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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: February 2025

Unemployment Rates Rise in February

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.3 percentage point to 4.6% in February. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.5 percentage point. It tied as the county's fourth lowest February rate since comparable statistics began in 1990.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose by 90 jobs to 29,670 in February. Private industry decreased by 70 jobs in February, rising to 21,820, and government added 20 jobs to 7,850. Mining, logging, and construction increased its total in February, climbing to 1,480, a gain of 50. Leisure and hospitality added 30 jobs, rising to 2,850. Private job losses were led by transportation, warehousing, and utilities, down 90 jobs to 2,460. In the public sector, local education increased by 20 jobs, state government and other local government added 10 jobs each, federal government held steady, and Indian tribal dropped 20 jobs.

Umatilla County's total private industry employment increased by 90 jobs over the year ending in February (+0.4%). Private education and health services led private-industry gains, rising by 130 jobs (+3.0%), followed by professional and business services, up 100 jobs (+7.8%) over the year. Mining, logging, and construction, and wholesale trade added 50 jobs each. Manufacturing led losses, falling by 130 jobs (-4.9%). Retail trade dropped 100 jobs over the year. Government employment decreased by 90 jobs over the year, led by a loss of 120 in local education. Indian tribal fell by 20 jobs, state government increased by 30, other local government added 20, and federal government held steady.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.6 percentage point in February to 4.5%. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.9 percentage point.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment increased to 5,670 in February, a gain of 30 jobs. Private industry increased by 40 jobs, rising to 4,790 jobs, and government decreased by 10, slipping to 880. Construction, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities increased by 20 jobs each to lead gains. Professional and business services led losses, down 30 jobs. In the public sector, local government dropped 10 jobs, while state government and federal government held steady.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 180 jobs over the year ending in February (+3.9%). Private industry's over-the-year growth was led by a gain of 80 jobs in manufacturing, followed by gains in construction, and private education and health services, up 30 jobs each. Losses were led by transportation, warehousing, and utilities, down 30 jobs. Government employment fell by 220 jobs over the year, with local government shedding 230 jobs, federal government holding steady, and state government adding 10.

Next Press Releases

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



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Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2025	January 2025	February 2024	January 2025	February 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,174	5,879	5,964	295	210
Unemployed	501	310	313	191	188
Unemployment rate	8.1%	5.3%	5.2%	2.8	2.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	3.9%	3.6%	0.6	0.9
Employed	5,673	5,569	5,651	104	22
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,670	5,640	5,710	30	-40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,720	5,750	5,760	-30	-40
Total private	4,790	4,750	4,610	40	180
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	330	310	300	20	30
Manufacturing	1,590	1,590	1,510	0	80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	840	810	860	30	-20
Wholesale trade	110	100	110	10	0
Retail trade	300	300	290	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	430	410	460	20	-30
Financial activities	70	70	80	0	-10
Professional and business services	390	420	370	-30	20
Private education and health services	340	340	310	0	30
Leisure and hospitality	230	220	230	10	0
Government	880	890	1,100	-10	-220
Federal government	50	50	50	0	0
State government	50	50	40	0	10
Local government	780	790	1,010	-10	-230

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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	February 2025	January 2025	February 2024	January 2025	February 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	37,151	36,425	36,459	726	692
Unemployed	2,649	2,288	2,086	361	563
Unemployment rate	7.1%	6.3%	5.7%	0.8	1.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.3%	4.1%	0.3	0.5
Employed	34,502	34,137	34,373	365	129
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	29,670	29,580	29,670	90	0
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,000	30,060	30,000	-60	0
Total private	21,820	21,750	21,730	70	90
Mining, logging, and construction	1,480	1,430	1,430	50	50
Manufacturing	2,520	2,500	2,650	20	-130
Durable goods	1,060	1,050	1,230	10	-170
Nondurable goods	1,460	1,450	1,420	10	40
Food manufacturing	1,130	1,120	1,080	10	50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,790	6,850	6,890	-60	-100
Wholesale trade	1,020	1,010	970	10	50
Retail trade	3,310	3,290	3,410	20	-100
Food and beverage retailers	690	690	710	0	-20
General merchandise retailers	950	940	960	10	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,460	2,550	2,510	-90	-50
Information	790	790	750	0	40
Financial activities	840	830	850	10	-10
Professional and business services	1,390	1,400	1,290	-10	100
Private education and health services	4,400	4,380	4,270	20	130
Nursing and residential care facilities	970	960	970	10	0
Leisure and hospitality	2,850	2,820	2,820	30	30
Accommodation and food services	2,690	2,660	2,680	30	10
Other services	760	750	780	10	-20
Government	7,850	7,830	7,940	20	-90
Federal government	470	470	470	0	0
State government	1,660	1,650	1,630	10	30
Local government	5,720	5,710	5,840	10	-120
Indian tribal	1,800	1,820	1,820	-20	-20
Local education	2,760	2,740	2,880	20	-120
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,160	1,150	1,140	10	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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