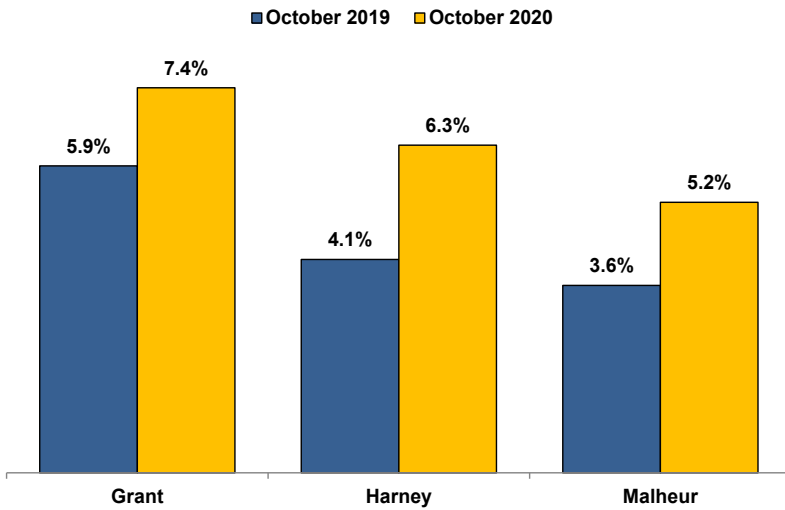


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment Rate News

Malheur County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2020 was 5.2 percent, while Harney County came in at 6.3 percent and Grant County at 7.4 percent. Malheur and Harney counties' rates were below Oregon's statewide rate of 6.9 percent which was the same as the national rate.

Malheur County's rate ranked third lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Harney County's ranked 15th and Grant County's tied for 29th.

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

Grant County (+1.5 percentage points) ranked in a four-way tie for second among Oregon's counties for smallest over-the-year change while Malheur County (+1.6) ranked sixth and Harney County (+2.2) ranked in a tie for 11th.

Nonfarm Employment Change

October 2019 to October 2020

Grant County lost an estimated 70 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 40 jobs led by losses in leisure and hospitality and mining and logging. Retail trade and information added jobs. The public sector lost 30 jobs with losses in local and federal government overcoming a gain in state government.

Harney County dropped an estimated 100 jobs over the year. The private sector lost 100 jobs with losses led by leisure and hospitality. No industries added jobs. The public sector saw a net change of zero jobs with a loss in local government offsetting a gain in state government.

Malheur County employment decreased by an estimated 90 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 50 jobs led by losses in leisure and hospitality and education and health services. Retail trade; transportation, warehousing, and utilities; and other services added jobs. The public sector dropped 40 jobs with a loss in local government overcoming gains in state and federal government.

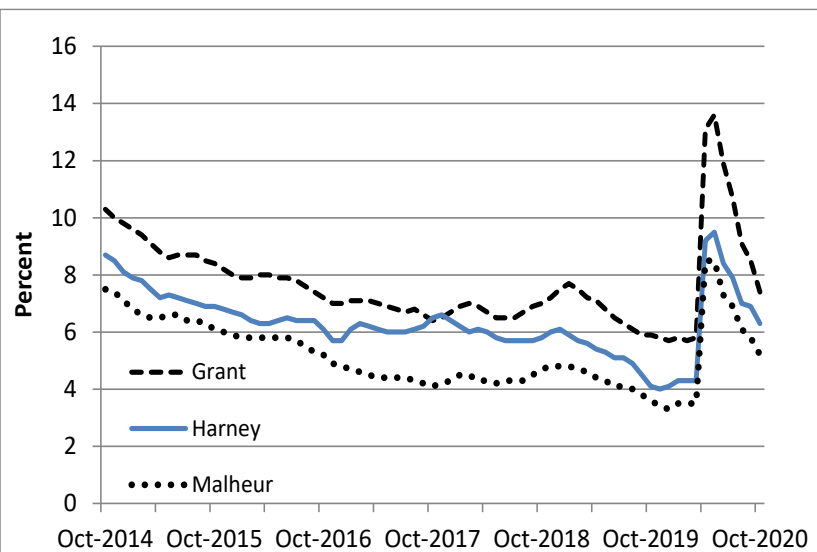
Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from October 2019



Grant	Harney	Malheur
Information (+10)	State Government (+10)	Retail Trade (+120)
Retail Trade (+10)		State Government (+80)
State Government (+10)		Transportation/ Warehousing/Utilities (+60)
Local Government (-30)	Leisure/Hospitality (-30)	Local Government (-150)
Mining/Logging (-20)	Professional/Business Services (-20)	Leisure/Hospitality (-60)
Leisure/Hospitality (-20)	Private Education/Health Services (-20)	Private Education/Health Services (-60)
Construction (-10)	Wholesale Trade (-10)	Information (-30)
Private Education/Health Services (-10)	Transportation/ Warehousing/Utilities (-10)	Wholesale Trade (-30)
Federal Government (-10)		Financial Activities (-20)

Unemployment rate dropping after sharp rise due to COVID-19



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