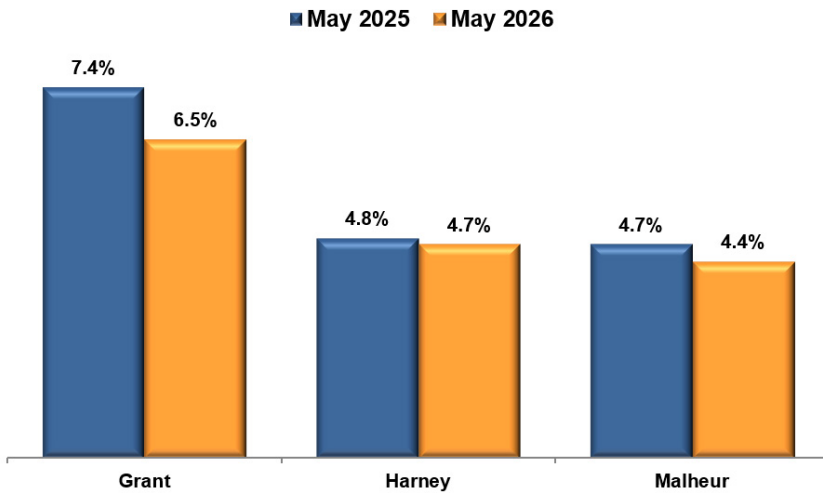


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)



Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS

Unemployment Rate News

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2026 dropped by 0.3 percentage point in Grant County, rose 0.1 in Harney County, and showed no change in Malheur County over the previous month.

Malheur and Harney counties' rates remained below Oregon's statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 5.2%. All three counties were above the national rate of 4.3%.

Nonfarm Employment Change

May 2025 to May 2026

Grant County gained an estimated 10 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 50 jobs and the public sector decreased by 40 jobs. Notable losses were seen in local government and federal government. Construction largely led gains, followed by state government and retail trade.

Harney County's seasonally adjusted employment decreased by an estimated 130 jobs over the year. The private sector lost 60 jobs and the public sector lost 70. Losses were primarily led by federal government. Private education and health services showed the only job gains.

Malheur County decreased by an estimated 20 jobs over the year. The private sector gained 90 and the public sector lost 110 jobs. Federal government notably led losses. Private education and health services provided the most prominent job gains.

	Grant	Harney	Malheur
Total Nonfarm Employment	10	(130)	(20)
Construction	40	Private Education / Health Services 20	Private Education / Health Services 100
State Government	10	-	Wholes Trade 40
Retail Trade	10	-	Manufacturing 30
Local Government	(30)	Federal Government (50)	Federal Government (80)
Federal Government	(20)	Goods-producing (30)	Professional / Business Services (30)
Manufacturing	(10)	Other Services (20)	Retail Trade (20)

Source: Oregon Employment Department, CES

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**Estimates of Minimum Wage Jobs by County
 Third Quarter 2025**

Jobs Paying Minimum

Area	Wage or Less	% of Total
Oregon	92,289	4.2%
Harney	177	6.4%
Morrow	491	6.0%
Malheur	870	5.6%
Grant	135	5.3%
Baker	318	5.2%
Wallowa	164	5.0%
Union	465	4.1%
Umatilla	1,504	3.8%

Source: Oregon Employment Department, Unemployment Insurance Wage Records

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