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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: August 2026

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

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 70 in August, bringing the total to 5,820. The private sector added 30 jobs over the month, and the public sector had a gain of 40 jobs in local government.

Over the year since August 2025, Morrow County's total employment increased by 110, with a gain of 180 jobs in the private sector. The largest losses were in professional and business services (-30). The largest gains were in construction (+120) and manufacturing (+80). Public-sector employment decreased by 70 over the year, with all those jobs lost in local government.

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 5.3% in August. The county's unemployment rate is down from 5.7% in August 2025. The Oregon rate was 5.1% in August, and the U.S. rate was 4.1%.

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was flat over the month. In the not seasonally adjusted industries, the private sector lost 40 jobs. The largest loss was in leisure and hospitality (-90), and the largest gain was in mining, logging, and construction (+30). Total government employment increased by 30 over the month. The largest gain was in local government (+40).

Over the year ending August 2026, Umatilla County's employment decreased by 20. In the private sector, there were significant losses in leisure and hospitality (-180); trade, transportation, and utilities (-110); mining, logging, and construction (-100); and manufacturing (-100). Over the year, the largest gains were in private education and health services (+190), information (+170), and professional and business services (+140). The public sector added 40 jobs over the year. The largest loss was in local education (-100), and the largest gain was in Indian tribal (+140).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, Oct. 14, and September county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, Oct. 20.



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Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	August 2026	July 2026	August 2025	--Change From--	
				July 2026	August 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,264	6,160	6,153	104	111
Unemployed	295	308	307	-13	-12
Unemployment rate	4.7%	5.0%	5.0%	-0.3	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>-0.6</i>
Employed	5,969	5,852	5,846	117	123
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,750	5,680	5,640	70	110
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5,820</i>	<i>5,750</i>	<i>5,710</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>110</i>
Total private	4,780	4,750	4,600	30	180
Mining and logging	40	30	30	10	10
Construction	500	490	380	10	120
Manufacturing	1,590	1,590	1,510	0	80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	810	800	820	10	-10
Wholesale trade	100	100	90	0	10
Retail trade	300	300	300	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	410	400	430	10	-20
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	190	180	220	10	-30
Private education and health services	340	340	330	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	220	220	220	0	0
Government	970	930	1,040	40	-70
Federal government	60	60	60	0	0
State government	50	50	50	0	0
Local government	860	820	930	40	-70

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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	August 2026	July 2026	August 2025	July 2026	August 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,865	37,194	38,679	671	-814
Unemployed	1,936	2,070	2,066	-134	-130
Unemployment rate	5.1%	5.6%	5.3%	-0.5	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.3%	5.7%	0.0	-0.4
Employed	35,929	35,124	36,613	805	-684
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	29,820	29,830	29,840	-10	-20
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,080	30,080	30,100	0	-20
Total private	22,480	22,520	22,540	-40	-60
Mining, logging, and construction	1,590	1,560	1,690	30	-100
Manufacturing	2,470	2,470	2,570	0	-100
Durable goods	960	960	1,060	0	-100
Nondurable goods	1,510	1,510	1,510	0	0
Food manufacturing	1,210	1,200	1,190	10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,620	6,640	6,730	-20	-110
Wholesale trade	1,070	1,080	980	-10	90
Retail trade	3,150	3,180	3,250	-30	-100
Food and beverage retailers	660	660	700	0	-40
General merchandise retailers	860	860	890	0	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,400	2,380	2,500	20	-100
Information	1,210	1,210	1,040	0	170
Financial activities	870	860	880	10	-10
Professional and business services	1,450	1,430	1,310	20	140
Private education and health services	4,800	4,780	4,610	20	190
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,100	1,090	1,040	10	60
Leisure and hospitality	2,780	2,870	2,960	-90	-180
Accommodation and food services	2,640	2,620	2,820	20	-180
Other services	690	700	750	-10	-60
Government	7,340	7,310	7,300	30	40
Federal government	480	490	500	-10	-20
State government	1,720	1,720	1,710	0	10
Local government	5,140	5,100	5,090	40	50
Indian tribal	2,010	2,000	1,870	10	140
Local education	1,780	1,700	1,880	80	-100
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,350	1,400	1,340	-50	10

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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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