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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: September 2024

Unemployment Rates Hold Steady in September

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 4.0% in September. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 13th, tied with three other counties. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage point. It tied with September 2019 as the county's lowest September rate since comparable statistics began in 1990.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 30,260 in September, a gain of 660 jobs. Private industry added 110 jobs in September, climbing to 22,370, and government increased by 550 to reach 7,890. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities increased its total in September, climbing to 2,560, a gain of 90. Leisure and hospitality, and professional and business services added 50 and 40 jobs, respectively. Private job losses were led by a drop of 30 jobs each in retail trade and mining, logging, and construction. In the public sector, local education increased by 640 jobs as schools started back up. State government also added jobs, up 20, while Indian tribal (-60), other local government (-40), and federal government (-10) lost jobs.

Umatilla County's total private industry employment decreased by 280 jobs over the year ending in September (-1.2%). Professional and business services led private-industry decline, falling by 620 jobs resulting mostly from a non-economic code change (a correction or reclassification in our administrative records). Retail trade dropped 90 jobs, and leisure and hospitality cut 40. Private education and health services increased by 240 jobs (+5.7%) over the year. Manufacturing added 80 and mining, logging, and construction rose by 70. Government employment increased by 150 jobs over the year, led by a gain of 80 in other local government. State government rose by 50 jobs, local education increased by 40, federal government added 30, while Indian tribal cut 50 jobs.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in September at 3.7%, ranking in a three-way tie for seventh among Oregon counties. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point. It tied with September 2019 as the county's second lowest September rate behind only September 2023.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment rose to 5,660 in September, a gain of 50 jobs. Private industry saw a net change of zero, remaining at 4,790 jobs, while government increased by 50, rising to 870. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities; and professional and business services increased by 10 jobs

each. Manufacturing and wholesale trade lost jobs, each down 10. In the public sector, local government added 60 jobs, while federal government dropped 10, and state government went unchanged.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 170 jobs over the year ending in September (+3.7%). Private industry's over-the-year growth was led by manufacturing (+60), followed by construction (+50), and private education and health services (+40). Losses were confined to wholesale trade, retail trade, and leisure and hospitality, down 10 each. Government employment fell by 260 jobs over the year, with local government shedding 250 jobs and federal government cutting 10, while state government held steady.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Nov. 19, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Thursday, Nov. 14.



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Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	September 2024	August 2024	September 2023	August 2024	September 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,255	6,233	6,249	22	6
Unemployed	210	231	191	-21	19
Unemployment rate	3.4%	3.7%	3.1%	-0.3	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.7%	3.7%	3.5%	0.0	0.2
Employed	6,045	6,002	6,058	43	-13
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,660	5,610	5,750	50	-90
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,570	5,560	5,660	10	-90
Total private	4,790	4,790	4,620	0	170
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	330	330	280	0	50
Manufacturing	1,610	1,620	1,550	-10	60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	880	880	880	0	0
Wholesale trade	100	110	110	-10	-10
Retail trade	300	300	310	0	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	480	470	460	10	20
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	400	390	390	10	10
Private education and health services	310	310	270	0	40
Leisure and hospitality	250	250	260	0	-10
Government	870	820	1,130	50	-260
Federal government	60	70	70	-10	-10
State government	50	50	50	0	0
Local government	760	700	1,010	60	-250

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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	September 2024	August 2024	September 2023	August 2024	September 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	39,392	39,175	39,425	217	-33
Unemployed	1,468	1,529	1,283	-61	185
Unemployment rate	3.7%	3.9%	3.3%	-0.2	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.0%	4.2%	0.0	-0.2
Employed	37,924	37,646	38,142	278	-218
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	30,260	29,600	30,390	660	-130
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	29,970	29,900	30,090	70	-120
Total private	22,370	22,260	22,650	110	-280
Mining, logging, and construction	1,580	1,610	1,510	-30	70
Manufacturing	2,710	2,730	2,630	-20	80
Durable goods	1,180	1,190	1,060	-10	120
Nondurable goods	1,530	1,540	1,570	-10	-40
Food manufacturing	1,170	1,180	1,190	-10	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,900	6,860	6,940	40	-40
Wholesale trade	950	970	930	-20	20
Retail trade	3,390	3,420	3,480	-30	-90
Food and beverage retailers	720	720	730	0	-10
General merchandise retailers	950	950	950	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,560	2,470	2,530	90	30
Information	750	750	740	0	10
Financial activities	860	860	870	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,350	1,310	1,970	40	-620
Private education and health services	4,450	4,430	4,210	20	240
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,000	1,000	950	0	50
Leisure and hospitality	2,950	2,900	2,990	50	-40
Accommodation and food services	2,810	2,760	2,840	50	-30
Other services	820	810	790	10	30
Government	7,890	7,340	7,740	550	150
Federal government	540	550	510	-10	30
State government	1,660	1,640	1,610	20	50
Local government	5,690	5,150	5,620	540	70
Indian tribal	1,840	1,900	1,890	-60	-50
Local education	2,600	1,960	2,560	640	40
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,250	1,290	1,170	-40	80

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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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