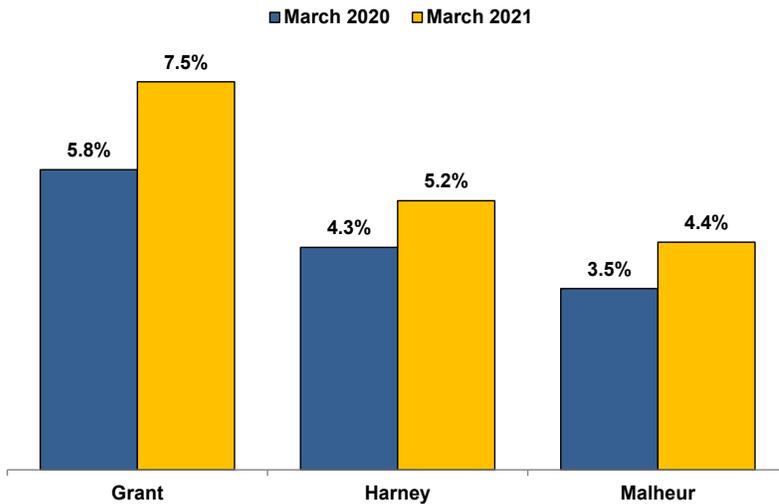


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment Rate News

Malheur County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2021 was 4.4%, while Harney County came in at 5.2% and Grant County at 7.5%. Malheur and Harney counties' rates were below Oregon's statewide rate and the national rate which were both 6.0%.

Malheur County's rate ranked second lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Harney County's ranked in a tie for eighth and Grant County's sat at 35th.

All three counties had higher seasonally adjusted unemployment rates in March 2021 than the previous March due to the effects of COVID-19.

Harney and Malheur counties (+0.9 percentage point) ranked in a tie for fourth among Oregon's counties for smallest over-the-year change while Grant County (+1.7) ranked in a tie for 11th.

Nonfarm Employment Change

March 2020 to March 2021

Grant County lost an estimated 100 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 50 jobs led by losses in mining and logging, construction, and manufacturing. Gains were limited to wholesale trade, retail trade, and leisure and hospitality. The public sector lost 50 jobs with a loss in local government overcoming a gain in state government.

Harney County added an estimated 10 jobs over the year. The private sector gained 10 jobs with small gains overcoming small gains across industries. 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 170 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 130 jobs led by losses in education and health services, information, financial activities, other services, and professional and business services. Gains were confined to retail trade and manufacturing. The public sector dropped 40 jobs with a loss in local government overcoming gains in state and federal government.

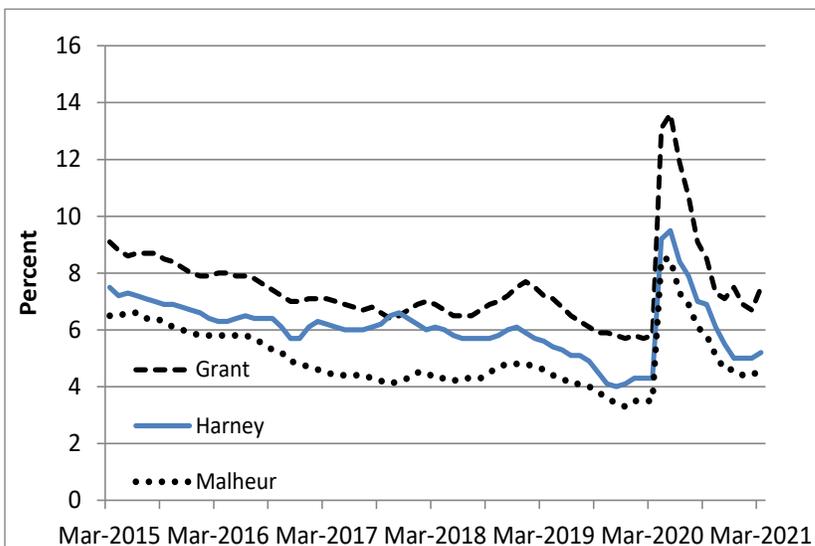
Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from March 2020



Grant	Harney	Malheur
Wholesale Trade (+10)	Other Services (+10)	Retail Trade (+140)
Retail Trade (+10)	Professional/Business Services (+10)	State Government (+40)
Leisure/Hospitality (+10)	Retail Trade (+10)	Manufacturing (+20)
Local Government (-70)	Wholesale Trade (-10)	Private Education/Health Services (-110)
Construction (-20)	Financial Activities (-10)	Local Government (-90)
Manufacturing (-20)	Goods-Producing (-10)	Information (-40)
Mining/Logging (-20)	Local Government (-10)	Financial Activities (-30)
Information (-10)		Other Services (-30)
Other Services (-10)		Professional/Business Services (-30)

Unemployment rate down after sharp rise due to COVID-19



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