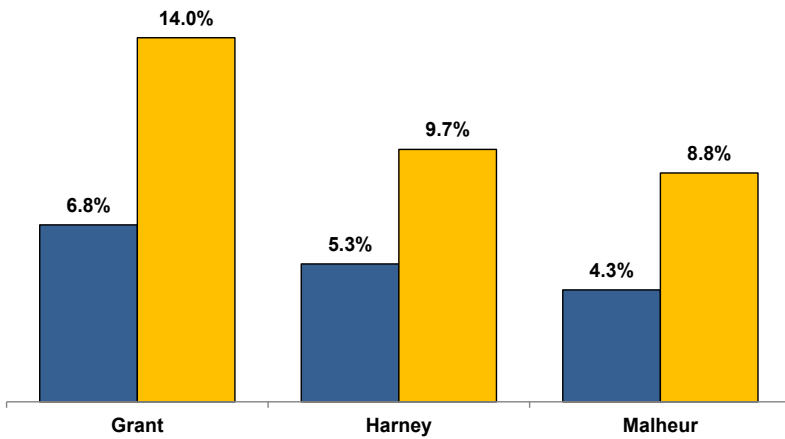


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ May 2019 ■ May 2020



Unemployment Rate News

Malheur County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2020 was 8.8 percent, while Harney County came in at 9.7 percent and Grant County at 14.0 percent. All three were below Oregon's statewide rate of 14.2 percent while Malheur and Harney counties' rates were below the national rate of 13.3 percent.

Malheur County's rate ranked fourth lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Harney County's ranked fifth and Grant County's sat at 20th.

All three counties had higher seasonally adjusted unemployment rates in May 2020 than the previous May due to the effects of COVID-19.

Harney County (+4.4 percentage points) ranked fourth among Oregon's counties for smallest over-the-year change. Malheur County (+4.5) ranked fifth and Grant County (+7.2) ranked in a tie for seventh.

Nonfarm Employment Change

May 2019 to May 2020

Grant County lost an estimated 220 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 170 jobs led by losses in leisure and hospitality, construction, and education and health services. The public sector lost 50 jobs with losses in local, federal, and state government.

Harney County dropped an estimated 260 jobs over the year. The private sector lost 200 jobs with losses led by leisure and hospitality and goods-producing. The public sector lost 60 jobs with a loss in local government overcoming a gain in state government while federal government was unchanged.

Malheur County employment decreased by an estimated 760 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 640 jobs led by losses in leisure and hospitality, education and health services, and professional and business services. Gains were led by manufacturing. The public sector lost 120 jobs with losses in local and federal government overcoming a gain in state government.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from May 2019



Grant

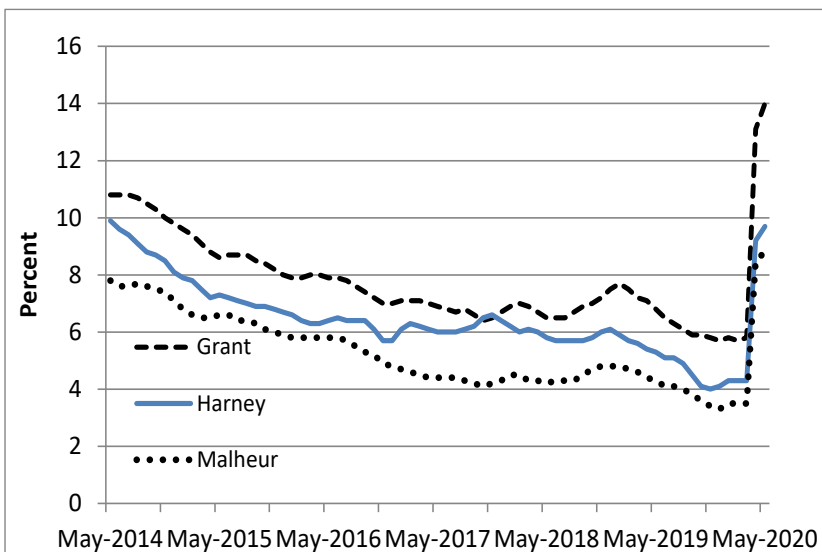
Harney

Malheur

	State Government (+20)	Manufacturing (+80)
	Other Services (+10)	Mining/Logging/Construction (+30)

Leisure/Hospitality (-80)	Leisure/Hospitality (-110)	Leisure/Hospitality (-290)
Construction (-40)	Local Government (-80)	Private Education/Health Services (-240)
Local Government (-30)	Goods-producing (-40)	Local Government (-140)
Private Education/Health Services (-20)	Professional/Business Services (-30)	Professional/Business Services (-90)
Financial Activities (-10)	Private Education/Health Services (-20)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-50)
Manufacturing (-10)	Retail Trade (-10)	

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