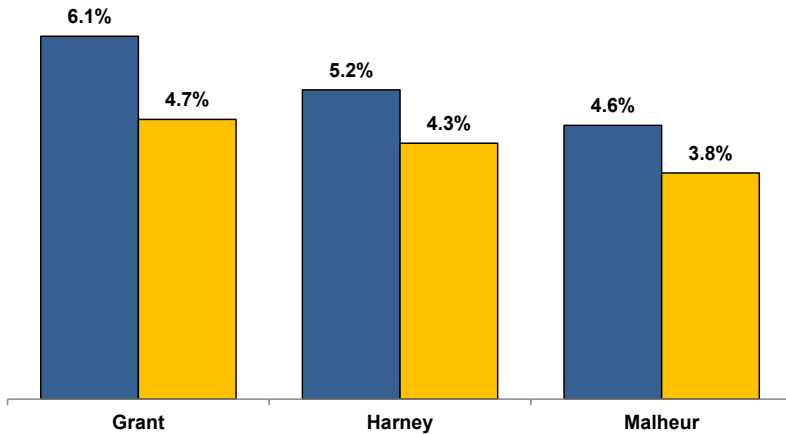


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ March 2023 ■ March 2024



Unemployment Rate News

Malheur County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2024 was 3.8%, while Harney County came in at 4.3% and Grant County at 4.7%. Malheur County's rate was below Oregon's statewide rate of 4.2% and even with the national rate of 3.8%.

Malheur County's rate tied for seventh lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Harney County's ranked in a three-way tie for 18th and Grant County's ranked in a three-way tie for 24th.

All three counties' rates were below their March 2023 rates.

Grant County's March 2024 rate was its lowest March rate since comparable statistics began in 1990. Harney's and Malheur's were their second lowest. Over the same period, Grant County's rate tied for its third lowest rate for any month, Malheur's tied for its fourth lowest, and Harney's tied for its fifth lowest.

Nonfarm Employment Change

March 2023 to March 2024

Grant County added an estimated 50 jobs over the year. The private sector saw a net change of zero jobs. Gains were led by construction. Wholesale trade and retail trade led losses. The public sector added 50 jobs with gains in local government and federal government overcoming a loss in state government.

Harney County employment gained an estimated 20 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 10 jobs in retail trade. No private industries added jobs. The public sector increased by 30 jobs with gains in local government, state government, and federal government.

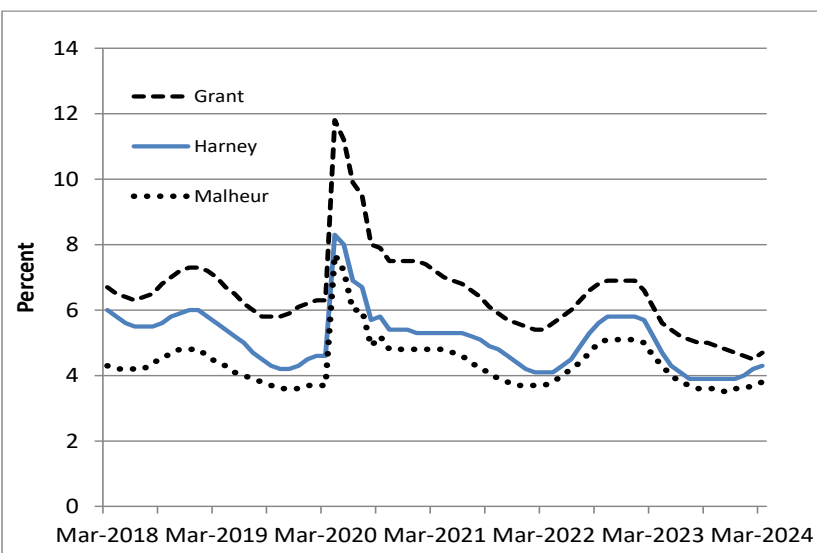
Malheur County employment increased by an estimated 300 jobs over the year. The private sector added 10 jobs led by gains in private education and health services. Retail trade; transportation, warehousing, and utilities; and other services led losses. The public sector increased by 290 jobs with gains in local government, state government, and federal government.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from March 2023

Grant	Harney	Malheur
Local Government (+50)	Local Government (+10)	Local Government (+230)
Construction (+30)	State Government (+10)	Private Education/Health Services (+90)
Financial Activities (+10)	Federal Government (+10)	State Government (+50)
Leisure/Hospitality (+10)		Leisure/Hospitality (+30)
Private Education/Health Services (+10)		Professional/Business Services (+20)
Wholesale Trade (-20)	Retail Trade (-10)	Retail Trade (-50)
Retail Trade (-20)		Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-30)
Information (-10)		Other Services (-30)
Professional/Business Services (-10)		Manufacturing (-20)

Unemployment rates remain near record lows



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