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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: September 2025

Federal Government Shutdown Pauses Employment Reports

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) suspended the monthly employment and unemployment reports for the nation, states, and metropolitan areas as of Oct. 1, 2025. Oregon counties' monthly jobs and unemployment rate for September are unavailable at this time. In the meantime, we will highlight data that we continue to produce and share as it becomes available. One such topic is federal government employment.

Federal Government Jobs in Oregon

Oregon had approximately 29,500 federal government jobs covered by unemployment benefits in the fourth quarter of 2024. That accounted for about 1.5% of all jobs in the state. Morrow County's share of federal government jobs was 0.8% which ranked in a three-way tie for 30th among Oregon's 36 counties. Umatilla County's share was just higher than Oregon's at 1.6%, tied for 15th highest.

Federal government jobs also tend to pay relatively high wages. Looking at annual average wages, jobs on federal government payrolls in Oregon paid nearly \$98,500 in 2024. That was 38% higher than the average annual wage for all jobs in Oregon. Umatilla County's 2024 federal annual average wage was \$100,226, which was 80% higher than for all jobs. Morrow County had a federal wage of \$84,505, just 18% higher than the annual average wage for all jobs. [Read more about federal government jobs in Oregon.](#)

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to publish the latest Oregon Job Vacancy Survey report on Oct. 23, and the next update on statewide trends on Wednesday, Nov. 19. We will update our [schedule of future releases](#) as federal services return.

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