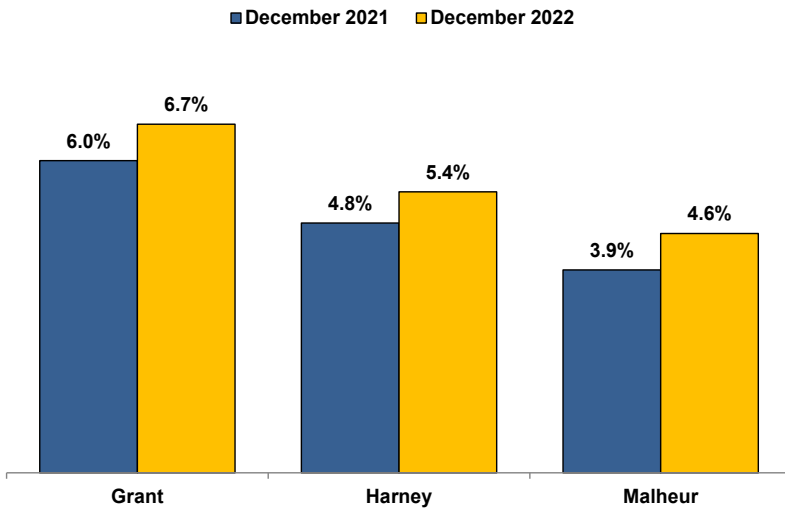


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment Rate News

Malheur County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2022 was 4.6%, while Harney County came in at 5.4% and Grant County at 6.7%. All three counties' rates were above Oregon's statewide rate of 4.5% and the national rate of 3.5%.

Malheur County's rate tied for 15th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Harney County's ranked 25th and Grant County's sat at 36th.

All three counties' rates were above the previous December's rates.

Since comparable statistics began in 1990, Grant and Harney counties' only lower December rates came in 2021 and 2019 while Malheur County had lower December rates only in 2021, 2019, and 2017.

Nonfarm Employment Change

December 2021 to December 2022

Grant County added an estimated 30 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 20 jobs with small losses in transportation, warehousing, and utilities and other services. No private industries gained jobs. The public sector added 50 jobs with gains in local and federal government while state government was unchanged.

Harney County gained an estimated 10 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 30 jobs with gains across industries. No private industries lost jobs. The public sector dropped 20 jobs with a loss in local government overcoming a gain in federal government while state government was unchanged.

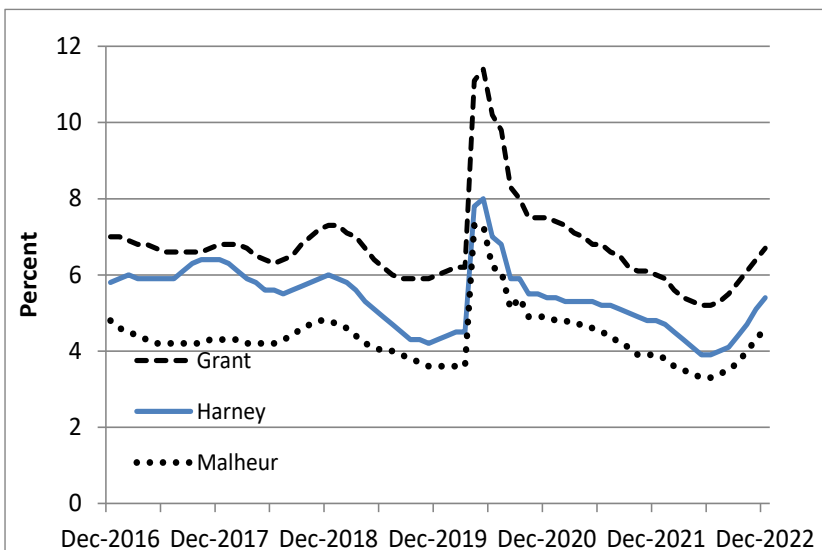
Malheur County employment decreased by an estimated 60 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 30 jobs led by losses in retail trade. Gains were confined to education and health services; mining, logging, and construction; and leisure and hospitality. The public sector lost 30 jobs with losses in local and federal government overcoming a gain in state government.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from December 2021

	Grant	Harney	Malheur
	Local Government (+40)	Retail Trade (+10)	Private Education/Health Services (+20)
	Federal Government (+10)	Professional/Business Services (+10)	State Government (+20)
		Private Education/Health Services (+10)	Mining/Logging/Construction (+10)
		Federal Government (+10)	Leisure/Hospitality (+10)
	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-10)	Local Government (-30)	Retail Trade (-60)
	Other Services (-10)		Local Government (-40)
			Manufacturing (-10)
			Federal Government (-10)

Unemployment rate climbing from historical lows (since 1990)



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