Grant, Harney, and Malheur
July 2020 (June Data)

Unemployment Rate News
Malheur County’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2020 was 7.4 percent, while Harney County came in at 8.4 percent and Grant County at 12.1 percent. Malheur and Harney counties’ rates were below Oregon’s statewide rate of 11.2 percent and the national rate of 11.1 percent.

Malheur County’s rate ranked third lowest among Oregon’s 36 counties for the month while Harney County’s ranked sixth and Grant County’s sat at 27th.

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

Malheur County (+3.3 percentage points) and Harney County (+3.3) ranked in a tie for fourth among Oregon’s counties for smallest over-the-year change. Grant County (+5.6) ranked in a tie for 11th.

Nonfarm Employment Change
June 2019 to June 2020
Grant County lost an estimated 270 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 190 jobs led by losses in leisure and hospitality, education and health services, and construction. The only industry to add jobs was professional and business services. The public sector lost 80 jobs with losses in local and state government while federal government was unchanged.

Harney County dropped an estimated 200 jobs over the year. The private sector lost 200 jobs with losses led by leisure and hospitality and goods-producing. The public sector saw a net change of zero jobs with a loss in local government offsetting gains in federal and state government.

Malheur County employment decreased by an estimated 670 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 500 jobs led by losses in leisure and hospitality, education and health services, and professional and business services. Gains were led by manufacturing and retail trade. The public sector lost 170 jobs with a loss in local government overcoming gains in state and federal government.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses
Over-the-Year Employment Change from June 2019

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