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

### **Unemployment Rates Remain Low in November**

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 4.1% in November. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County tied with three other counties for 15th. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point. It was the county's second lowest November rate since comparable statistics began in 1990, behind only November 2019.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total held steady at 30,370 in November. Private industry held steady in November, remaining at 22,360, and government held steady at 8,010. Retail trade increased its total in November, climbing to 3,430, a gain of 40. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities also added 40 jobs, rising to 2,580. Private job losses were led by mining, logging, and construction, down 30 jobs, dropping to 1,570. In the public sector, local education increased by 60 jobs, while Indian tribal (-20), state government (-20), other local government (-10), and federal government (-10) lost jobs.

Umatilla County's total private industry employment decreased by 80 jobs over the year ending in November (-0.4%). Professional and business services led private-industry decline, falling by 360 jobs resulting mostly from a non-economic code change (a correction or reclassification in our administrative records). Retail trade dropped 70 jobs, and manufacturing and financial activities cut 40 each. Private education and health services increased by 230 jobs (+5.4%) over the year. Wholesale trade added 70, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities; information; and leisure and hospitality rose by 40 each. Government employment increased by 50 jobs over the year, led by a gain of 70 in other local government. Federal government rose by 40 jobs, state government increased by 20, local education dropped 70, and Indian tribal cut 10 jobs.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point in November to 3.7%, ranking in a tie with Malheur County for fifth among Oregon counties. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point. It ranked as the county's third lowest November rate behind only November 2023 and November 2019.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment fell to 5,620 in November, a loss of 20 jobs. Private industry decreased by 10 jobs, dropping to 4,740 jobs, and government also decreased by 10, falling to 880. Manufacturing decreased by 20 jobs to lead losses. Construction, professional and business services,

and private education and health services added jobs, each up 10. In the public sector, local government dropped 10 jobs while federal government and state government held steady.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 140 jobs over the year ending in November (+3.0%). Private industry's over-the-year growth was led by construction, and private education and health services, up 50 each. Losses were led by leisure and hospitality, down 30 jobs. Government employment fell by 230 jobs over the year, with local government shedding 210 jobs, and federal government and state government each cutting 10.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Jan. 28, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Thursday, Jan. 23.



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

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	November 2024	October 2024	November 2023	October 2024	November 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	6,053	6,230	6,045	-177	8
Unemployed	200	204	187	-4	13
Unemployment rate	3.3%	3.3%	3.1%	0.0	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.7%	3.8%	3.5%	-0.1	0.2
Employed	5,853	6,026	5,858	-173	-5
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	5,620	5,640	5,710	-20	-90
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,620	5,580	5,710	40	-90
Total private	4,740	4,750	4,600	-10	140
Mining and logging	20	30	30	-10	-10
Construction	350	340	300	10	50
Manufacturing	1,560	1,580	1,570	-20	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	870	880	860	-10	10
Wholesale trade	100	100	110	0	-10
Retail trade	310	310	290	0	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	460	470	460	-10	0
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	380	370	350	10	30
Private education and health services	330	320	280	10	50
Leisure and hospitality	220	220	250	0	-30
Government	880	890	1,110	-10	-230
Federal government	50	50	60	0	-10
State government	40	40	50	0	-10
Local government	790	800	1,000	-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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Civilian labor force	38,479	38,992	38,567	-513	-88
Unemployed	1,396	1,396	1,363	0	33
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.6%	3.5%	0.0	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	0.0	-0.1
Employed	37,083	37,596	37,204	-513	-121
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	30,370	30,370	30,400	0	-30
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,150	30,100	30,180	50	-30
Total private	22,360	22,360	22,440	0	-80
Mining, logging, and construction	1,570	1,600	1,580	-30	-10
Manufacturing	2,660	2,670	2,700	-10	-40
Durable goods	1,170	1,170	1,160	0	10
Nondurable goods	1,490	1,500	1,540	-10	-50
Food manufacturing	1,130	1,150	1,180	-20	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,020	6,940	6,980	80	40
Wholesale trade	1,010	1,010	940	0	70
Retail trade	3,430	3,390	3,500	40	-70
Food and beverage retailers	730	730	730	0	0
General merchandise retailers	950	940	1,000	10	-50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,580	2,540	2,540	40	40
Information	770	770	730	0	40
Financial activities	830	830	870	0	-40
Professional and business services	1,350	1,370	1,710	-20	-360
Private education and health services	4,470	4,460	4,240	10	230
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,010	1,010	970	0	40
Leisure and hospitality	2,910	2,930	2,870	-20	40
Accommodation and food services	2,780	2,790	2,720	-10	60
Other services	780	790	760	-10	20
Government	8,010	8,010	7,960	0	50
Federal government	520	530	480	-10	40
State government	1,640	1,660	1,620	-20	20
Local government	5,850	5,820	5,860	30	-10
Indian tribal	1,820	1,840	1,830	-20	-10
Local education	2,830	2,770	2,900	60	-70
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,200	1,210	1,130	-10	70

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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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