# **Southeast Oregon Economic Indicators**

Grant, Harney, and Malheur May 2023 (April Data)

# Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted) April 2022 April 2023 5.6% 5.6% 4.7% 4.1% 3.8%

Harney

## **Unemployment Rate News**

Malheur County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2023 was 4.3%, while Harney County came in at 4.7% and Grant County at 5.6%. All three counties' rates were above Oregon's statewide rate of 4.0% and the national rate of 3.4%.

Malheur County's rate tied for 16th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Harney County's tied for 23rd and Grant County's tied for 33rd.

Grant County's April 2023 rate was the same as the previous April's rate while Harney and Malheur counties' rates were above the April 2022 rates.

Since comparable statistics began in 1990, Grant County's April 2023 rate tied for its lowest April rate while Harney County's only lower April rate came in 2022. Malheur County had lower April rates in 2022 and 2018.

# Nonfarm Employment Change

April 2022 to April 2023

Grant

Grant County added an estimated 90 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 60 jobs led by a gain in manufacturing. Losses were led by leisure and hospitality. The public sector gained 30 jobs with a gain in local government overcoming a loss in federal government while state government was unchanged.

Harney County gained an estimated 60 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 20 jobs led by losses in wholesale trade and goods-producing. Gains were confined to retail trade and other services. The public sector added 80 jobs with gains in local government, state government, and federal government.

Malheur County employment increased by an estimated 110 jobs over the year. The private sector added 110 jobs with gains led by education and health services and transportation, warehousing, and utilities. Losses were led by retail trade. The public sector saw a net change of zero jobs with a loss in local government offsetting a gain in state government while federal government was unchanged.

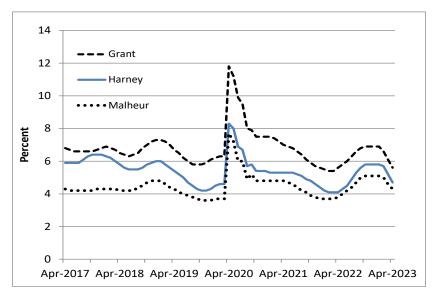
# **Notable Industry Gains and Losses**

Malheur

Over-the-Year Employment Change from April 2022

	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Harney</u>	<u>Malheur</u>
	Manufacturing (+40)	Local Government (+60)	Private Education/Health Services (+80)
	Local Government (+40)	Retail Trade (+20)	Transportation/
	Wholesale Trade (+10)	Other Services (+20)	Warehousing/Utilities (+60)
	Information (+10)	State Government (+10)	Other Services (+40)
	Financial Activities (+10)	Federal Government (+10)	Manufacturing (+40)
	Other Services (+10)		State Government (+40)
	Leisure/Hospitality (-30)	Wholesale Trade (-20)	Retail Trade (-70)
	Mining/Logging (-10)	Goods-producing (-20)	Local Government (-40)
	Transportation/	Financial Activities (-10)	Financial Activities (-20)
	Warehousing/Utilities (-10)	Leisure/Hospitality (-10)	Wholesale Trade (-10)

### Unemployment rate turns down after brief climb



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