increased by 30 jobs over the year, led by a gain of 50 in Indian tribal. Other local government rose by 20 jobs, state government increased its total by 10, federal government added 10, and local education cut 60.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly by 0.1 percentage point in February to 3.5%, ranking fourth among Oregon counties, tied with Washington County. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.0 percentage point.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose to 5,690 in February, a gain of 40 jobs. Private industry increased its total to 4,570 in February, a gain of 30, while government added 10, rising to 1,120. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities rose by 20 jobs in February to reach 440. Leisure and hospitality (+10) also added jobs. Construction was the only private industry to cut jobs in February, dropping 10. In the public sector, local government added 20 jobs and federal government cut 10.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 130 jobs over the year ending in February (+2.9%). Private industry's over-the-year growth was led by manufacturing (+50), professional and business services (+30), and construction (+20). Losses were confined to mining and logging (-10) and private education and health services (-10). Local government rose by 60 jobs over the year while federal government and state government held steady.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 23, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Wednesday, April 17.

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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Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2024	January 2024	February 2023	January 2024	February 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,028	5,900	5,879	128	149
Unemployed	258	273	246	-15	12
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.6%	4.2%	-0.3	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.5%	3.4%	4.5%	0.1	-1.0
Employed	5,770	5,627	5,633	143	137
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,690	5,650	5,500	40	190
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5,740</i>	<i>5,780</i>	<i>5,550</i>	<i>-40</i>	<i>190</i>
Total private	4,570	4,540	4,440	30	130
Mining and logging	20	20	30	0	-10
Construction	220	230	200	-10	20
Manufacturing	1,560	1,560	1,510	0	50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	850	830	830	20	20
Wholesale trade	110	110	110	0	0
Retail trade	300	300	290	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	440	420	430	20	10
Financial activities	80	80	80	0	0
Professional and business services	370	370	340	0	30
Private education and health services	280	280	290	0	-10
Leisure and hospitality	250	240	240	10	10
Government	1,120	1,110	1,060	10	60
Federal government	50	60	50	-10	0
State government	50	50	50	0	0
Local government	1,020	1,000	960	20	60

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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Civilian labor force	38,815	38,300	38,102	515	713
Unemployed	1,954	2,100	2,190	-146	-236
Unemployment rate	5.0%	5.5%	5.7%	-0.5	-0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.8%	3.8%	5.5%	0.0	-1.7
Employed	36,861	36,200	35,912	661	949
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	30,250	30,020	29,510	230	740
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,550	30,570	29,820	-20	730
Total private	22,510	22,330	21,800	180	710
Mining, logging, and construction	1,380	1,330	1,310	50	70
Manufacturing	2,560	2,520	2,550	40	10
Durable goods	1,060	1,040	1,030	20	30
Nondurable goods	1,500	1,480	1,520	20	-20
Food manufacturing	1,130	1,110	1,160	20	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,850	6,790	6,700	60	150
Wholesale trade	950	940	910	10	40
Retail trade	3,400	3,390	3,440	10	-40
Food and beverage retailers	730	720	730	10	0
General merchandise retailers	960	970	910	-10	50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,500	2,460	2,350	40	150
Information	730	740	710	-10	20
Financial activities	870	860	870	10	0
Professional and business services	2,440	2,450	2,060	-10	380
Private education and health services	4,150	4,120	4,060	30	90
Nursing and residential care facilities	930	930	920	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	2,750	2,750	2,740	0	10
Accommodation and food services	2,620	2,600	2,600	20	20
Other services	780	770	800	10	-20
Government	7,740	7,690	7,710	50	30
Federal government	460	460	450	0	10
State government	1,570	1,560	1,560	10	10
Local government	5,710	5,670	5,700	40	10
Indian tribal	1,850	1,850	1,800	0	50
Local education	2,710	2,680	2,770	30	-60
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,150	1,140	1,130	10	20

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