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## **Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: April 2026**

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.3% in April and 4.5% in March. The county has the third lowest rate among Oregon's 36 counties. Morrow County's rate is down from 4.8% in April 2025. The Oregon rate held steady at 5.2% in April and the U.S. rate was 4.3%.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment decreased by 30 in April, bringing the total to 5,630. In the not seasonally adjusted industries, there was a gain of 40 jobs in professional and business services. The largest loss occurred in local government (-20).

Over the year since April 2025, Morrow County's total employment decreased by 100, with a loss of 130 jobs in the private sector. The largest losses were in manufacturing (-70); trade, transportation, and utilities (-70); and leisure and hospitality (-30). The largest gains occurred in professional and business services (+50), and private health and education services (+20). Public-sector employment rose by 40 over the year, with all those jobs added in local government.

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.1% in April and 5.2% in March. The county's unemployment rate is up slightly from 5.0% in April 2025. The Oregon rate held steady at 5.2% in April and the U.S. rate was 4.3%.

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment added 20 jobs in April to reach 30,690. In the not seasonally adjusted industries, the largest gains were in leisure and hospitality (+60), and manufacturing (+30). The largest losses occurred in trade, transportation, and utilities (-20). Public-sector employment increased by 40.

Over the year ending April 2026, Umatilla County's employment increased by 810. In the private sector, there were significant losses in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-170). Most other private-sector industries added jobs over the year. The largest gains were in information (+290), private education and health services (+210), manufacturing (+140), and retail trade (+90). In the public sector, the largest gains were in local government (+180), and local education (+110).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, June 17, and May county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, June 23.



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### Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2026	March 2026	April 2025	March 2026	April 2025
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	6,106	6,066	6,171	40	-65
Unemployed	226	264	279	-38	-53
Unemployment rate	3.7%	4.4%	4.5%	-0.7	-0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.3%	4.5%	4.8%	-0.2	-0.5
Employed	5,880	5,802	5,892	78	-12
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	5,660	5,630	5,750	30	-90
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,630	5,660	5,730	-30	-100
Total private	4,550	4,510	4,680	40	-130
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	390	390	380	0	10
Manufacturing	1,440	1,430	1,510	10	-70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	790	800	860	-10	-70
Wholesale trade	80	80	90	0	-10
Retail trade	290	290	310	0	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	420	430	460	-10	-40
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	260	220	210	40	50
Private education and health services	340	340	320	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	200	200	230	0	-30
Government	1,110	1,120	1,070	-10	40
Federal government	50	40	50	10	0
State government	50	50	50	0	0
Local government	1,010	1,030	970	-20	40

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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	April 2026	March 2026	April 2025	March 2026	April 2025
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	37,469	37,504	36,639	-35	830
Unemployed	1,740	1,994	1,971	-254	-231
Unemployment rate	4.6%	5.3%	5.4%	-0.7	-0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.2%	5.0%	-0.1	0.1
Employed	35,729	35,510	34,668	219	1,061
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	30,730	30,530	29,920	200	810
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,690	30,670	29,880	20	810
Total private	22,580	22,420	21,920	160	660
Mining, logging, and construction	1,680	1,610	1,600	70	80
Manufacturing	2,520	2,490	2,380	30	140
Durable goods	1,040	1,020	1,090	20	-50
Nondurable goods	1,480	1,470	1,290	10	190
Food manufacturing	1,170	1,170	970	0	200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,610	6,630	6,700	-20	-90
Wholesale trade	970	950	980	20	-10
Retail trade	3,370	3,380	3,280	-10	90
Food and beverage retailers	710	710	700	0	10
General merchandise retailers	970	970	920	0	50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,270	2,300	2,440	-30	-170
Information	1,150	1,140	860	10	290
Financial activities	900	900	850	0	50
Professional and business services	1,320	1,310	1,340	10	-20
Private education and health services	4,760	4,750	4,550	10	210
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,120	1,100	1,050	20	70
Leisure and hospitality	2,890	2,830	2,880	60	10
Accommodation and food services	2,710	2,670	2,720	40	-10
Other services	750	760	760	-10	-10
Government	8,150	8,110	8,000	40	150
Federal government	420	420	480	0	-60
State government	1,720	1,710	1,690	10	30
Local government	6,010	5,980	5,830	30	180
Indian tribal	1,880	1,860	1,810	20	70
Local education	2,980	3,000	2,870	-20	110
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,150	1,120	1,150	30	0

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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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