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

Unemployment Rate News
Malheur County’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July 2020 was 7.1 percent, while Harney County came in at 8.2 percent and Grant County at 11.5 percent. Malheur and Harney counties’ rates were below Oregon’s statewide rate of 10.4 percent and the national rate of 10.2 percent.

Malheur County’s rate ranked third lowest among Oregon’s 36 counties for the month while Harney County’s ranked eighth and Grant County’s sat at 31st.

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

Malheur County (+3.0 percentage points) ranked fourth among Oregon’s counties for smallest over-the-year change while Harney County (+3.1) ranked fifth and Grant County (+5.2) ranked 15th.

Nonfarm Employment Change
July 2019 to July 2020
Grant County lost an estimated 140 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 60 jobs led by a loss in leisure and hospitality. Information and professional and business services were the only industries to add jobs. The public sector lost 80 jobs with losses in state, local, and federal government.

Harney County dropped an estimated 190 jobs over the year. The private sector lost 160 jobs with losses led by leisure and hospitality, goods-producing, retail trade, and other services. No industries added jobs. The public sector lost 30 jobs, all in local government.

Malheur County employment decreased by an estimated 370 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 430 jobs led by losses in leisure and hospitality, education and health services, and professional and business services. Gains were led by retail trade and manufacturing. The public sector added 60 jobs with gains in state and local government.

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

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