Southeast Oregon Economic Indicators

Grant, Harney, and Malheur October 2022 (September Data)

Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted) September 2021 September 2022 5.8% 5.0% 4.4% 4.1% 3.7%

Harney

Unemployment Rate News

Malheur County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2022 was 3.7%, while Harney County came in at 4.4% and Grant County at 5.8%. Malheur County's rate was below Oregon's statewide rate of 3.8% and all three counties' rates were above the national rate of 3.5%.

Malheur County's rate ranked in a three-way tie for 10th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Harney County's ranked 25th and Grant County's sat at 36th.

Malheur and Grant counties' rates were their lowest September rates since comparable statistics began in 1990. Harney County's only lower September rate came in 2019.

Harney County (-0.6 percentage point) ranked in a seven-way tie for 17th among Oregon's counties for largest over-the-year change while Grant and Malheur counties (-0.4) ranked in a nine -way tie for 25th.

Nonfarm Employment Change

September 2021 to September 2022

Grant

Grant County lost an estimated 40 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 60 jobs with small losses spread across several industries. The only private industry to add jobs was professional and business services. The public sector added 20 jobs with a gain in local government overcoming aloss in state government while federal government was unchanged.

Harney County gained an estimated 60 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 110 jobs with gains led by leisure and hospitality. The only private industry to lose jobs was transportation, warehousing, and utilities. The public sector dropped 50 jobs with losses in local, state, and federal government.

Malheur County employment decreased by an estimated 10 jobs over the year. The private sector added 20 jobs led by a gain in manufacturing. Losses were led by retail trade, professional and business services, and other services. The public sector dropped 30 jobs with losses in local and federal government overcoming a gain in state government.

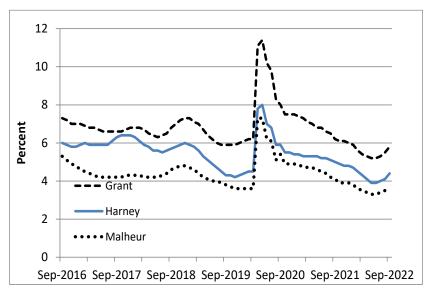
Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Malheur

Over-the-Year Employment Change from September 2021

| | <u>Grant</u> | <u>Harney</u> | <u>Malheur</u> |
|--|---|---|--|
| | Local Government (+40) | Leisure/Hospitality (+30) | Manufacturing (+40) |
| | Professional/Business Services (+10) | Professional/Business Services (+20) | Transportation/ Warehousing/Utilities (+20) |
| | | Retail Trade (+20) | Wholesale Trade (+20) |
| | | Financial Activities (+10) | Leisure/Hospitality (+20) |
| | | | |
| | Leisure/Hospitality (-20) | Local Government (-30) | Retail Trade (-40) |
| | State Government (-20) | Transportation/ Warehousing/Utilities (-10) | Professional/Business Services (-30) |
| | Construction (-10) | Federal Government (-10) | Other Services (-30) |
| | Other Services (-10) | State Government (-10) | Federal Government (-20) |
| | Retail Trade (-10) | | r odorar Government (20) |

Unemployment rate ticking up from historical lows (since 1990)



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