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Employment in Morrow & Umatilla Counties: January 2025

Unemployment Rates Rise but Remain Comparatively Low in January

Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to 4.3% in January. Over the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point. It ranked as the county's third lowest January rate since comparable statistics began in 1990.

Umatilla County's nonfarm employment total fell by 300 jobs to 29,610 in January. Private industry decreased by 320 jobs in January, falling to 21,780, and government added 20 jobs to 7,830. Mining, logging, and construction decreased its total in January, dropping to 1,430, a loss of 100. Leisure and hospitality lost 90 jobs, falling to 2,820, and retail trade fell by 80 jobs to 3,290. Private job gains were led by information, up 20 jobs. In the public sector, other local government increased by 20 jobs, Indian tribal and local education added 10 jobs each, federal government dropped 20 jobs, and state government held steady.

Umatilla County's total private industry employment increased by 80 jobs over the year ending in January (+0.4%). Professional and business services led private-industry gains, rising by 120 jobs (+9.4%), followed by private education and health services, up 110 jobs over the year. Transportation warehousing, and utilities increased by 100 jobs and wholesale trade added 60. Manufacturing led losses, falling by 210 jobs (-7.7%). Retail trade dropped 110 jobs over the year. Government employment decreased by 70 jobs over the year, led by a loss of 110 in local education. Indian tribal fell by 10 jobs, state government increased by 40, federal government added 10, and other local government held steady.

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point in January to 3.9%. Over the year, Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.4 percentage point. It tied as the county's fourth lowest January rate.

Morrow County's nonfarm employment held steady at 5,640 in January, a net change of zero jobs. Private industry increased by 10 jobs, rising to 4,750 jobs, and government decreased by 10, slipping to 890. Professional and business services increased by 40 jobs to lead gains. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities 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 80 jobs over the year ending in January (+1.7%). Private industry's over-the-year growth was led by a gain of 40 jobs in professional and business services, followed by gains in construction, and private education and health services, up 30 jobs each. Losses were led by transportation, warehousing, and utilities, down 50 jobs. Government employment fell by 200 jobs over the year, with local government shedding 200 jobs, federal government cutting 10, and state government adding 10.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 1, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Wednesday, March 26.



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Morrow County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	January 2025	December 2024	January 2024	December 2024	January 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	5,880	6,139	5,863	-259	17
Unemployed	310	256	270	54	40
Unemployment rate	5.3%	4.2%	4.6%	1.1	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>3.9%</i>	<i>3.8%</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Employed	5,570	5,883	5,593	-313	-23
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,640	5,640	5,760	0	-120
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5,750</i>	<i>5,650</i>	<i>5,870</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>-120</i>
Total private	4,750	4,740	4,670	10	80
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	310	310	280	0	30
Manufacturing	1,590	1,590	1,580	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	810	850	860	-40	-50
Wholesale trade	100	110	110	-10	-10
Retail trade	300	300	290	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	410	440	460	-30	-50
Financial activities	70	70	80	0	-10
Professional and business services	420	380	380	40	40
Private education and health services	340	330	310	10	30
Leisure and hospitality	220	230	230	-10	-10
Government	890	900	1,090	-10	-200
Federal government	50	50	60	0	-10
State government	50	50	40	0	10
Local government	790	800	990	-10	-200

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	36,379	36,268	36,065	111	314
Unemployed	2,293	1,744	2,066	549	227
Unemployment rate	6.3%	4.8%	5.7%	1.5	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.3%	4.2%	4.1%	0.1	0.2
Employed	34,086	34,524	33,999	-438	87
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	29,610	29,910	29,600	-300	10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	30,090	29,870	30,090	220	0
Total private	21,780	22,100	21,700	-320	80
Mining, logging, and construction	1,430	1,530	1,410	-100	20
Manufacturing	2,500	2,500	2,710	0	-210
Durable goods	1,050	1,040	1,210	10	-160
Nondurable goods	1,450	1,460	1,500	-10	-50
Food manufacturing	1,120	1,130	1,150	-10	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,880	7,010	6,830	-130	50
Wholesale trade	1,010	1,010	950	0	60
Retail trade	3,290	3,370	3,400	-80	-110
Food and beverage retailers	690	700	720	-10	-30
General merchandise retailers	940	970	970	-30	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,580	2,630	2,480	-50	100
Information	790	770	750	20	40
Financial activities	830	830	850	0	-20
Professional and business services	1,400	1,400	1,280	0	120
Private education and health services	4,380	4,390	4,270	-10	110
Nursing and residential care facilities	960	970	990	-10	-30
Leisure and hospitality	2,820	2,910	2,820	-90	0
Accommodation and food services	2,660	2,770	2,680	-110	-20
Other services	750	760	780	-10	-30
Government	7,830	7,810	7,900	20	-70
Federal government	470	490	460	-20	10
State government	1,650	1,650	1,610	0	40
Local government	5,710	5,670	5,830	40	-120
Indian tribal	1,820	1,810	1,830	10	-10
Local education	2,740	2,730	2,850	10	-110
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,150	1,130	1,150	20	0

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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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