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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: May 2024

Unemployment Rates Held Steady in May

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 3.9% in May. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed eighth, tied with Clatsop and Malheur counties. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.6 percentage point.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 31,090 in May, a gain of 80 jobs. Private industry added 40 jobs in May, climbing to 23,250, and government added 40, rising to 7,840. Leisure and hospitality increased its total in May, climbing to 2,830, a gain of 40. Retail trade and mining, logging, and construction each added 20 jobs. Private job losses were led by professional and business services, cutting 40 jobs. In the public sector, federal government and local education each added 20 jobs, Indian tribal rose by 10, state government cut 10, and other local government held steady.

Umatilla County's total private industry employment rose by 790 jobs over the year ending in May (+3.5%). Professional and business services led private-industry growth, rising by 240 jobs thanks in part to a non-economic code change (a correction or reclassification in our administrative records). Private education and health services increased by 150 jobs (+3.6%). Mining, logging, and construction added 140 jobs; transportation, warehousing, and utilities rose by 130; and manufacturing increased by 110. Retail trade and leisure and hospitality each cut 20 jobs over the year and other services lost 10. Government employment increased by 50 jobs over the year, led by a gain of 70 in state government. Indian tribal rose by 30 jobs and federal government increased by 10, while local education cut 40 and other local government fell by 20 jobs.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in May at 3.7%, ranking in a tie for fourth among Oregon counties with Washington County. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.5 percentage point.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose to 5,780 in May, a gain of 10 jobs. Private industry decreased by 10 jobs, falling to 4,690 jobs, while government added 20, climbing to 1,090. Manufacturing and professional and business services led losses, each down 30 jobs. Gains were confined to retail trade and leisure and hospitality, each up 10 jobs. In the public sector, local government added 20 jobs while federal government rose by 10 and state government cut 10.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 200 jobs over the year ending in May (+4.5%). Private industry's over-the-year growth was led by manufacturing (+130) and construction (+40). Small losses were spread across several industries. Government employment fell by 20 jobs over the year, with state government (-10) and local government (-10) shedding jobs while federal government held steady.

Next Press Releases

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

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--				
	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024	May 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,225	6,313	6,095	-88	130
Unemployed	198	210	169	-12	29
Unemployment rate	3.2%	3.3%	2.8%	-0.1	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.7%	3.7%	3.2%	0.0	0.5
Employed	6,027	6,103	5,926	-76	101
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,780	5,770	5,600	10	180
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,770	5,800	5,590	-30	180
Total private	4,690	4,700	4,490	-10	200
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	220	220	180	0	40
Manufacturing	1,650	1,680	1,520	-30	130
Trade, transportation, and utilities	860	850	870	10	-10
Wholesale trade	110	110	110	0	0
Retail trade	300	290	300	10	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	450	450	460	0	-10
Financial activities	70	70	80	0	-10
Professional and business services	320	350	340	-30	-20
Private education and health services	290	290	300	0	-10
Leisure and hospitality	260	250	260	10	0
Government	1,090	1,070	1,110	20	-20
Federal government	60	50	60	10	0
State government	40	50	50	-10	-10
Local government	990	970	1,000	20	-10

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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Civilian labor force	39,470	39,431	38,357	39	1,113
Unemployed	1,328	1,346	1,243	-18	85
Unemployment rate	3.4%	3.4%	3.2%	0.0	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.9%	3.9%	4.5%	0.0	-0.6
Employed	38,142	38,085	37,114	57	1,028
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	31,090	31,010	30,250	80	840
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,880	30,890	30,050	-10	830
Total private	23,250	23,210	22,460	40	790
Mining, logging, and construction	1,610	1,590	1,470	20	140
Manufacturing	2,750	2,770	2,640	-20	110
Durable goods	1,230	1,230	1,130	0	100
Nondurable goods	1,520	1,540	1,510	-20	10
Food manufacturing	1,150	1,170	1,140	-20	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,910	6,900	6,790	10	120
Wholesale trade	960	960	950	0	10
Retail trade	3,390	3,370	3,410	20	-20
Food and beverage retailers	720	720	720	0	0
General merchandise retailers	980	970	910	10	70
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,560	2,570	2,430	-10	130
Information	760	750	700	10	60
Financial activities	880	880	880	0	0
Professional and business services	2,380	2,420	2,140	-40	240
Private education and health services	4,340	4,340	4,190	0	150
Nursing and residential care facilities	970	970	950	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	2,830	2,790	2,850	40	-20
Accommodation and food services	2,670	2,630	2,700	40	-30
Other services	790	770	800	20	-10
Government	7,840	7,800	7,790	40	50
Federal government	500	480	490	20	10
State government	1,640	1,650	1,570	-10	70
Local government	5,700	5,670	5,730	30	-30
Indian tribal	1,850	1,840	1,820	10	30
Local education	2,700	2,680	2,740	20	-40
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,150	1,150	1,170	0	-20

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