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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: August 2024

Unemployment Rates Hold Steady in August

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 4.0% in August. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 13th, tied with four other counties. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage point. It ranked as the county's lowest August rate since comparable statistics began in 1990.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 29,590 in August, a gain of 70 jobs. Private industry added 80 jobs in August, climbing to 22,260, and government dropped 10, falling to 7,330. Professional and business services increased its total in August, climbing to 1,320, a gain of 40. Retail trade and leisure and hospitality each added 30 jobs. Private job losses were led by a drop of 50 jobs in manufacturing. In the public sector, other local government decreased by 110 jobs, local education increased by 100 jobs, federal government rose by 10, state government cut 10, and Indian tribal went unchanged.

Umatilla County's total private industry employment decreased by 370 jobs over the year ending in August (-1.6%). Professional and business services led private-industry decline, falling by 650 jobs resulting mostly from a non-economic code change (a correction or reclassification in our administrative records). Retail trade dropped 100 jobs and leisure and hospitality cut 30. Private education and health services increased by 180 jobs (+4.2%) over the year. Mining, logging, and construction added 80 and manufacturing rose by 70. Government employment increased by 140 jobs over the year, led by a gain of 120 in local education. Federal government rose by 30 jobs, state government increased by 20, while Indian tribal cut 30 jobs and other local government went unchanged.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in August at 3.7%, ranking in a four-way tie for sixth among Oregon counties. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.3 percentage point. It ranked as the county's second lowest August rate behind only August 2023.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose to 5,620 in August, a gain of 80 jobs. Private industry added 60 jobs, climbing to 4,800 jobs, while government increased by 20, rising to 820. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities increased by 20 jobs to lead gains. Losses were confined to leisure and

hospitality, down 10. In the public sector, local government added 20 jobs, while federal government and state government went unchanged.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 190 jobs over the year ending in August (+4.1%). Private industry's over-the-year growth was led by construction (+80), followed by manufacturing and private education and health services, each up 40. Losses were confined to leisure and hospitality, down 20. Government employment fell by 200 jobs over the year, with local government shedding 190 jobs and federal government cutting 10, while state government held steady.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Oct. 22, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 16.



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Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2024	July 2024	August 2023	July 2024	August 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,233	6,263	6,254	-30	-21
Unemployed	233	271	221	-38	12
Unemployment rate	3.7%	4.3%	3.5%	-0.6	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.7%	3.7%	3.4%	0.0	0.3
Employed	6,000	5,992	6,033	8	-33
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,620	5,540	5,630	80	-10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,570	5,570	5,590	0	-20
Total private	4,800	4,740	4,610	60	190
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	330	320	250	10	80
Manufacturing	1,620	1,620	1,580	0	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	880	840	880	40	0
Wholesale trade	110	100	110	10	0
Retail trade	300	290	300	10	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	470	450	470	20	0
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	390	380	370	10	20
Private education and health services	320	310	280	10	40
Leisure and hospitality	250	260	270	-10	-20
Government	820	800	1,020	20	-200
Federal government	70	70	80	0	-10
State government	50	50	50	0	0
Local government	700	680	890	20	-190

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 2024	July 2024	August 2023	July 2024	August 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	39,178	39,017	39,521	161	-343
Unemployed	1,544	1,717	1,546	-173	-2
Unemployment rate	3.9%	4.4%	3.9%	-0.5	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.0%	4.2%	0.0	-0.2
Employed	37,634	37,300	37,975	334	-341
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	29,590	29,520	29,820	70	-230
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	29,890	29,870	30,120	20	-230
Total private	22,260	22,180	22,630	80	-370
Mining, logging, and construction	1,610	1,600	1,530	10	80
Manufacturing	2,720	2,770	2,650	-50	70
Durable goods	1,190	1,220	1,060	-30	130
Nondurable goods	1,530	1,550	1,590	-20	-60
Food manufacturing	1,180	1,190	1,210	-10	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,860	6,820	6,920	40	-60
Wholesale trade	970	970	960	0	10
Retail trade	3,420	3,390	3,520	30	-100
Food and beverage retailers	720	720	730	0	-10
General merchandise retailers	950	940	950	10	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,470	2,460	2,440	10	30
Information	750	750	720	0	30
Financial activities	860	860	880	0	-20
Professional and business services	1,320	1,280	1,970	40	-650
Private education and health services	4,430	4,410	4,250	20	180
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,000	1,020	980	-20	20
Leisure and hospitality	2,900	2,870	2,930	30	-30
Accommodation and food services	2,760	2,730	2,790	30	-30
Other services	810	820	780	-10	30
Government	7,330	7,340	7,190	-10	140
Federal government	550	560	520	-10	30
State government	1,640	1,630	1,620	10	20
Local government	5,140	5,150	5,050	-10	90
Indian tribal	1,900	1,900	1,930	0	-30
Local education	1,950	1,850	1,830	100	120
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,290	1,400	1,290	-110	0

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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.

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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