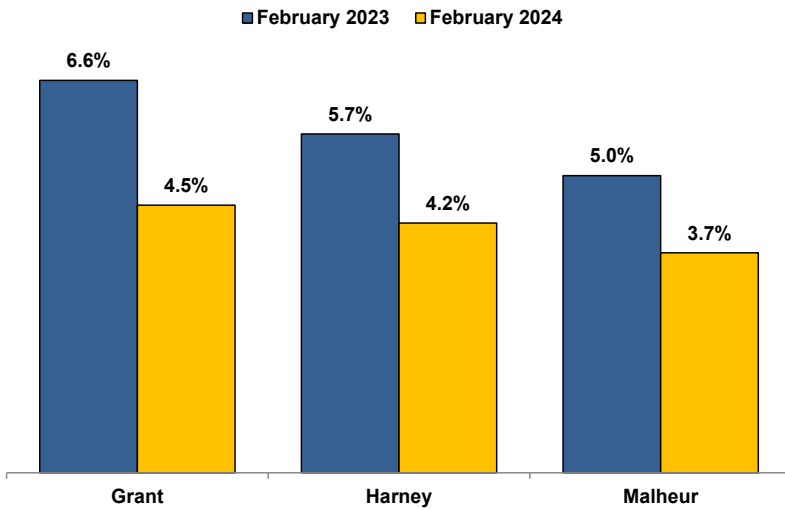


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment Rate News

Malheur County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2024 was 3.7%, while Harney County came in at 4.2% and Grant County at 4.5%. Malheur County's rate was below and Harney County's even with Oregon's statewide rate of 4.2%. Malheur County's rate was below the national rate of 3.9%.

Malheur County's rate ranked seventh lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Harney County's tied for 18th and Grant County's tied for 25th.

All three counties' rates were below their February 2023 rates.

Grant and Malheur counties' February 2024 rates were their lowest February rates since comparable statistics began in 1990. Harney's was its second lowest. Over the same period, Grant County's rate was its lowest rate for any month, Malheur's tied for its third lowest, and Harney's tied for its fourth lowest.

Nonfarm Employment Change

February 2023 to February 2024

Grant County added an estimated 70 jobs over the year. The private sector saw a net change of zero jobs. Gains were led by construction, and private education and health services. Wholesale trade and retail trade led losses. The public sector added 70 jobs with gains in local government and federal government overcoming a loss in state government.

Harney County lost an estimated 10 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 30 jobs with small losses in wholesale trade, professional and business services, and leisure and hospitality. No private industries added jobs. The public sector increased by 20 jobs with gains in local government and state government overcoming a loss in federal government.

Malheur County employment increased by an estimated 260 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 50 jobs with losses led by retail trade and other services. Private education and health services led gains. The public sector increased by 310 jobs with gains in local government and state government while federal government was unchanged.

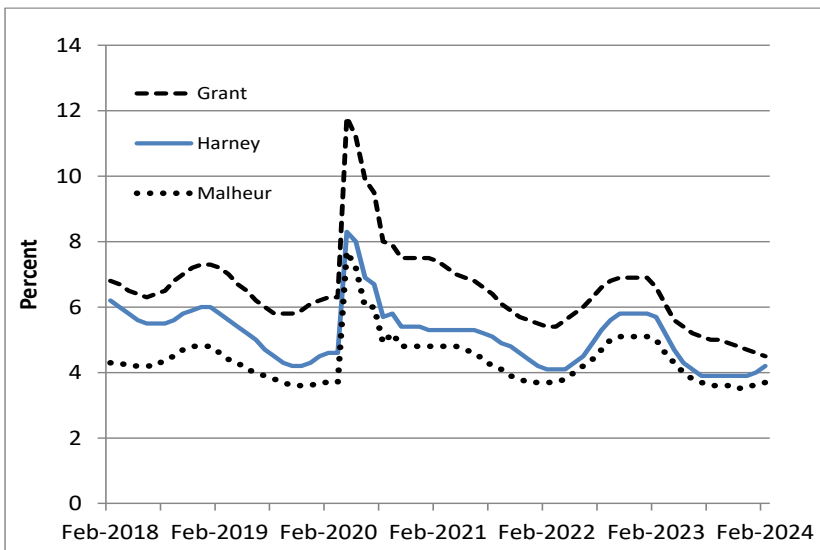
Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from February 2023

	Grant	Harney	Malheur
	Local Government (+70)	Local Government (+20)	Local Government (+260)
	Construction (+30)	State Government (+10)	Private Education/Health Services (+90)
	Private Education/Health Services (+20)		State Government (+50)
	Other Services (+10)		Leisure/Hospitality (+20)
	Financial Activities (+10)		Mining/Logging/Construction (+10)
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	Wholesale Trade (-20)	Wholesale Trade (-10)	Retail Trade (-100)
	Retail Trade (-20)	Professional/Business Services (-10)	Other Services (-30)
	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-10)	Leisure/Hospitality (-10)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-20)
	Information (-10)	Federal Government (-10)	Manufacturing (-20)



Unemployment rates remain at or near record lows



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