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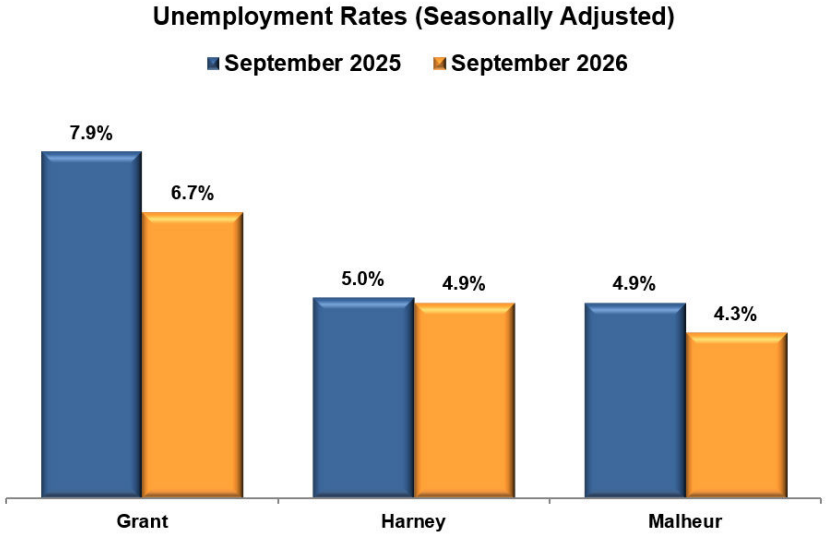
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Southeast Oregon Economic Indicators

Grant, Harney, and Malheur

October 2026 (September Data)



Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS

Unemployment Rate

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2026 decreased slightly by 0.1 percentage point in all three counties over the previous month.

Malheur and Harney counties' rates remained below Oregon's statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 5%. All three counties stayed above the national rate of 4.2%.

Nonfarm Employment Change

September 2025 to September 2026

Grant County employment decreased by 100 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 60 jobs and the public sector by 40. Both employment losses and gains were evenly spread out while some industries showed no employment change.

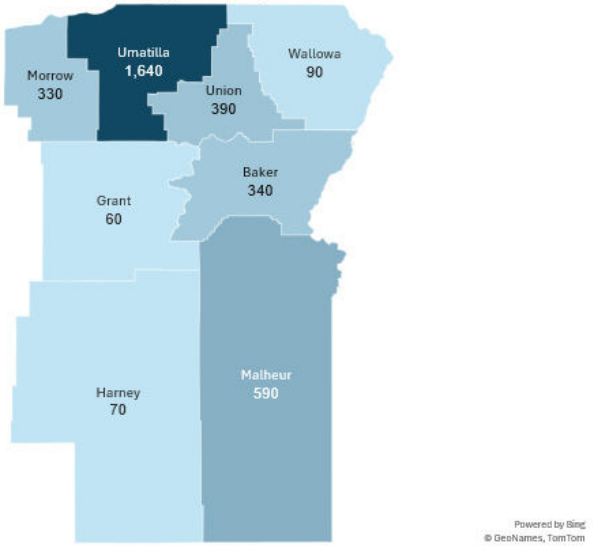
Harney County employment decreased by an estimated 100 jobs over the year. The private sector lost 80 jobs and the public sector lost 20. Goods-producing led industry losses. Professional and business services, and local government had the only job gains, while many industries showed no change in employment.

Malheur County employment decreased by an estimated 130 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 110 jobs and the public sector lost 20 jobs. Local government led losses, while federal government led job gains.

	Grant		Harney		Malheur	
	Total Nonfarm Employment	(100)	Total Nonfarm Employment	(100)	Total Nonfarm Employment	(130)
↑	Private Education / Health Services	20	Professional / Business Services	10	Federal Government	100
↑	Professional / Business Services	10	Local Government	10	Private Education / Health Services	80
↑	Wholesale Trade	10	-	-	Wholesale Trade	30
↓	Construction	(40)	Goods-producing	(50)	Local Government	(100)
↓	Federal Government	(30)	Federal Government	(30)	Retail Trade	(90)
↓	Mining / Logging	(20)	Private Education / Health Services	(20)	Mining / Logging / Construction	(50)

Source: Oregon Employment Department, CES

September Eastern Oregon Help Wanted Online Ads



Source: Oregon Employment Department, The Conference Board-Lightcast Help Wanted Online

News and Articles

2026 Oregon Wage Information by Jason Payton

The Diversity of Oregon's Industries by Molly Hendrickson

Career Spotlight: Software Developers by James Scanlan

Unemployed-to-Job Vacancy Ratio by Clare McGrady

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