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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: April 2024

Unemployment Rates Remain Low in April

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 4.0% in April. Ranked among Oregon's 36 counties, Umatilla County placed 10th, tied with Multnomah and Tillamook counties. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.6 percentage point.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total rose to 31,010 in April, a gain of 130 jobs. Private industry added 140 jobs in April, climbing to 23,210, and government dropped 10, falling to 7,800. Mining, logging, and construction increased its total in April, climbing to 1,590, a gain of 60. Leisure and hospitality added 40 jobs, rising to 2,790. Private job losses among major sectors were confined to manufacturing, cutting 10 jobs. In the public sector, local education fell by 20 jobs, dropping to 2,680. Federal government, Indian tribal, and other local government each added 10.

Umatilla County's total private industry employment rose by 870 jobs over the year ending in April (+3.9%). Professional and business services led private-industry growth, rising by 240 jobs thanks in part to a non-economic code change (a correction or reclassification in our administrative records). Private education and health services increased its total by 220 jobs (+5.3%). Mining, logging, and construction added 150 jobs; transportation, warehousing, and utilities rose by 140; and manufacturing increased by 110. Retail trade cut 30 jobs over the year and other services lost 20. Government employment increased by 30 jobs over the year, led by a gain of 70 in state government. Indian tribal rose by 30 jobs, federal government increased its total by 10, while local education cut 60 and other local government fell by 10 jobs.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose 0.1 percentage point in April to 3.7%, ranking in a tie for fourth among Oregon counties with Clackamas and Washington counties. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.5 percentage point.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment fell to 5,770 in April, a loss of 10 jobs. Private industry saw a net change of zero jobs to remain at 4,700 jobs, while government cut 10, falling to 1,070. Professional and business services rose by 20 jobs in April to reach 350. Manufacturing and retail trade led losses, each down 10 jobs. In the public sector, federal government dropped by 10 jobs while state government and local government went unchanged.

Morrow County's private-industry employment rose by 220 jobs over the year ending in April (+4.9%). Private industry's over-the-year growth was led by manufacturing (+130) and construction (+50). Small losses were spread across several industries. Government employment rose by 20 jobs over the year, with local government (+20) adding jobs while federal government and state government held steady.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 25, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Thursday, June 20.

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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Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024	April 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,322	6,279	6,093	43	229
Unemployed	211	249	160	-38	51
Unemployment rate	3.3%	4.0%	2.6%	-0.7	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.7%	3.6%	3.2%	0.1	0.5
Employed	6,111	6,030	5,933	81	178
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,770	5,780	5,530	-10	240
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,800	5,800	5,560	0	240
Total private	4,700	4,700	4,480	0	220
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	220	220	170	0	50
Manufacturing	1,680	1,690	1,550	-10	130
Trade, transportation, and utilities	850	860	860	-10	-10
Wholesale trade	110	110	100	0	10
Retail trade	290	300	300	-10	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	450	450	460	0	-10
Financial activities	70	70	80	0	-10
Professional and business services	350	330	330	20	20
Private education and health services	290	280	300	10	-10
Leisure and hospitality	250	250	250	0	0
Government	1,070	1,080	1,050	-10	20
Federal government	50	60	50	-10	0
State government	50	50	50	0	0
Local government	970	970	950	0	20

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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Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	39,498	39,660	37,593	-162	1,905
Unemployed	1,363	1,708	1,186	-345	177
Unemployment rate	3.5%	4.3%	3.2%	-0.8	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.0%	4.6%	0.0	-0.6
Employed	38,135	37,952	36,407	183	1,728
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	31,010	30,880	30,110	130	900
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,890	30,940	30,010	-50	880
Total private	23,210	23,070	22,340	140	870
Mining, logging, and construction	1,590	1,530	1,440	60	150
Manufacturing	2,770	2,780	2,660	-10	110
Durable goods	1,230	1,230	1,140	0	90
Nondurable goods	1,540	1,550	1,520	-10	20
Food manufacturing	1,170	1,180	1,150	-10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,900	6,870	6,770	30	130
Wholesale trade	960	950	940	10	20
Retail trade	3,370	3,360	3,400	10	-30
Food and beverage retailers	720	720	710	0	10
General merchandise retailers	970	960	910	10	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,570	2,560	2,430	10	140
Information	750	750	710	0	40
Financial activities	880	880	870	0	10
Professional and business services	2,420	2,400	2,180	20	240
Private education and health services	4,340	4,340	4,120	0	220
Nursing and residential care facilities	970	960	950	10	20
Leisure and hospitality	2,790	2,750	2,800	40	-10
Accommodation and food services	2,630	2,600	2,670	30	-40
Other services	770	770	790	0	-20
Government	7,800	7,810	7,770	-10	30
Federal government	480	470	470	10	10
State government	1,650	1,650	1,580	0	70
Local government	5,670	5,690	5,720	-20	-50
Indian tribal	1,840	1,830	1,810	10	30
Local education	2,680	2,720	2,750	-40	-70
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,150	1,140	1,160	10	-10

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