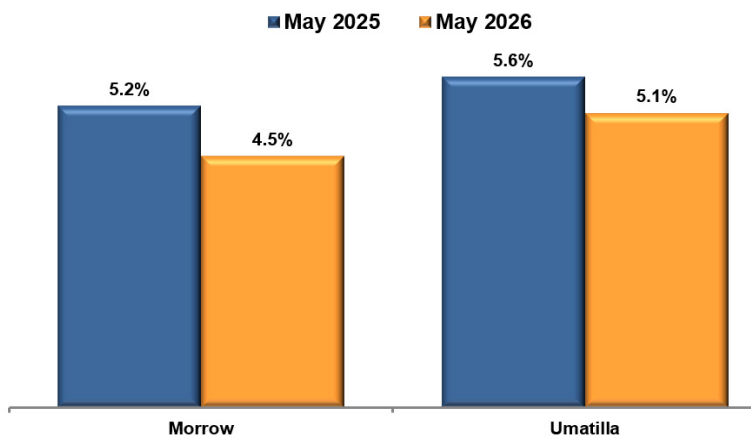


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)



Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS

Nonfarm Employment Change

May 2025 to May 2026

Morrow County lost an estimated 150 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 190 jobs and the public sector added 40 jobs. Notable job gains over the year came from local government, and private education and health services. Losses were largely from manufacturing, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities.

Umatilla County gained an estimated 510 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 350 jobs and the public sector by 160 positions. Information; private education and health services; and local government largely led gains. Notable losses came from transportation, warehousing, and utilities, and durable goods.

Unemployment Rate

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2026 showed a slight increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous month, while Umatilla County's rate stayed the same.

Both counties' rates were below Oregon's statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 5.2%. Additionally, both counties' rates were above the national rate of 4.3%.

Morrow

Umatilla

Morrow		Umatilla	
Total Nonfarm Employment	(150)	Total Nonfarm Employment	510
Local Government	40	Information	300
Private Education / Health Services	20	Private Education / Health Services	220
Professional / Business Services	10	Local Government	180
Manufacturing	(80)	Transportation / Warehousing / Utilities	(130)
Transportation / Warehousing / Utilities	(40)	Durable Goods	(90)
Leisure / Hospitality	(30)	Accommodation / Food Services	(30)

Source: Oregon Employment Department, CES

News and Articles

[Earn While You Learn... With Apprenticeship Training](#) by Jeremy Robertson

[Oregon's Minimum Wage Jobs](#) by Anna Johnson

[Business Entry and Exit in Oregon](#) by Bingjie Kong

[Oregon's Youth in the Labor Force](#) by Nelson Gomes

**Estimates of Minimum Wage Jobs by County
 Third Quarter 2025**

Jobs Paying Minimum

Area	Wage or Less	% of Total
Oregon	92,289	4.2%
Harney	177	6.4%
Morrow	491	6.0%
Malheur	870	5.6%
Grant	135	5.3%
Baker	318	5.2%
Wallowa	164	5.0%
Union	465	4.1%
Umatilla	1,504	3.8%

Source: Oregon Employment Department, Unemployment Insurance Wage Records

Want to learn more about the Oregon economy?

Eastern Oregon: Qualityinfo.org/eastern-oregon

Statewide: QualityInfo.org

For questions, information requests, or to be added to the monthly distribution list, contact:

Jeremy Robertson, Workforce Analyst

Cell: (971) 718-4478

E-mail: Jeremy.E.Robertson@employ.oregon.gov

