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

### **Unemployment Rates Remain Low in October**

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to 4.1% in October. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County tied with Clatsop County for 16th. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point. It was the county's second lowest October rate since comparable statistics began in 1990, behind only October 2019.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total held steady at 30,360 in October. Private industry dropped 200 jobs in October, falling to 22,360, and government increased by 200 to reach 8,000. Leisure and hospitality decreased its total in October, falling to 2,930, a loss of 110. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities; information; and private education and health services each dropped 20 jobs. Private job gains were confined to durable goods manufacturing and mining, logging, and construction, up 20 and 10 jobs, respectively. In the public sector, local education increased by 280 jobs, Indian tribal held steady, and other local government (-40), state government (-20), and federal government (-20) lost jobs.

Umatilla County's total private industry employment decreased by 110 jobs over the year ending in October (-0.5%). Professional and business services led private-industry decline, falling by 520 jobs resulting mostly from a non-economic code change (a correction or reclassification in our administrative records). Nondurable goods dropped 60 jobs, and retail trade and financial activities cut 50 each. Private education and health services increased by 230 jobs (+5.4%) over the year. Leisure and hospitality added 90 and wholesale trade rose by 70. Government employment increased by 20 jobs over the year, led by a gain of 40 in state government. Federal government rose by 30 jobs, other local government increased by 20, local education dropped 50, and Indian tribal cut 20 jobs.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point in October to 3.8%, ranking in a tie with Clackamas County for eighth 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 third lowest October rate behind only October 2023 and October 2019.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment fell to 5,650 in October, a loss of 40 jobs. Private industry decreased by 50 jobs, dropping to 4,750 jobs, while government increased by 10, rising to 900.

Professional and business services decreased by 40 jobs to lead losses. Mining and logging, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities added jobs, each up 10. In the public sector, local government and state government each added 10 jobs, while federal government dropped 10.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 110 jobs over the year ending in October (+2.4%). Private industry's over-the-year growth was led by construction (+50), followed by private education and health services (+40). Losses were led by leisure and hospitality, down 40 jobs. Government employment fell by 220 jobs over the year, with local government shedding 210 jobs and federal government cutting 10, while state government held steady.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Dec. 24, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Wednesday, Dec. 18.



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## Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2024	September 2024	October 2023	September 2024	October 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	6,250	6,263	6,226	-13	24
Unemployed	206	207	193	-1	13
Unemployment rate	3.3%	3.3%	3.1%	0.0	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>3.8%</i>	<i>3.7%</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Employed	6,044	6,056	6,033	-12	11
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	5,650	5,690	5,760	-40	-110
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5,590</i>	<i>5,600</i>	<i>5,700</i>	<i>-10</i>	<i>-110</i>
Total private	4,750	4,800	4,640	-50	110
Mining and logging	30	20	30	10	0
Construction	340	340	290	0	50
Manufacturing	1,580	1,580	1,570	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	880	880	890	0	-10
Wholesale trade	100	100	110	0	-10
Retail trade	310	320	300	-10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	470	460	480	10	-10
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	370	410	360	-40	10
Private education and health services	320	320	280	0	40
Leisure and hospitality	220	230	260	-10	-40
Government	900	890	1,120	10	-220
Federal government	50	60	60	-10	-10
State government	50	40	50	10	0
Local government	800	790	1,010	10	-210

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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## Umatilla County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	October 2024	September 2024	October 2023	September 2024	October 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	39,113	39,463	39,039	-350	74
Unemployed	1,408	1,456	1,319	-48	89
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.7%	3.4%	-0.1	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.0%	4.2%	0.1	-0.1
Employed	37,705	38,007	37,720	-302	-15
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	30,360	30,360	30,450	0	-90
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,090	30,070	30,160	20	-70
Total private	22,360	22,560	22,470	-200	-110
Mining, logging, and construction	1,600	1,590	1,550	10	50
Manufacturing	2,670	2,680	2,690	-10	-20
Durable goods	1,170	1,150	1,130	20	40
Nondurable goods	1,500	1,530	1,560	-30	-60
Food manufacturing	1,150	1,160	1,190	-10	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,940	6,960	6,910	-20	30
Wholesale trade	1,010	1,010	940	0	70
Retail trade	3,400	3,400	3,450	0	-50
Food and beverage retailers	730	730	720	0	10
General merchandise retailers	940	940	970	0	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,530	2,550	2,520	-20	10
Information	770	790	720	-20	50
Financial activities	830	840	880	-10	-50
Professional and business services	1,370	1,380	1,890	-10	-520
Private education and health services	4,460	4,480	4,230	-20	230
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,010	1,020	950	-10	60
Leisure and hospitality	2,930	3,040	2,840	-110	90
Accommodation and food services	2,790	2,900	2,710	-110	80
Other services	790	800	760	-10	30
Government	8,000	7,800	7,980	200	20
Federal government	530	550	500	-20	30
State government	1,660	1,680	1,620	-20	40
Local government	5,810	5,570	5,860	240	-50
Indian tribal	1,820	1,820	1,840	0	-20
Local education	2,790	2,510	2,840	280	-50
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,200	1,240	1,180	-40	20

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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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