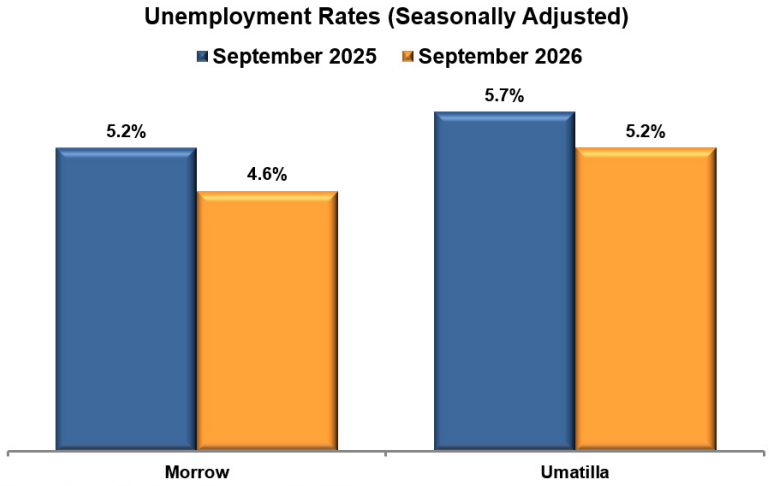
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Columbia Basin Economic Indicators

Morrow and Umatilla
October 2026 (September Data)



Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS

Unemployment Rate

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2026 remained the same from the previous month, while Umatilla County's rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point.

Oregon's statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 5% remained between the two counties' rates. Both Morrow and Umatilla counties stayed above the national rate of 4.2%.

Nonfarm Employment Change

September 2025 to September 2026

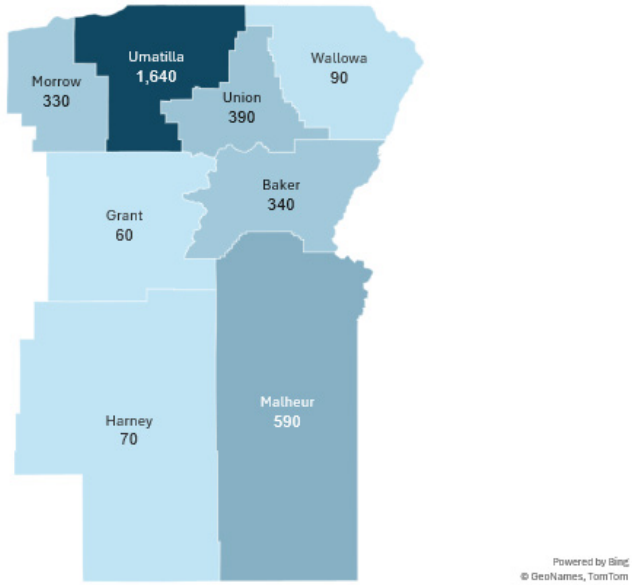
Morrow County employment showed no estimated total employment change over the year. The private sector increased by 30 jobs and the public sector lost 30 jobs. The only job gains over the year came from construction, and private education and health services. The largest losses came from professional and business services.

Umatilla County employment lost an estimated 140 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 80 jobs and the public sector decreased by 60. Information; private education and health services; and Indian tribal led gains. Notable losses came from local education, and accommodation and food services.

	Morrow		Umatilla	
	Total Nonfarm Employment	0	Total Nonfarm Employment	(140)
	Construction	100	Information	180
↑	Private Education / Health Services	20	Private Education / Health Services	170
	-	-	Indian Tribal	130
	Profession / Business Services	(50)	Local Education	(180)
↓	Manufacturing	(30)	Accommodation / Food Services	(150)
	Local Government	(30)	Retail Trade	(120)

Source: Oregon Employment Department, CES

September Eastern Oregon Help Wanted Online Ads



Source: Oregon Employment Department, The Conference Board-Lightcast Help Wanted Online

News and Articles

2026 Oregon Wage Information by Jason Payton

The Diversity of Oregon's Industries by Molly Hendrickson

Career Spotlight: Software Developers by James Scanlan

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