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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: August 2025

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to 5.4% in August. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County tied with Crook, Jefferson, and Linn counties for 20th. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.8 percentage point.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose by 130 jobs to 29,930 in August. Private industry increased by 90 jobs in August, rising to 22,560, and government added 40 jobs to total 7,370. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities increased its total in August, climbing to 2,550, a gain of 90. Professional and business services added 50 jobs, rising to 1,400. Leisure and hospitality saw the largest loss, dropping 60 jobs to total 2,980. In the public sector, local education increased by 80 jobs, federal government added 10 jobs, other local government decreased by 40, Indian tribal dropped 10, and state government held steady.

Umatilla County's total private industry employment increased by 130 jobs over the year ending in August (+0.6%). Retail trade led losses, falling by 200 jobs (-5.8%). Private education and health services led private-industry gains, rising by 130 jobs (+2.9%), followed by information, up 110 jobs (+13.9%) over the year. Retail trade dropped 90 jobs over the year. Government employment decreased by 90 jobs over the year, led by a loss of 110 jobs in local education. Other local government fell by 20 jobs, Indian tribal dropped 10, state government added 50, and federal government held steady.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in August at 4.9%, ranking in a tie with Lane, Marion, and Multnomah counties for 13th among Oregon counties. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 1.0 percentage point.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment increased to 5,830 in August, a gain of 90 jobs. Private industry increased by 50 jobs, rising to 4,840 jobs, and government added 40 jobs to total 990. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities increased by 30 jobs to lead gains. Losses were confined to leisure and hospitality, down 10. In the public sector, local government increased by 40 jobs, while state government and federal government held steady.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 10 jobs over the year ending in August (+0.2%). Private industry's over-the-year growth was led by a gain in construction, up 60 jobs, followed by a gain

of 40 jobs in transportation, warehousing, and utilities. Professional and business services led losses, down 170 jobs. Government employment rose by 50 jobs over the year, with local government adding 60 jobs, federal government dropping 10, and state government holding steady.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Oct. 21, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 15.



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Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	August 2025	July 2025	August 2024	July 2025	August 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,407	6,344	6,364	63	43
Unemployed	309	331	254	-22	55
Unemployment rate	4.8%	5.2%	4.0%	-0.4	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.9%</i>	<i>4.9%</i>	<i>3.9%</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>1.0</i>
Employed	6,098	6,013	6,110	85	-12
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,830	5,740	5,770	90	60
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5,830</i>	<i>5,800</i>	<i>5,770</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>60</i>
Total private	4,840	4,790	4,830	50	10
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	400	390	340	10	60
Manufacturing	1,550	1,540	1,580	10	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	900	860	870	40	30
Wholesale trade	90	90	110	0	-20
Retail trade	310	300	300	10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	500	470	460	30	40
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	220	220	390	0	-170
Private education and health services	330	330	340	0	-10
Leisure and hospitality	230	240	240	-10	-10
Government	990	950	940	40	50
Federal government	60	60	70	0	-10
State government	50	50	50	0	0
Local government	880	840	820	40	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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	August 2025	July 2025	August 2024	July 2025	August 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,980	37,834	37,738	146	242
Unemployed	2,075	2,186	1,688	-111	387
Unemployment rate	5.5%	5.8%	4.5%	-0.3	1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.8</i>
Employed	35,905	35,648	36,050	257	-145
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	29,930	29,800	29,890	130	40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>30,200</i>	<i>30,130</i>	<i>30,160</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>40</i>
Total private	22,560	22,470	22,430	90	130
Mining, logging, and construction	1,700	1,690	1,720	10	-20
Manufacturing	2,480	2,500	2,540	-20	-60
Durable goods	960	980	1,030	-20	-70
Nondurable goods	1,520	1,520	1,510	0	10
Food manufacturing	1,180	1,180	1,160	0	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,840	6,740	6,910	100	-70
Wholesale trade	1,020	1,020	1,030	0	-10
Retail trade	3,270	3,260	3,360	10	-90
Food and beverage retailers	700	700	700	0	0
General merchandise retailers	910	910	940	0	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,550	2,460	2,520	90	30
Information	900	900	790	0	110
Financial activities	860	860	860	0	0
Professional and business services	1,400	1,350	1,360	50	40
Private education and health services	4,620	4,600	4,490	20	130
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,060	1,060	1,040	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	2,980	3,040	3,000	-60	-20
Accommodation and food services	2,790	2,740	2,850	50	-60
Other services	780	790	760	-10	20
Government	7,370	7,330	7,460	40	-90
Federal government	560	550	560	10	0
State government	1,710	1,710	1,660	0	50
Local government	5,100	5,070	5,240	30	-140
Indian tribal	1,870	1,880	1,880	-10	-10
Local education	1,910	1,830	2,020	80	-110
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,320	1,360	1,340	-40	-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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