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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: July 2026

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.6% in July and 4.5% in June. At 4.6%, Morrow has the fifth lowest rate among Oregon's 36 counties. Morrow County's rate is down from 5.1% in July 2025. The Oregon rate held steady at 5.2% in July, and the U.S. rate was 4.1%.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment decreased by 10 in July, bringing the total to 5,720. The private sector dropped 20 jobs over the month, and the public sector had a seasonal loss of 150 jobs.

Over the year since July 2025, Morrow County's total employment increased by 90, with a gain of 130 jobs in the private sector. The largest losses were in trade, transportation, and utilities (-40), and professional and business services (-30). The largest gains were in construction (+100), and manufacturing (+60). Public-sector employment decreased by 40 over the year, with all those jobs lost in local government.

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 5.3% in July. The county's unemployment rate is down slightly from 5.7% in July 2025. The Oregon rate held steady at 5.2% in July, and the U.S. rate was 4.1%.

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 20 jobs over the month, bringing the total to 30,090. In the not seasonally adjusted industries, the largest loss in the private sector occurred in manufacturing (-40). The largest gains were in leisure and hospitality (+90), and private education and health services (+40). Total government employment decreased by 750 over the month. There was a seasonal loss of 930 jobs in local education, and gains in local government (+80), and Indian tribal (+70).

Over the year ending July 2026, Umatilla County's employment decreased by 50. In the private sector, there were significant losses in leisure and hospitality (-240); mining, logging, and construction (-140); manufacturing (-140); and retail trade (-130). Over the year, the largest gains were in information (+220), private education and health services (+210), professional and business services (+150), and wholesale trade (+110). The public sector added 40 jobs over the year. The largest loss was in local education (-80), and the largest gain was in Indian tribal (+110).

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, Sep. 16, and August county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, Sep. 22.



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Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2026	June 2026	July 2025	June 2026	July 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,143	6,172	6,306	-29	-163
Unemployed	311	306	341	5	-30
Unemployment rate	5.1%	5.0%	5.4%	0.1	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>4.5%</i>	<i>5.1%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-0.5</i>
Employed	5,832	5,866	5,965	-34	-133
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,650	5,820	5,560	-170	90
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5,720</i>	<i>5,730</i>	<i>5,630</i>	<i>-10</i>	<i>90</i>
Total private	4,720	4,740	4,590	-20	130
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	490	490	390	0	100
Manufacturing	1,560	1,580	1,500	-20	60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	800	800	840	0	-40
Wholesale trade	100	90	100	10	0
Retail trade	300	290	300	10	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	400	420	440	-20	-40
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	180	170	210	10	-30
Private education and health services	340	350	320	-10	20
Leisure and hospitality	220	220	230	0	-10
Government	930	1,080	970	-150	-40
Federal government	60	50	60	10	0
State government	50	50	50	0	0
Local government	820	980	860	-160	-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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	July 2026	June 2026	July 2025	June 2026	July 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,182	37,572	38,010	-390	-828
Unemployed	2,088	2,031	2,251	57	-163
Unemployment rate	5.6%	5.4%	5.9%	0.2	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.3%	5.7%	0.0	-0.4
Employed	35,094	35,541	35,759	-447	-665
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	29,840	30,500	29,880	-660	-40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,090	30,070	30,140	20	-50
Total private	22,500	22,410	22,580	90	-80
Mining, logging, and construction	1,560	1,550	1,700	10	-140
Manufacturing	2,470	2,510	2,610	-40	-140
Durable goods	960	970	1,060	-10	-100
Nondurable goods	1,510	1,540	1,550	-30	-40
Food manufacturing	1,200	1,220	1,220	-20	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,620	6,640	6,710	-20	-90
Wholesale trade	1,080	1,070	970	10	110
Retail trade	3,170	3,190	3,300	-20	-130
Food and beverage retailers	660	660	720	0	-60
General merchandise retailers	850	880	900	-30	-50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,370	2,380	2,440	-10	-70
Information	1,210	1,200	990	10	220
Financial activities	860	860	870	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,420	1,410	1,270	10	150
Private education and health services	4,790	4,750	4,580	40	210
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,090	1,100	1,020	-10	70
Leisure and hospitality	2,870	2,780	3,110	90	-240
Accommodation and food services	2,620	2,640	2,760	-20	-140
Other services	700	710	740	-10	-40
Government	7,340	8,090	7,300	-750	40
Federal government	490	460	500	30	-10
State government	1,720	1,720	1,730	0	-10
Local government	5,130	5,910	5,070	-780	60
Indian tribal	2,000	1,930	1,890	70	110
Local education	1,730	2,660	1,810	-930	-80
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,400	1,320	1,370	80	30

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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.

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