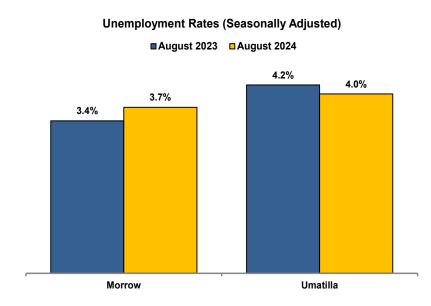
# Columbia Basin Economic Indicators

Morrow and Umatilla
September 2024 (August Data)



### **Unemployment Rate News**

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2024 was 3.7%, while Umatilla County came in at 4.0%. Both counties' rates were below or equal to Oregon's statewide rate of 4.0% and below the national rate of 4.2%.

Morrow County's rate ranked in a four-way tie for sixth lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Umatilla County's ranked in a five-way tie for 13th.

Umatilla County's rate was below its August 2023 rate while Morrow County's was up over the year.

Umatilla County's August 2024 rate was its lowest August rate since comparable statistics began in 1990. Morrow County's was its second lowest August rate behind only August 2023. Over the same period, Umatilla County's rate tied for its second lowest rate for any month.

# Nonfarm Employment Change

August 2023 to August 2024

Morrow County lost an estimated 10 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 190 jobs. Construction saw the largest gains followed by manufacturing and private education and health services. Losses were confined to leisure and hospitality. The public sector dropped 200 jobs with losses in local government and federal government while state government went unchanged.

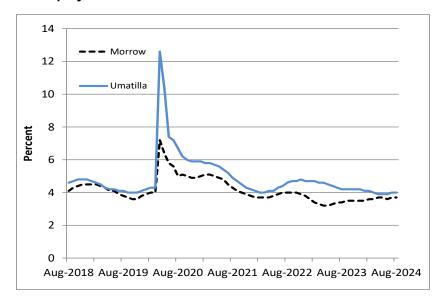
Umatilla County employment decreased by an estimated 230 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 370 jobs. Gains were led by private education and health services; mining, logging, and construction; and manufacturing. Professional and business services and retail trade led losses. The public sector added 140 jobs with gains in local education, federal government, and state government overwhelming a loss in Indian tribal.

# **Notable Industry Gains and Losses**

Over-the-Year Employment Change from August 2023

#### Umatilla Morrow Construction (+80) Private Education/Health Services (+180) Manufacturing (+40) Local Education (+120) Private Education/Health Services Mining/Logging/Construction (+80) (+40)Manufacturing (+70) Professional/Business Services (+20) Information (+30) Other Services (+30) Professional/Business Services (-650) Local Government (-190) Retail Trade (-100) Leisure/Hospitality (-20) Leisure/Hospitality (-30) Federal Government (-10) Indian Tribal (-30) Financial Activities (-20)

#### Unemployment rates remain near historical lows



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