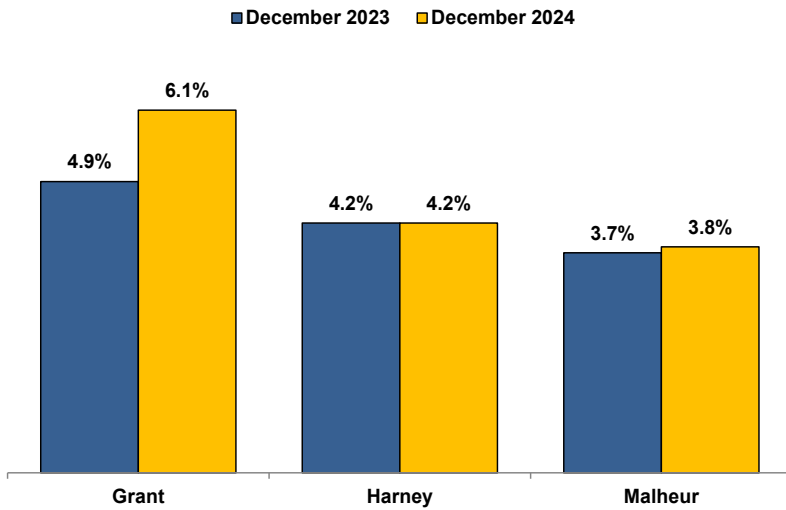


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment Rate News

Malheur County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2024 was 3.8%, while Harney County came in at 4.2% and Grant County at 6.1%. Malheur County's rate was below Oregon's statewide rate and the national rate, both at 4.1%.

Malheur County's rate ranked in a three-way tie for fifth lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Harney County's tied for 18th and Grant County's ranked 36th.

Harney County's December 2024 rate held steady with its December 2023 rate while Grant and Malheur counties' rates were up over the year.

Harney County's December 2024 rate tied for its lowest December rate since comparable statistics began in 1990. Malheur County's was its third lowest December rate and Grant County's tied for its fourth lowest.

Nonfarm Employment Change

December 2023 to December 2024

Grant County lost an estimated 100 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 20 jobs. Manufacturing, and leisure and hospitality led losses. Small gains were spread across industries. The public sector dropped 80 jobs with losses in local government, state government, and federal government.

Harney County employment increased by an estimated 50 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 20 jobs. Other services led gains. Losses were led by leisure and hospitality. The public sector added 30 jobs with a gain in local government while federal government and state government went unchanged.

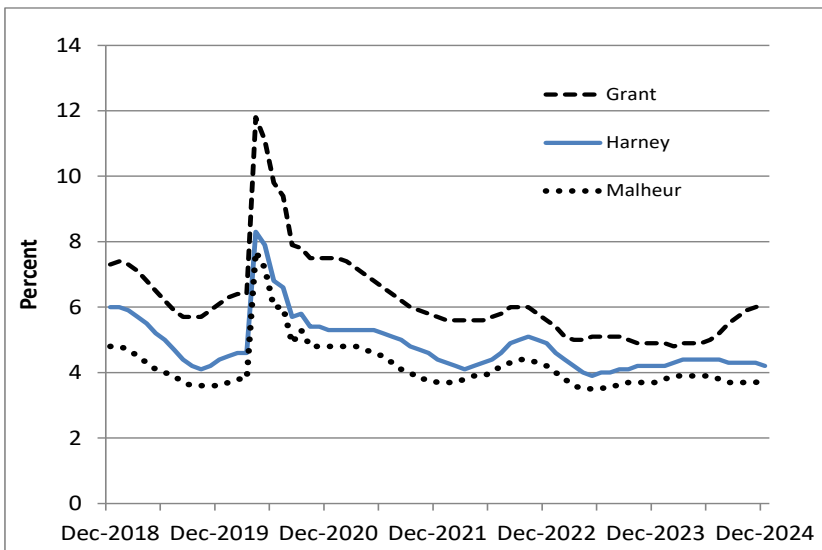
Malheur County employment increased by an estimated 110 jobs over the year. The private sector added 160 jobs led by gains in manufacturing, private education and health services, and leisure and hospitality. Losses were led by mining, logging, and construction, and wholesale trade. The public sector decreased by 50 jobs with a loss in local government while federal government and state government went unchanged.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from December 2023

Grant	Harney	Malheur
Wholesale Trade (+10)	Other Services (+30)	Manufacturing (+110)
Financial Activities (+10)	Local Government (+30)	Private Education/Health Services (+40)
Private Education/Health Services (+10)	Goods-producing (+10)	Leisure/Hospitality (+40)
Other Services (+10)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (+10)	Other Services (+20)
	Private Education/Health Services (+10)	Professional/Business Services (+10)
Local Government (-50)	Leisure/Hospitality (-20)	Local Government (-50)
Manufacturing (-40)	Retail Trade (-10)	Mining/Logging/Construction (-20)
Leisure/Hospitality (-20)	Professional/Business Services (-10)	Wholesale Trade (-20)
Federal Government (-20)		Financial Activities (-10)

Unemployment rates remain comparatively low



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