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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: March 2025

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 4.9% in March. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.6 percentage point. It tied as the county's third lowest March rate since comparable statistics began in 1990.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose by 280 jobs to 30,000 in March. Private industry increased by 240 jobs in March, rising to 22,110, and government added 40 jobs to 7,890. Private education and health services increased its total in March, climbing to 4,460, a gain of 60. Manufacturing added 50 jobs, rising to 2,570. Mining, logging, and construction followed, adding 40 jobs to total 1,520. In the public sector, local education increased by 20 jobs, state government and Indian tribal added 10 jobs each, and federal government and other local government held steady.

Umatilla County's total private industry employment increased by 230 jobs over the year ending in March (+1.1%). Private education and health services led private-industry gains, rising by 140 jobs (+3.2%), followed by professional and business services, up 110 jobs (+8.5%) over the year. Mining, logging, and construction; and leisure and hospitality added 60 jobs each. Manufacturing led losses, falling by 140 jobs (-5.2%). Retail trade dropped 70 jobs over the year. Government employment decreased by 80 jobs over the year, led by a loss of 120 in local education. Federal government fell by 20 jobs, Indian tribal decreased by 10, state government added 50, and other local government increased by 20.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage point in March to 4.7%. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.8 percentage point.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment increased to 5,730 in March, a gain of 60 jobs. Private industry increased by 60 jobs, rising to 4,850 jobs, and government held steady at 880. Manufacturing increased by 40 jobs to lead gains. No private industries lost jobs. In the public sector, federal government, state government, and local government all held steady.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 200 jobs over the year ending in March (+4.3%). Private industry's over-the-year growth was led by gains in construction, manufacturing, and private education and health services, up 30 jobs each. Losses were confined to transportation, warehousing, and utilities, down 20 jobs. Government employment fell by 210 jobs over the year, with

local government shedding 210 jobs, federal government dropping 10, and state government adding 10.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 20, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Wednesday, May 14.



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Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2025	February 2025	March 2024	February 2025	March 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,265	6,173	6,156	92	109
Unemployed	326	499	254	-173	72
Unemployment rate	5.2%	8.1%	4.1%	-2.9	1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.5%	3.9%	0.2	0.8
Employed	5,939	5,674	5,902	265	37
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,730	5,670	5,740	60	-10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,740	5,720	5,750	20	-10
Total private	4,850	4,790	4,650	60	200
Mining and logging	30	30	20	0	10
Construction	330	330	300	0	30
Manufacturing	1,630	1,590	1,600	40	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	860	840	850	20	10
Wholesale trade	110	110	100	0	10
Retail trade	310	300	290	10	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	440	430	460	10	-20
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	390	390	380	0	10
Private education and health services	340	340	310	0	30
Leisure and hospitality	240	230	230	10	10
Government	880	880	1,090	0	-210
Federal government	50	50	60	0	-10
State government	50	50	40	0	10
Local government	780	780	990	0	-210

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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	March 2025	February 2025	March 2024	February 2025	March 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,100	37,204	36,578	-104	522
Unemployed	1,991	2,637	1,720	-646	271
Unemployment rate	5.4%	7.1%	4.7%	-1.7	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	4.9%	4.3%	0.0	0.6
Employed	35,109	34,567	34,858	542	251
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	30,000	29,720	29,850	280	150
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,050	30,050	29,910	0	140
Total private	22,110	21,870	21,880	240	230
Mining, logging, and construction	1,520	1,480	1,460	40	60
Manufacturing	2,570	2,520	2,710	50	-140
Durable goods	1,080	1,060	1,230	20	-150
Nondurable goods	1,490	1,460	1,480	30	10
Food manufacturing	1,160	1,130	1,140	30	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,860	6,840	6,890	20	-30
Wholesale trade	1,030	1,020	980	10	50
Retail trade	3,310	3,310	3,380	0	-70
Food and beverage retailers	680	690	710	-10	-30
General merchandise retailers	950	950	940	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,520	2,510	2,530	10	-10
Information	790	790	740	0	50
Financial activities	860	840	860	20	0
Professional and business services	1,400	1,390	1,290	10	110
Private education and health services	4,460	4,400	4,320	60	140
Nursing and residential care facilities	980	970	1,000	10	-20
Leisure and hospitality	2,880	2,850	2,820	30	60
Accommodation and food services	2,710	2,690	2,680	20	30
Other services	770	760	790	10	-20
Government	7,890	7,850	7,970	40	-80
Federal government	470	470	490	0	-20
State government	1,670	1,660	1,620	10	50
Local government	5,750	5,720	5,860	30	-110
Indian tribal	1,810	1,800	1,820	10	-10
Local education	2,780	2,760	2,900	20	-120
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,160	1,160	1,140	0	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.

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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