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## **Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: March 2024**

### **Unemployment Rates Remain Low in March**

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to 3.9% in March. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed ninth, tied with Clatsop County. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.2 percentage points.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 30,450 in March, a gain of 200 jobs. Private industry added 140 jobs in March, climbing to 22,650, and government added 60, rising to 7,800. Mining, logging, and construction increased its total in March, climbing to 1,420, a gain of 40. Private education and health services also added 40 jobs, rising to 4,190. Private job losses among major sectors were confined to transportation, warehousing, and utilities, cutting 10 jobs. In the public sector, local education rose by 20 jobs, climbing to 2,730, federal government also added 20, and state government and Indian tribal each added 10.

Umatilla County's total private industry employment rose by 610 jobs over the year ending in March (+2.5%). Professional and business services led private-industry growth, rising by 330 jobs thanks in part to a non-economic code change (a correction or reclassification in our administrative records). Transportation, warehousing, and utilities increased its total by 150 jobs (+6.4%). Mining, logging, and construction; and private education and health services each rose by 60. Retail trade cut 40 jobs over the year, while manufacturing and other services each lost 20. Government employment increased by 60 jobs over the year, led by a gain of 70 in Indian tribal. Federal government rose by 30 jobs, other local government increased its total by 20, and local education cut 60.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose 0.1 percentage point in March to 3.6%, ranking fourth among Oregon counties. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.5 percentage point.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose to 5,690 in March, a gain of 10 jobs. Private industry increased its total to 4,600 in March, a gain of 40, while government cut 30, falling to 1,090. Manufacturing rose by 20 jobs in March to reach 1,580. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+10) and leisure and hospitality (+10) also added jobs. No private industries cut jobs in March. In the public sector, local government dropped by 30 jobs and federal government added 10.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 130 jobs over the year ending in March (+2.0%). Private industry's over-the-year growth was led by manufacturing (+30) and professional and business services (+20). Losses were led by private education and health services, down 20. Government employment rose by 40 jobs over the year, with local government (+30) and federal government (+10) adding jobs while state government held steady.

### Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 21, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Wednesday, May 15.

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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**Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment**

	--Change From--				
	March 2024	February 2024	March 2023	February 2024	March 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	6,222	6,026	6,073	196	149
Unemployed	253	249	190	4	63
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.1%	3.1%	0.0	1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.6%	3.5%	4.1%	0.1	-0.5
Employed	5,969	5,777	5,883	192	86
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	5,690	5,680	5,560	10	130
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,710	5,730	5,580	-20	130
Total private	4,600	4,560	4,510	40	90
Mining and logging	20	20	30	0	-10
Construction	220	220	210	0	10
Manufacturing	1,580	1,560	1,550	20	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	860	850	860	10	0
Wholesale trade	110	110	110	0	0
Retail trade	300	300	290	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	450	440	460	10	-10
Financial activities	80	80	70	0	10
Professional and business services	360	360	340	0	20
Private education and health services	280	280	300	0	-20
Leisure and hospitality	260	250	250	10	10
Government	1,090	1,120	1,050	-30	40
Federal government	60	50	50	10	10
State government	50	50	50	0	0
Local government	980	1,020	950	-40	30

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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<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	39,207	38,805	38,078	402	1,129
Unemployed	1,724	1,900	1,446	-176	278
Unemployment rate	4.4%	4.9%	3.8%	-0.5	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.9%	3.8%	5.1%	0.1	-1.2
Employed	37,483	36,905	36,632	578	851
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	30,450	30,250	29,840	200	610
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,510	30,550	29,920	-40	590
Total private	22,650	22,510	22,100	140	550
Mining, logging, and construction	1,420	1,380	1,360	40	60
Manufacturing	2,580	2,560	2,610	20	-30
Durable goods	1,070	1,060	1,080	10	-10
Nondurable goods	1,510	1,500	1,530	10	-20
Food manufacturing	1,130	1,130	1,170	0	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,850	6,850	6,700	0	150
Wholesale trade	960	950	920	10	40
Retail trade	3,400	3,400	3,440	0	-40
Food and beverage retailers	720	730	710	-10	10
General merchandise retailers	950	960	920	-10	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,490	2,500	2,340	-10	150
Information	730	730	700	0	30
Financial activities	880	870	890	10	-10
Professional and business services	2,450	2,440	2,120	10	330
Private education and health services	4,190	4,150	4,130	40	60
Nursing and residential care facilities	940	930	930	10	10
Leisure and hospitality	2,770	2,750	2,780	20	-10
Accommodation and food services	2,630	2,620	2,650	10	-20
Other services	780	780	810	0	-30
Government	7,800	7,740	7,740	60	60
Federal government	480	460	450	20	30
State government	1,580	1,570	1,580	10	0
Local government	5,740	5,710	5,710	30	30
Indian tribal	1,860	1,850	1,790	10	70
Local education	2,730	2,710	2,790	20	-60
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,150	1,150	1,130	0	20

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