

Central Washington Labor Market Update

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Today's presentation will focus on labor markets in the following Central WA counties: Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Yakima

Covered employment trends from 2012-2022 were analyzed using Quarterly Census Employment and Wage (QCEW) data, nonfarm employment trends using Current Employment Statistics (CES) data, and Civilian Labor Force (CLF) trends using Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data for:

- The Wenatchee Metropolitan Statistical Area or MSA (i.e., Chelan and Douglas counties), Slides 4-17
- Grant County, Slides 18-26
- The Yakima MSA (Yakima County), Slides 27-35

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Analyzed county-level QCEW data for 22 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) sectors

19 private-industry sectors
NAICS 11 (Agriculture, forestry and fishing)
NAICS 21 (Mining)
NAICS 22 (Utilities)
NAICS 23 (Construction)
NAICS 31-33 (Manufacturing)
NAICS 42 (Wholesale trade)
NAICS 44-45 (Retail trade)
NAICS 48-49 (Transportation and warehousing)
NAICS 51 (Information)
NAICS 52 (Finance and insurance)
NAICS 53 (Real estate and rentals)
NAICS 54 (Professional and business services)
NAICS 55 (Management of companies)
NAICS 56 (Administrative and waste services)
NAICS 61 (Private education services)
NAICS 62 (Health services)
NAICS 71 (Arts, entertainment and recreation)
NAICS 72 (Accommodation and food services)
NAICS 81 (Other services)

Three government sectors
Federal government
State government
Local government
* North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)

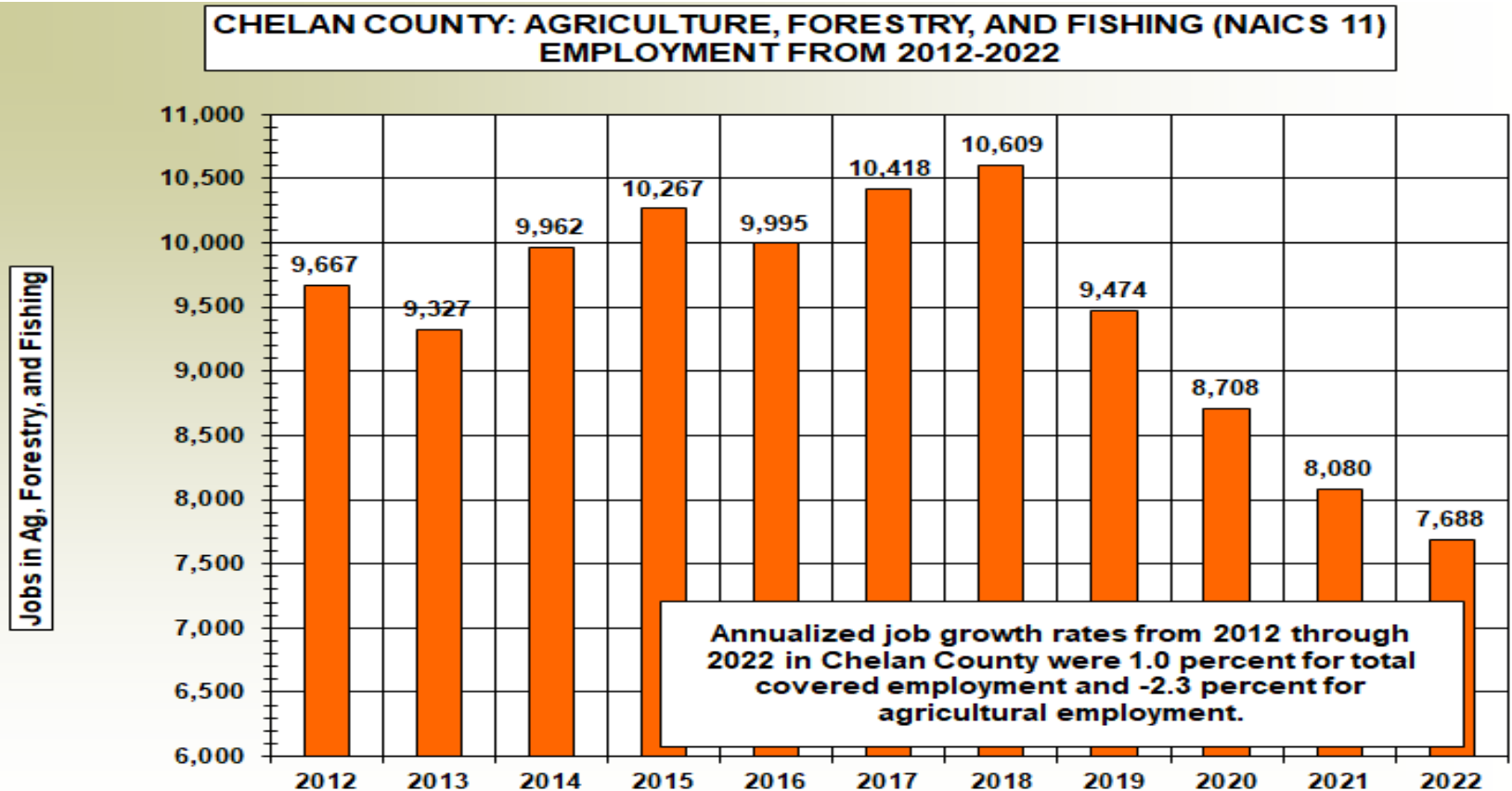
QCEW is the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data set.

Chelan County: Health services added more jobs than any other sector from 2012-2022, accounting for 46.9% of total covered job growth of 4,096.

COVERED EMPLOYMENT CHANGES BY INDUSTRY SECTOR IN CHELAN COUNTY FROM 2012-2022				
Sorted by Changes (in # of Jobs) From 2012-2022 (As of 21 November 2023)				
INDUSTRY	2012	2022	Job Changes (in #) From 2012-2022	Job Changes (in %) From 2012-2022
NAICS 21 (Mining)	18	*	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
NAICS 22 (Utilities)	24	*	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
NAICS 62 (Health Services)	4,781	6,702	1,921	40.2%
NAICS 23 (Construction)	1,132	2,291	1,159	102.4%
NAICS 56 (Administrative and Waste Services)	573	1,642	1,069	186.6%
NAICS 72 (Accommodation and Food Services)	3,675	4,639	964	26.2%
NAICS 53 (Real Estate and Rentals)	440	993	553	125.7%
Local Government	4,692	5,097	405	8.6%
NAICS 54 (Professional and Business Services)	726	1,070	344	47.4%
NAICS 44-45 (Retail Trade)	4,275	4,554	279	6.5%
NAICS 31-33 (Manufacturing)	1,965	2,103	138	7.0%
NAICS 71 (Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation)	498	631	133	26.7%
NAICS 61 (Private Education Services)	101	196	95	94.1%
NAICS 52 (Finance and Insurance)	664	695	31	4.7%
NAICS 55 (Management of Companies)	35	58	23	65.7%
NAICS 51 (Information)	404	373	-31	-7.7%
Federal Government	635	576	-59	-9.3%
State Government	1,014	953	-61	-6.0%
NAICS 81 (Other Services)	1,164	961	-203	-17.4%
NAICS 48-49 (Transportation and Warehousing)	763	456	-307	-40.2%
NAICS 42 (Wholesale Trade)	2,291	1,928	-363	-15.8%
NAICS 11 (Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing)	9,667	7,688	-1,979	-20.5%
TOTAL COVERED EMPLOYMENT	39,537	43,633	4,096	10.4%

Source: QCEW Data

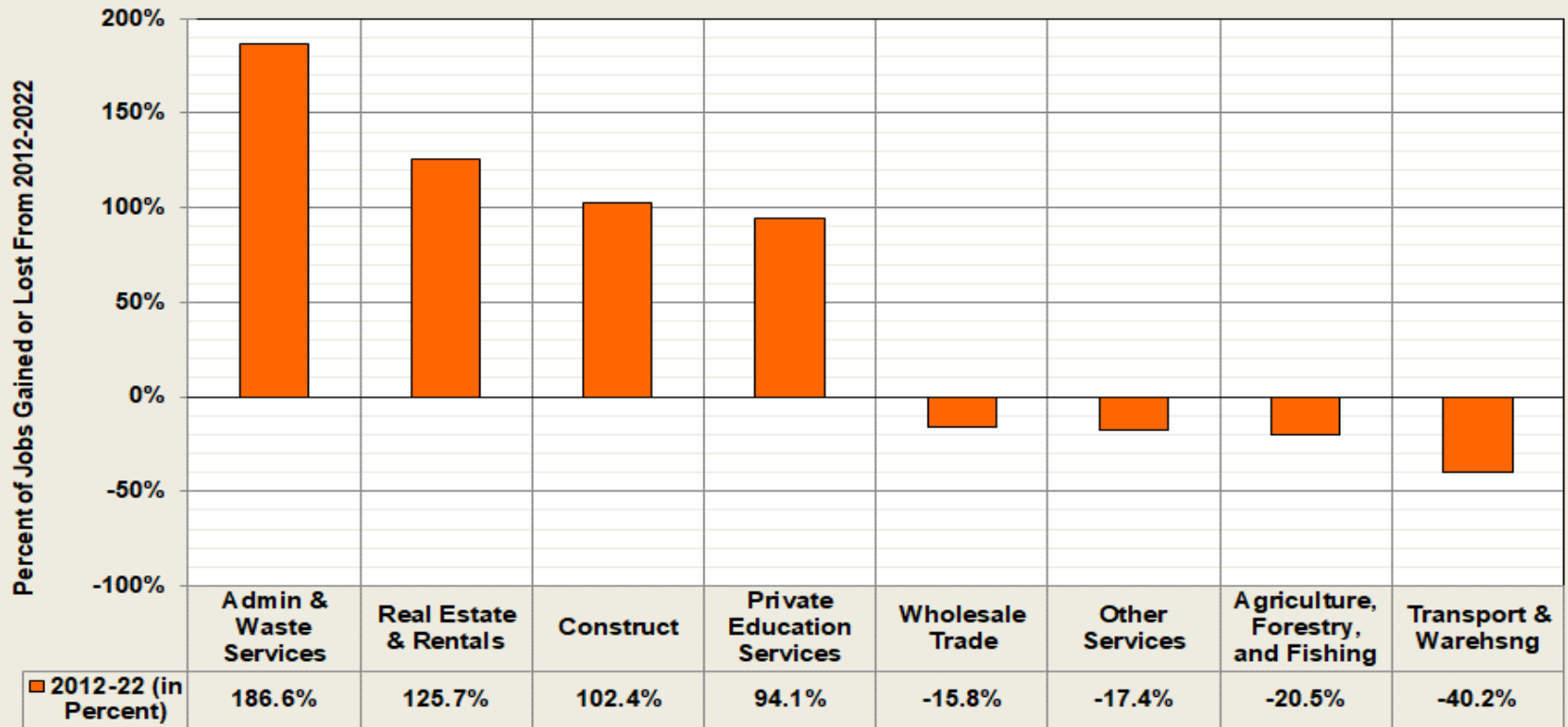
Chelan County: Agriculture lost more jobs in the past 10 years than any other sector, falling from 9,667 jobs in 2012 to 7,688 in 2022 (-20.5 percent).



Source: QCEW Data

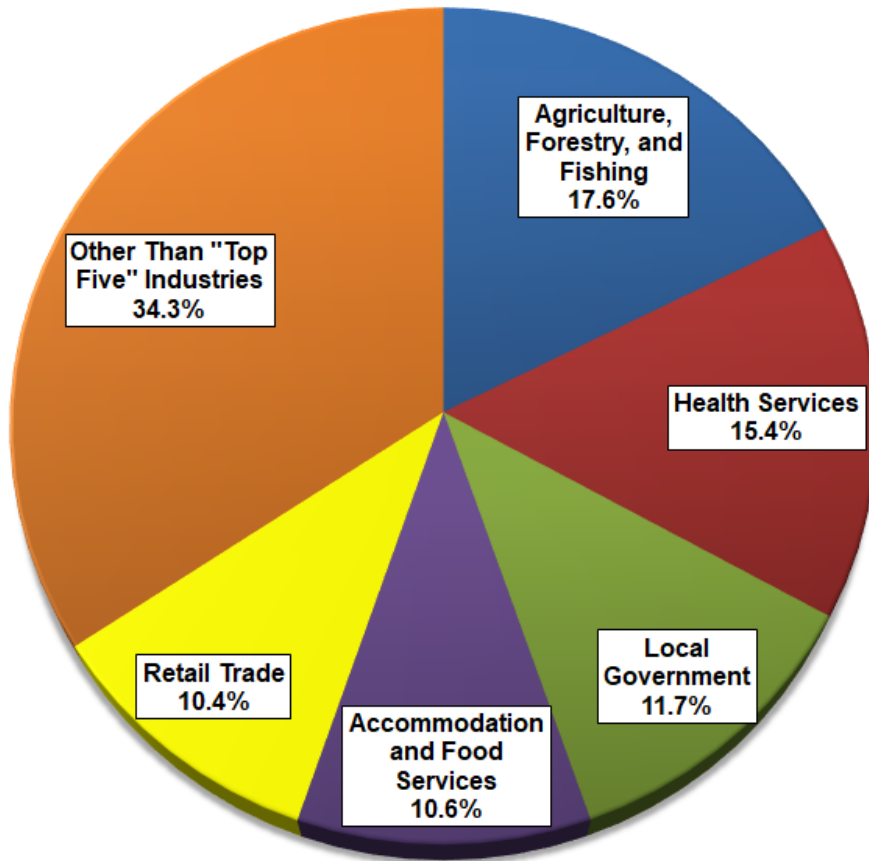
Chelan County's fastest growing sector (in %) was administrative and waste services which rose from 573 jobs in 2012 to 1,642 jobs in 2022 (up 186.6%).

Comparison of Job Gains or Losses (in %) in "Top 4 and Bottom 4" Chelan County Covered Employment Sectors From 2012-2022 (As of 21 November 2023)



Source: QCEW Data

Chelan County: Top 5 industries by covered employment in 2022



Industry	Number of Jobs
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	7,688
Health Services	6,702
Local Government	5,097
Accommodation and Food Services	4,639
Retail Trade	4,554
Other Than "Top Five" Industries	14,953
Total Covered Employment	43,633

Source: QCEW Data

Chelan County in 2022: Summary of “Top 5” industries (by covered employment)

Total covered wages = \$2.26 billion

Average annual employment = 43,633

Average annual wage = \$51,694 (62.3 percent of Washington State’s average annual wage in 2022 of \$82,912)

Industry	Percent of jobs (in Chelan County)	Percent of wages (in Chelan County)
Agriculture	17.6	11.1
Health services	15.4	21.5
Local government	11.7	16.1
Accommodation and food services	10.6	5.8
Retail trade	10.4	7.4

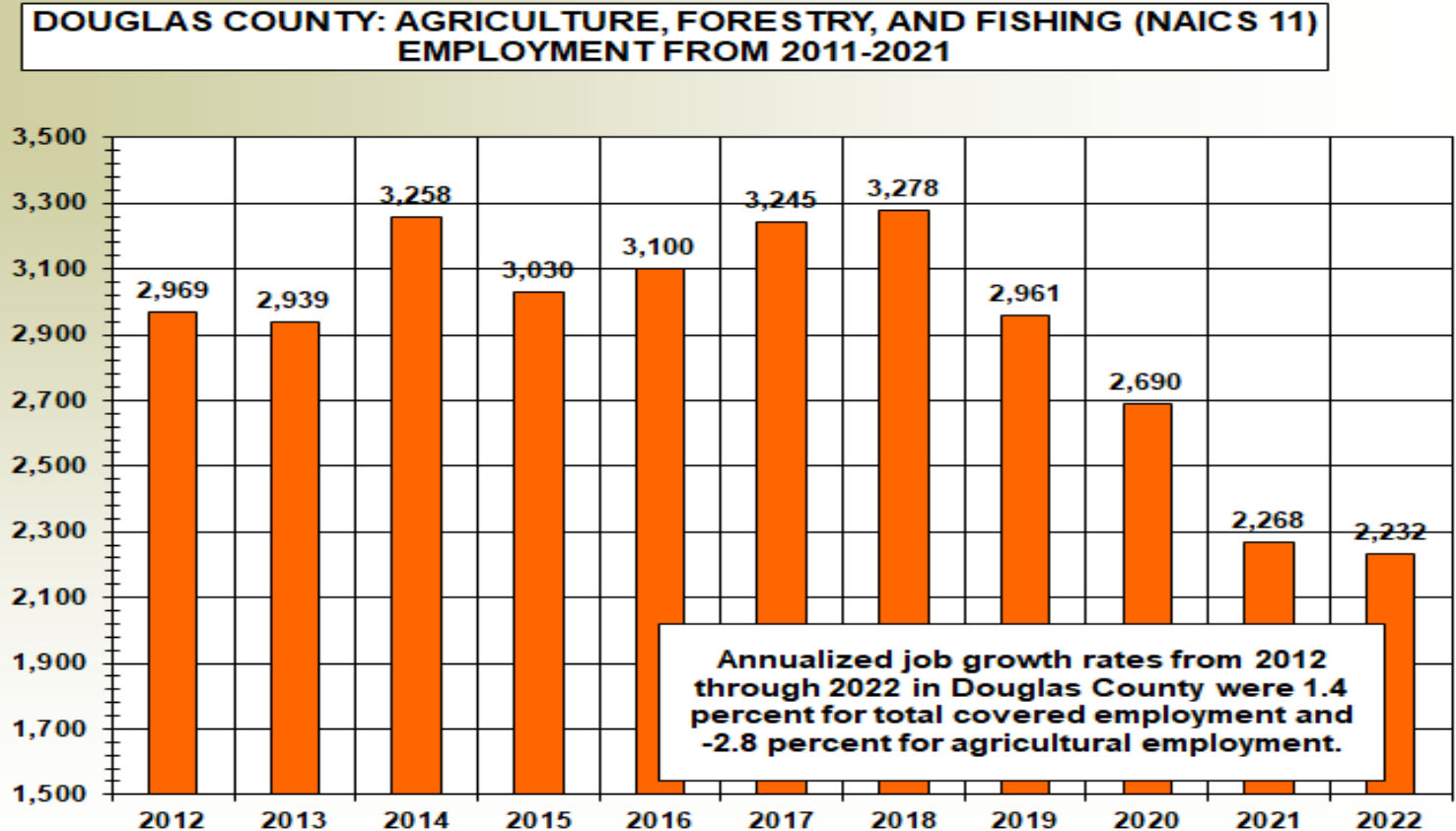
Douglas County: Retail trade added more jobs than any other sector from 2012-2022, accounting for 35.5% of total covered job growth of 1,591.

COVERED EMPLOYMENT CHANGES BY INDUSTRY SECTOR IN DOUGLAS COUNTY FROM 2012-2022				
Sorted by Changes (in # of Jobs) From 2012-2022 (As of 21 November 2023)				
INDUSTRY	2012	2022	Job Changes (in #) From 2012-2022	Job Changes (in %) From 2012-2022
NAICS 22 (Utilities)	*	0	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
NAICS 51 (Information)	123	*	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
NAICS 55 (Management of Companies)	22	*	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
NAICS 61 (Private Education Services)	*	*	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
NAICS 44-45 (Retail Trade)	1,346	1,911	565	42.0%
NAICS 23 (Construction)	372	856	484	130.1%
NAICS 72 (Accommodation and Food Services)	668	1,035	367	54.9%
NAICS 56 (Administrative and Waste Services)	224	466	242	108.0%
NAICS 62 (Health Services)	648	873	225	34.7%
NAICS 31-33 (Manufacturing)	394	595	201	51.0%
Local Government	1,751	1,923	172	9.8%
NAICS 42 (Wholesale Trade)	400	544	144	36.0%
NAICS 52 (Finance and Insurance)	127	173	46	36.2%
NAICS 53 (Real Estate and Rentals)	113	151	38	33.6%
State Government	144	178	34	23.6%
Federal Government	232	249	17	7.3%
NAICS 21 (Mining)	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
NAICS 71 (Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation)	360	320	-40	-11.1%
NAICS 48-49 (Transportation and Warehousing)	257	213	-44	-17.1%
NAICS 54 (Professional and Business Services)	247	193	-54	-21.9%
NAICS 81 (Other Services)	328	160	-168	-51.2%
NAICS 11 (Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing)	2,969	2,232	-737	-24.8%
TOTAL COVERED EMPLOYMENT	10,748	12,339	1,591	14.8%

Source: QCEW Data

Douglas County: Agriculture lost more jobs in the past 10 years than any other sector, falling from 2,969 jobs in 2012 to 2,232 in 2022 (-24.8 percent).

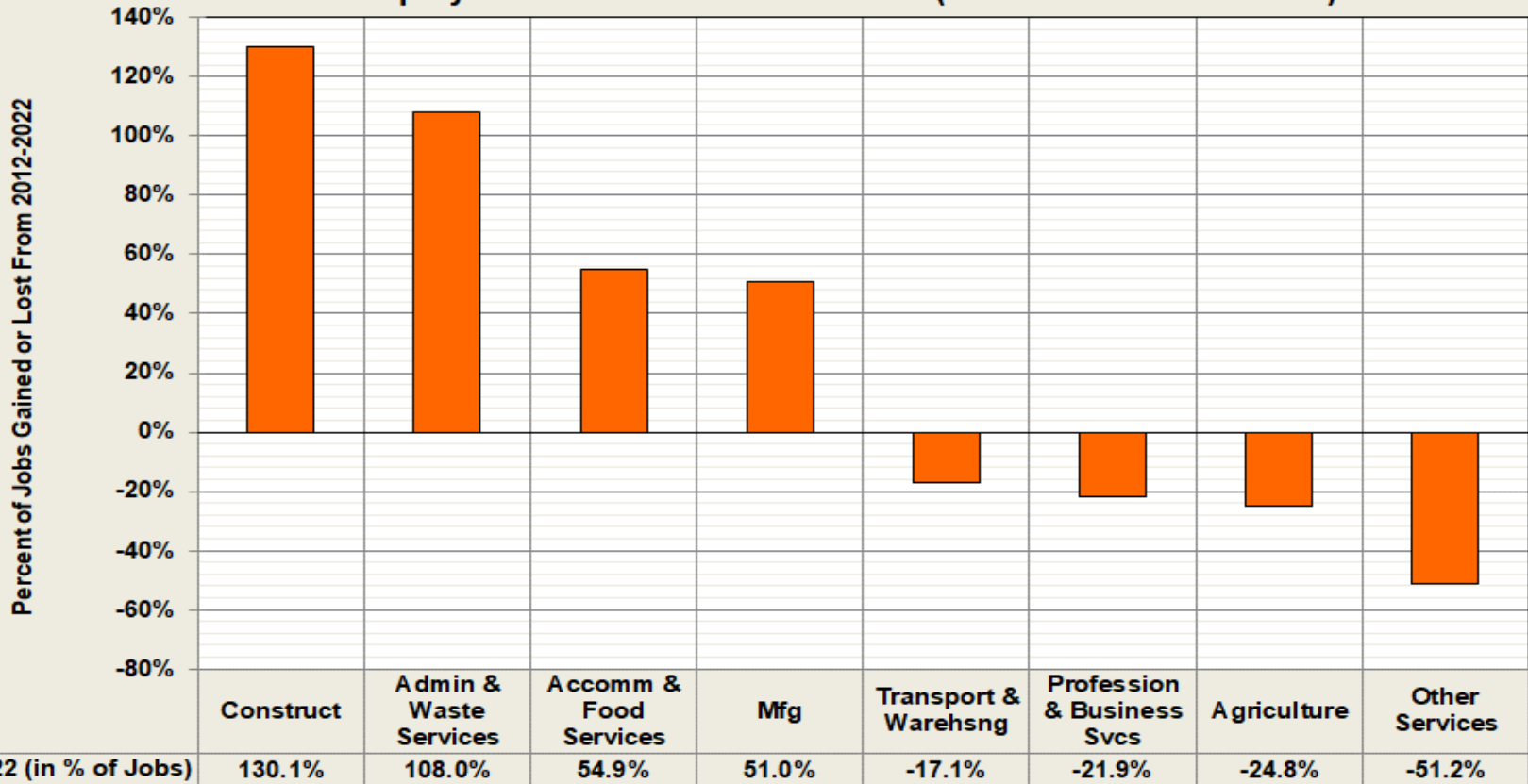
Jobs in Ag, Forestry, & Fishing



Source: QCEW Data

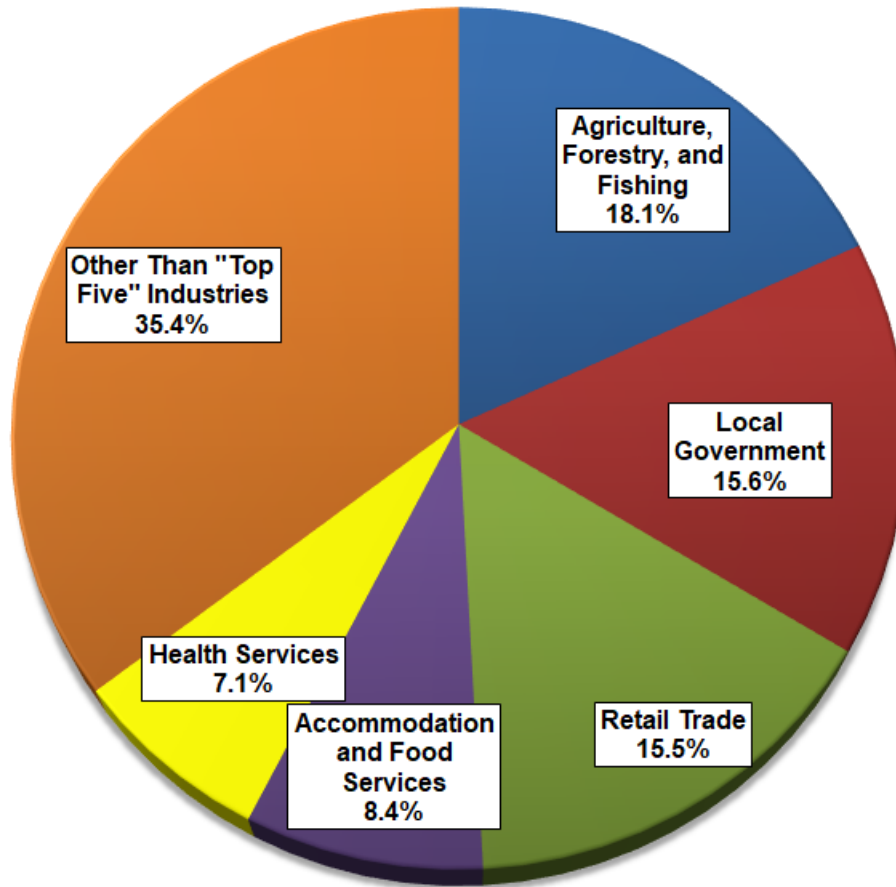
Douglas County's fastest growing sector (in %) was construction which rose from 372 jobs in 2012 to 856 jobs in 2022 (up 130.1%).

Comparison of Job Gains or Losses (in %) in "Top 4 and Bottom 4" Douglas County Covered Employment Sectors From 2012-2022 (As of 21 November 2023)



Source: QCEW Data

Douglas County: Top 5 industries by covered employment in 2022



Industry	Number of Jobs
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	2,232
Local Government	1,923
Retail trade	1,911
Accommodation and Food Services	1,035
Health Services	873
Other Than "Top Five" Industries	4,365
Total Covered Employment	12,339

Source: QCEW Data

Douglas County in 2022: Summary of “Top 5” industries (by covered employment)

Total covered wages = \$575.8 million

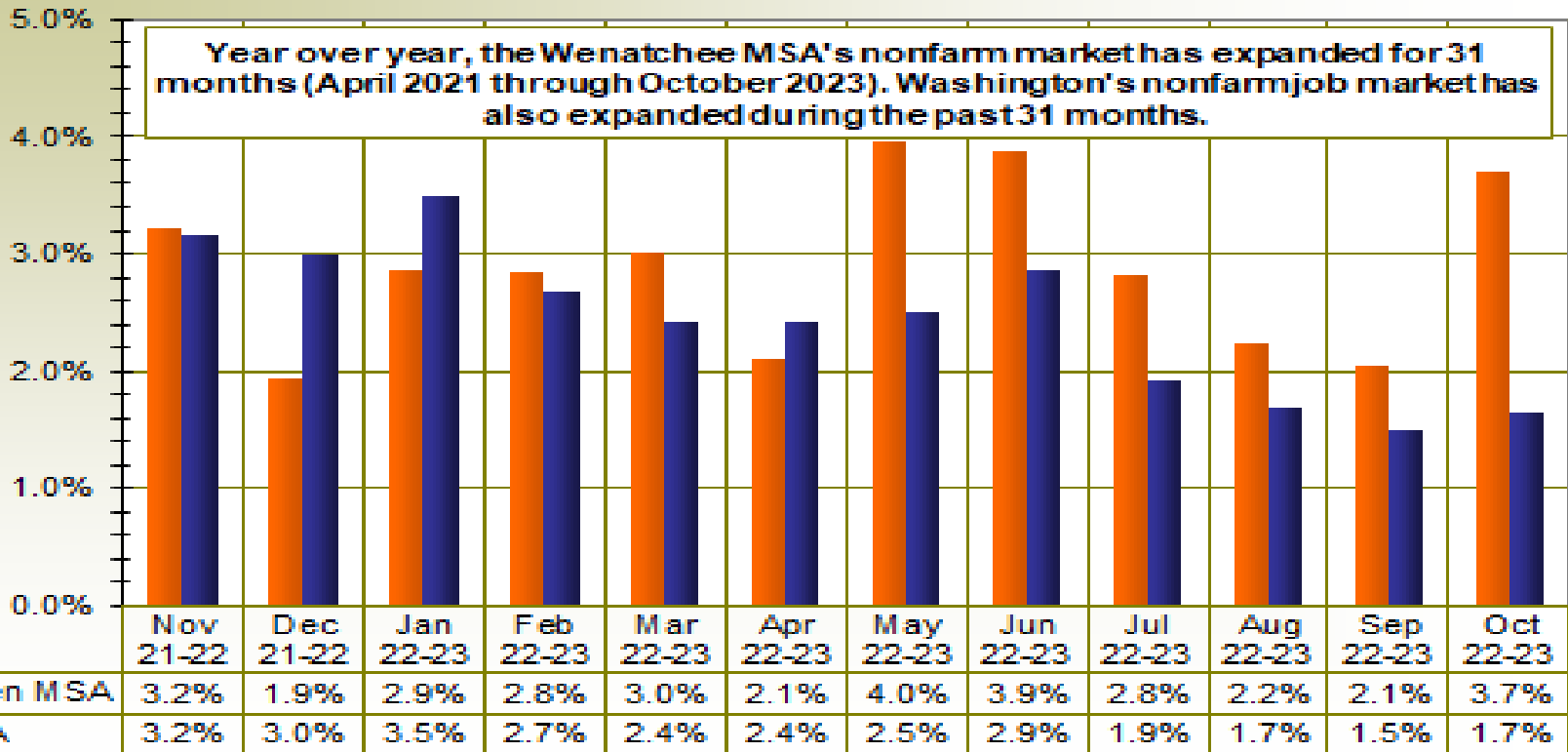
Average annual employment = 12,339

Average annual wage = \$46,669 (56.3 percent of Washington State’s average annual wage in 2022 of \$82,912)

Industry	Percent of jobs (in Douglas County)	Percent of wages (in Douglas County)
Agriculture	18.1	12.4
Local government	15.6	22.3
Retail trade	15.5	14.0
Accommodation and food services	8.4	4.8
Health services	7.1	6.1

In the Wenatchee MSA, nonfarm employment has expanded from April 2021-October 2023. (Changes in the past twelve months are shown in this slide.)

**Wenatchee MSA and Washington:
Total Nonfarm Employment Changes
During the Last Twelve Months**



Source: CES Data

In the Wenatchee MSA: Construction, mfg., health services, leisure and hospitality, and local government expanded with job losses in retail trade.

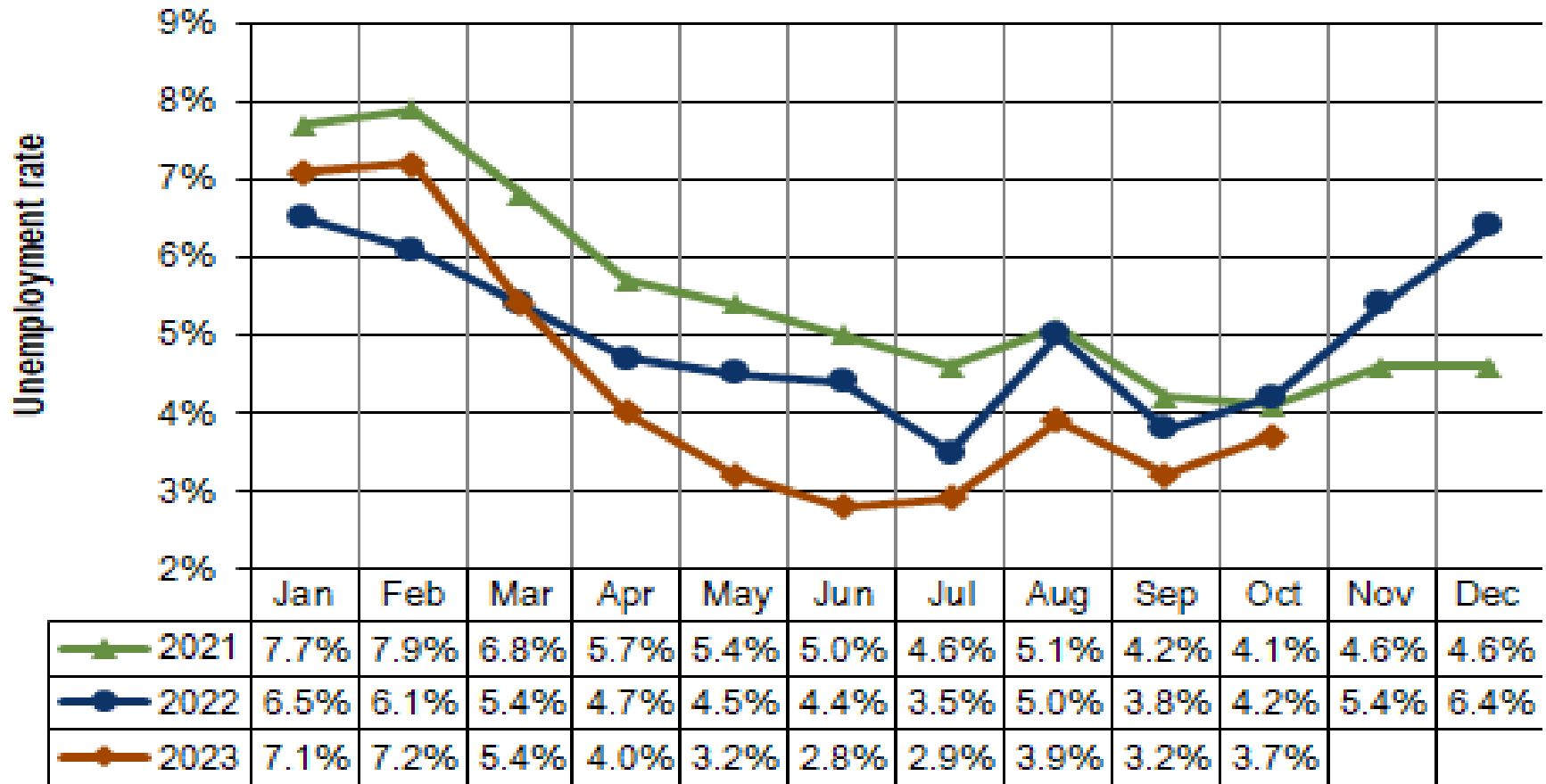
**Wenatchee MSA: Nonfarm Job Growth in Major Industries
From October 2022-October 2023 (As of 21 November 2023)**

Industry	Employment in October 2022	Employment in October 2023	Job Change	Percent Change
Total Nonfarm ¹	48.5	50.3	1.8	3.7%
Total Private	39.2	40.5	1.3	3.3%
Goods Producing	6.4	7.0	0.6	9.4%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	3.6	4.0	0.4	11.1%
Manufacturing	2.8	3.0	0.2	7.1%
Service Providing	42.1	43.3	1.2	2.9%
Private Services Providing	32.8	33.5	0.7	2.1%
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	10.0	10.1	0.1	1.0%
Retail Trade	6.6	6.5	(0.1)	-1.5%
Education and Health Services	8.1	8.4	0.3	3.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	6.7	7.3	0.6	9.0%
Government	9.3	9.8	0.5	5.4%
Federal Government	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0%
State Government	1.1	1.2	0.1	9.1%
Local Government	7.3	7.7	0.4	5.5%

¹ Excludes proprietors, self-employed, members of the armed services, workers in private households and agriculture. Columns may not add due to rounding.

Source: CES Data

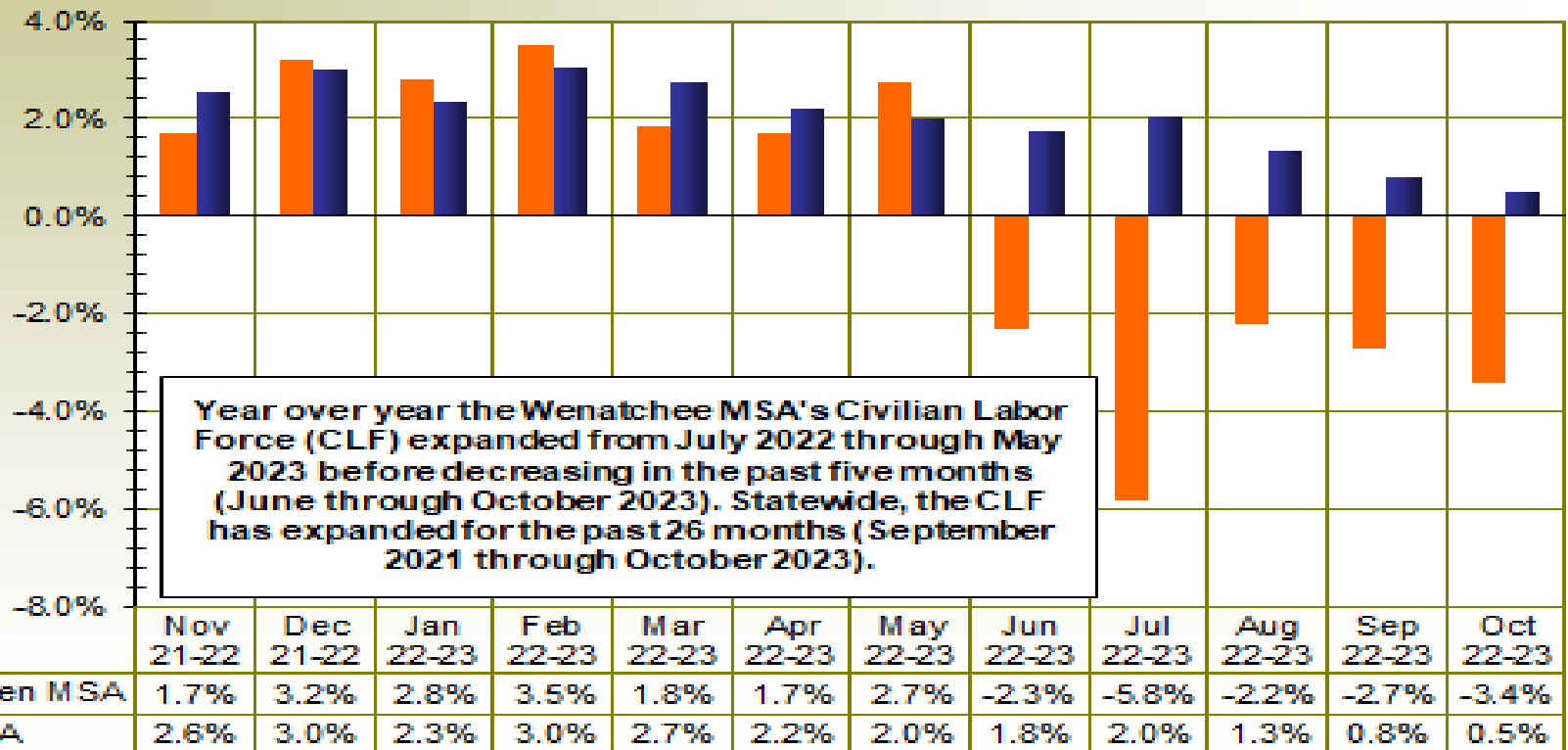
Wenatchee MSA: Year over year, unemployment rates have declined from April through October 2023...



Source: LAUS Data

... But, year over year, the Wenatchee MSA's Civilian Labor Force (CLF) has decreased in each of the past five months (June through October 2023).

**Wenatchee MSA and Washington:
Civilian Labor Force Changes
During the Last Twelve Months**



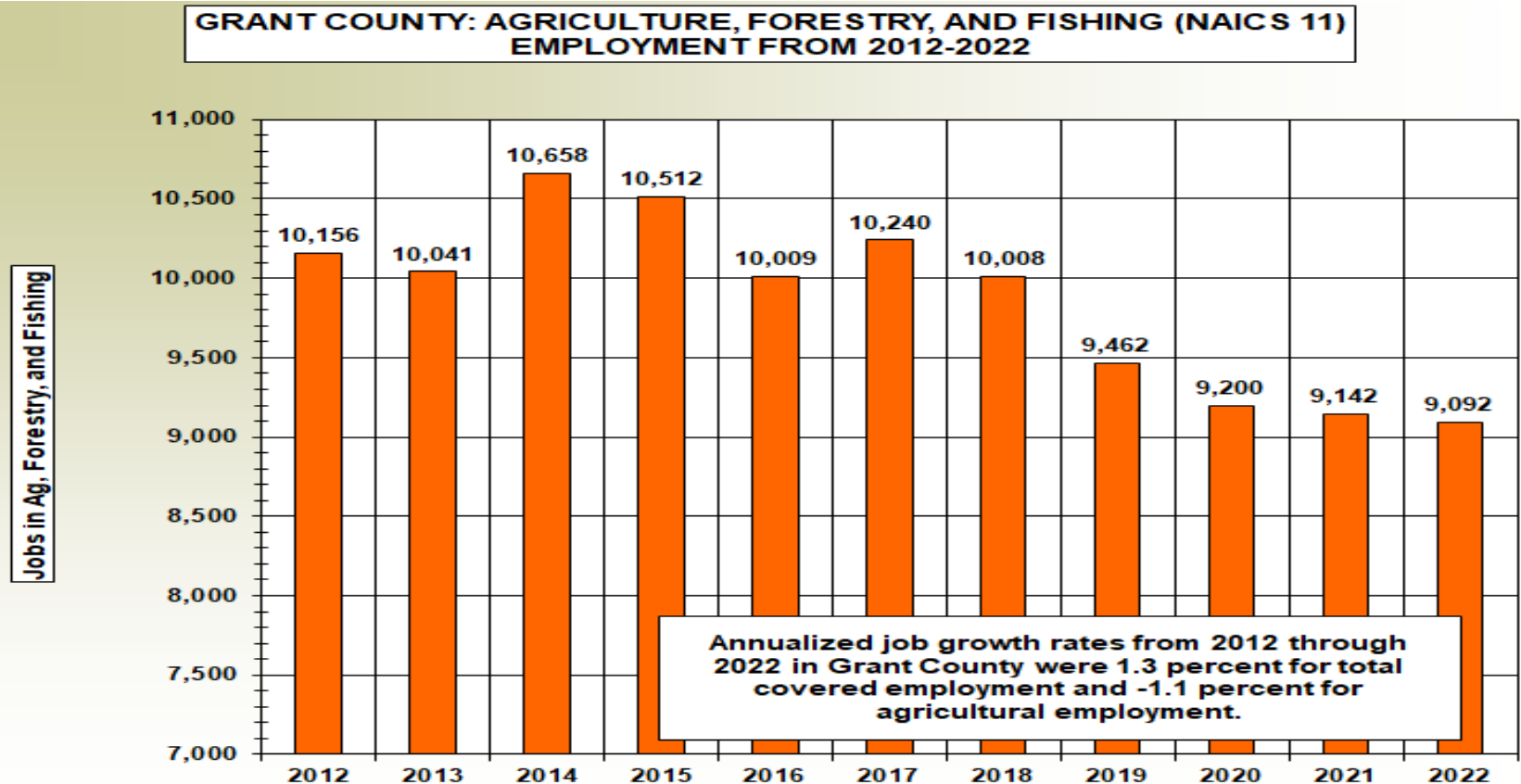
Source: LAUS Data

Grant County: Health services added more jobs than any other sector from 2012-2022, accounting for 24.3% of total covered job growth of 5,220.

COVERED EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY SECTOR IN GRANT COUNTY FROM 2012-2022				
Sorted by Changes (in # of Jobs) From 2012-2022 (As of 21 November 2023)				
INDUSTRY	2012	2022	Job Changes (in #) From 2012-2022	Job Changes (in %) From 2012-2022
NAICS 21 (Mining)	*	*	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
NAICS 22 (Utilities)	*	*	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
NAICS 62 (Health Services)	1,824	3,093	1,269	69.6%
NAICS 54 (Professional and Technical Services)	354	1,465	1,111	313.8%
NAICS 23 (Construction)	1,077	1,956	879	81.6%
Local Government	6,269	7,102	833	13.3%
NAICS 72 (Accommodation and Food Services)	2,023	2,713	690	34.1%
NAICS 56 (Administrative and Waste Services)	804	1,477	673	83.7%
NAICS 42 (Wholesale Trade)	1,357	1,918	561	41.3%
NAICS 44-45 (Retail Trade)	3,133	3,650	517	16.5%
NAICS 51 (Information)	213	711	498	233.8%
NAICS 48-49 (Transportation and Warehousing)	968	1,202	234	24.2%
NAICS 61 (Private Education Services)	94	176	82	87.2%
NAICS 71 (Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation)	241	251	10	4.1%
Federal Government	713	723	10	1.4%
NAICS 52 (Finance and Insurance)	492	498	6	1.2%
NAICS 53 (Real Estate and Rentals)	316	306	-10	-3.2%
NAICS 55 (Management of Companies)	47	31	-16	-34.0%
State Government	669	613	-56	-8.4%
NAICS 31-33 (Manufacturing)	4,504	4,389	-115	-2.6%
NAICS 81 (Other Services)	1,384	496	-888	-64.2%
NAICS 11 (Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing)	10,156	9,092	-1,064	-10.5%
TOTAL COVERED EMPLOYMENT	36,715	41,935	5,220	14.2%

Source: QCEW Data

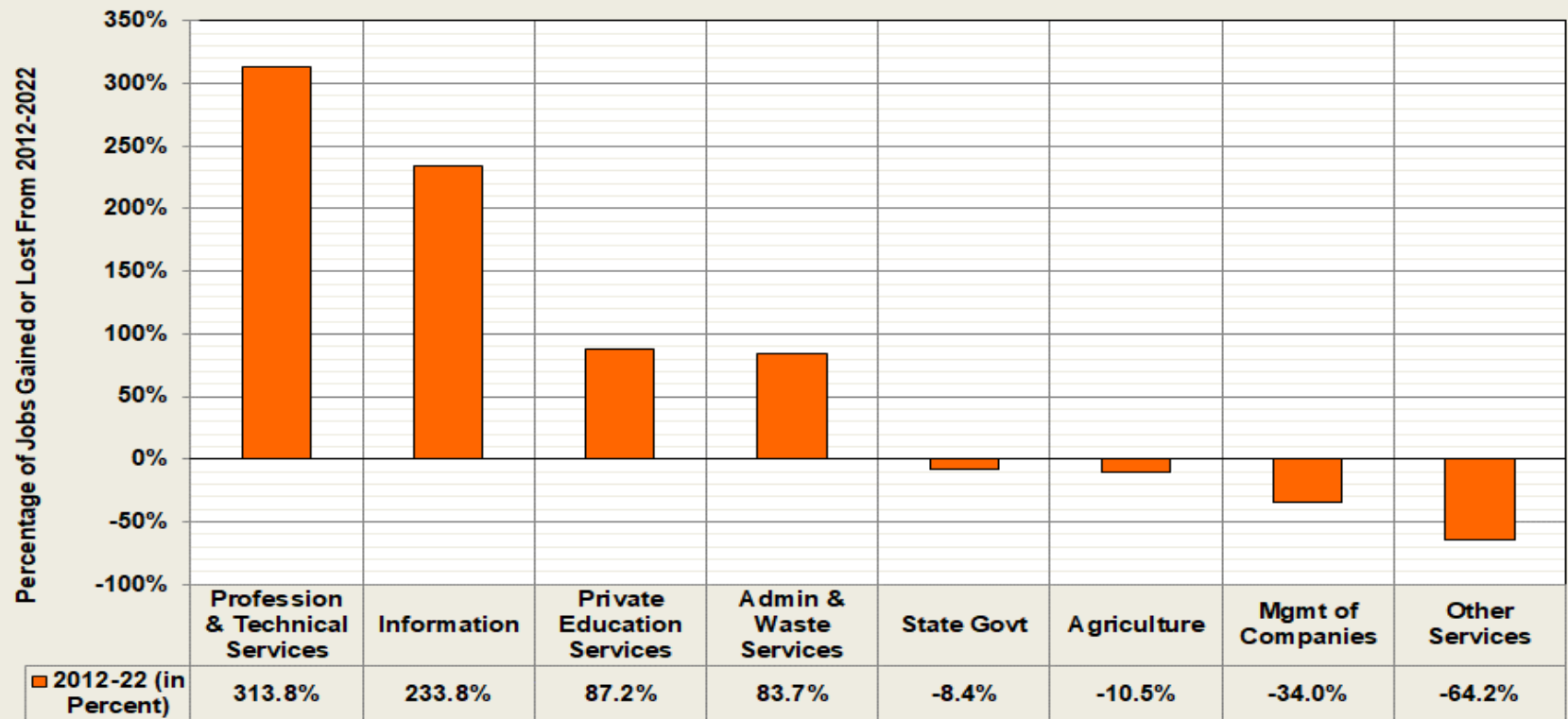
Grant County: Agriculture lost more jobs in the past 10 years than any other sector, falling from 10,156 jobs in 2012 to 9,092 in 2022 (-10.5 percent).



Source: QCEW Data

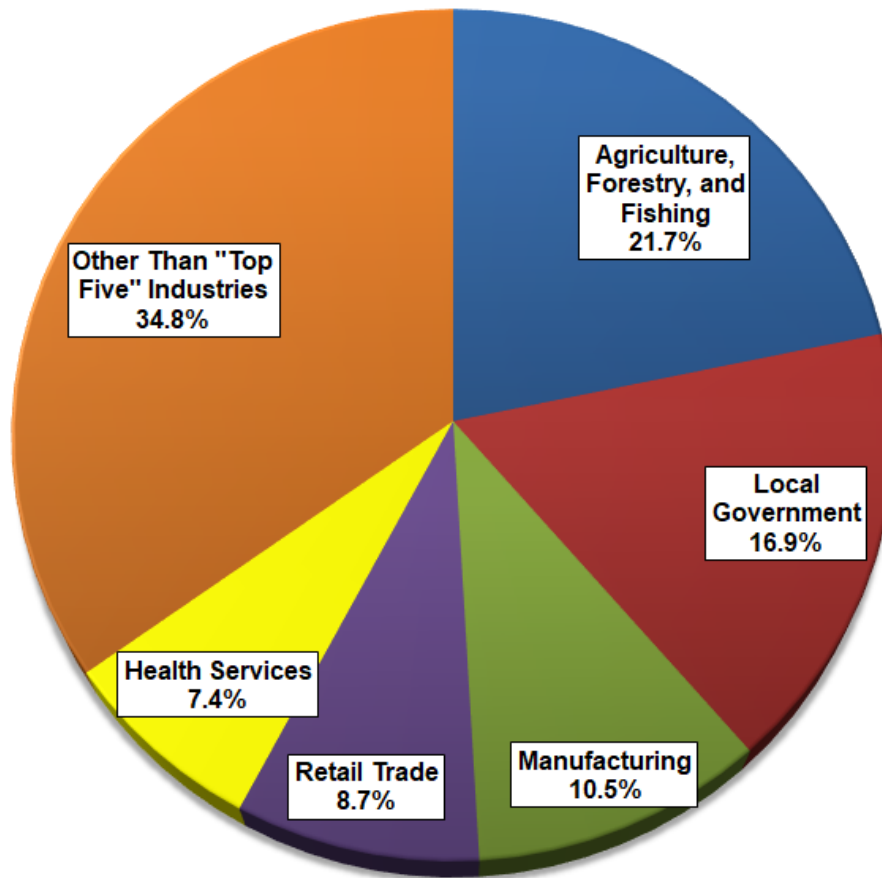
Grant County's fastest growing sector (in %) was professional and technical services, rising from 354 jobs in 2012 to 1,465 jobs in 2022 (up 313.8%).

Comparison of Job Gains or Losses (in %) in "Top 4 and Bottom 4" Grant County Covered Employment Sectors From 2012-2022 (As of 21 November 2023)



Source: QCEW Data

Grant County: Top 5 industries by covered employment in 2022



Industry	Number of Jobs
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	9,092
Local Government	7,102
Manufacturing	4,389
Retail Trade	3,650
Health Services	3,093
Other Than "Top Five" Industries	14,609
Total Covered Employment	41,935

Source: QCEW Data

Grant County in 2022: Summary of “Top 5” industries (by covered employment)

Total covered wages = \$2.35 billion

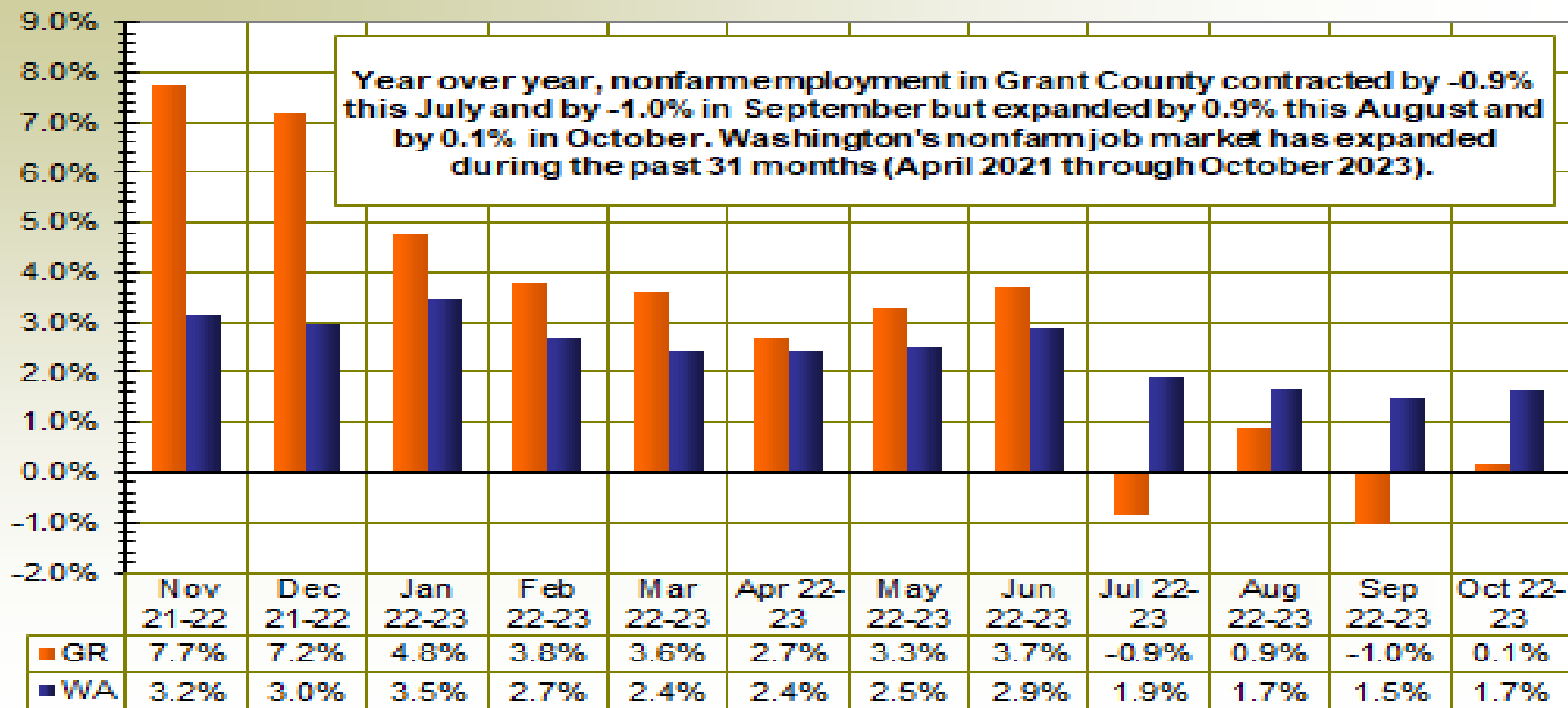
Average annual employment = 41,935

Average annual wage = \$55,925 (67.5 percent of Washington State’s average annual wage in 2022 of \$82,912)

Industry	Percent of jobs (in Grant County)	Percent of wages (in Grant County)
Agriculture	21.7	13.8
Local government	16.9	20.5
Manufacturing	10.5	11.9
Retail trade	8.7	5.8
Health services	7.4	6.1

Grant County: Nonfarm employment has been “vacillating,” year over year, in the past four months (July through October 2023).

Grant County and Washington:
Nonfarm Employment Changes
During the Last Twelve Months



Source: CES Data

Grant County: Year over year, professional & business svcs and state & local govt ed expanded while construction and wholesale trade contracted.

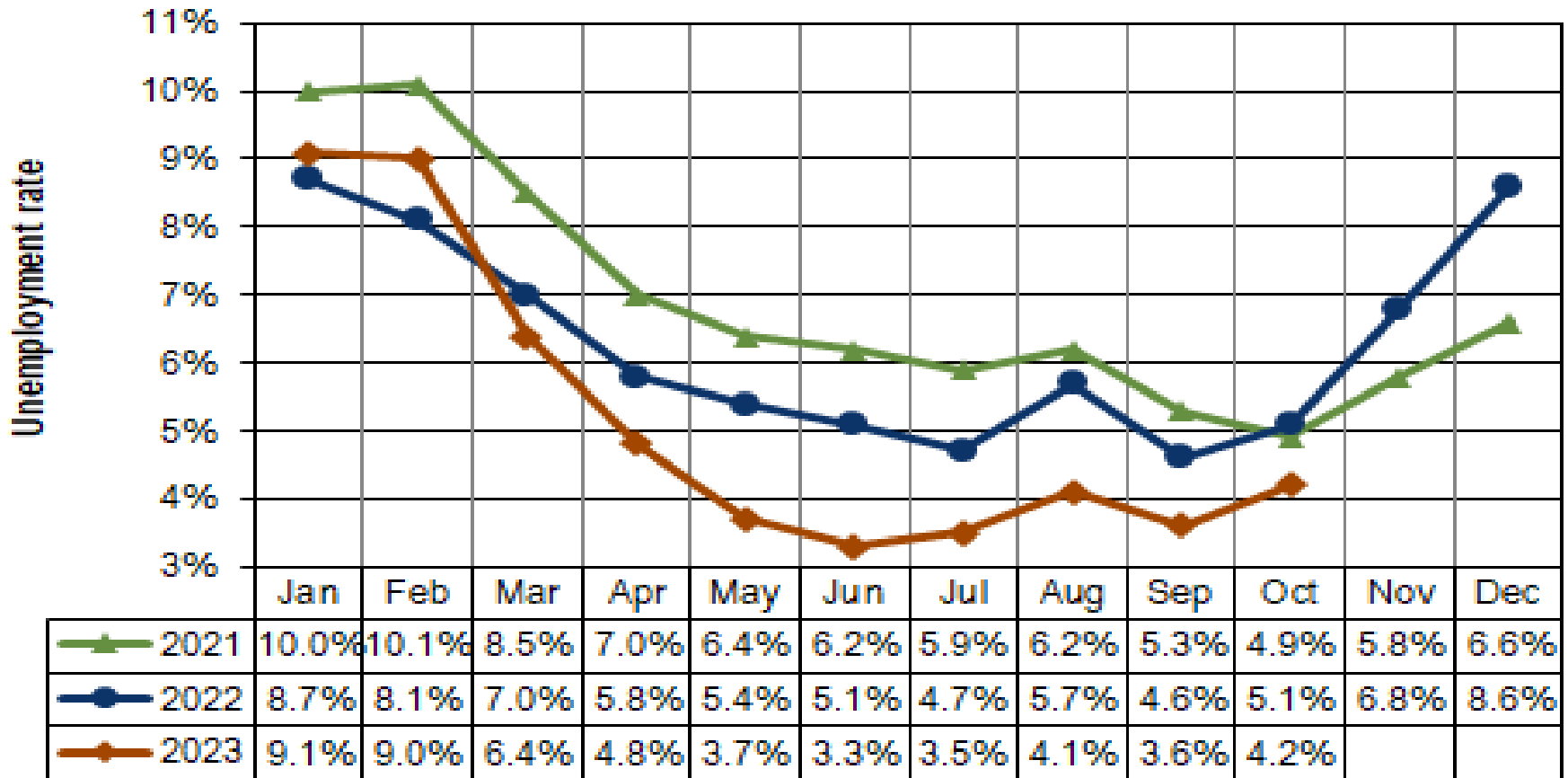
Grant County: Nonfarm Job Growth in Major Industries
From October 2022-October 2023 (As of 21 November 2023)

Industry	Employment in October 2022	Employment in October 2023	Job Change	Percent Change
Total Nonfarm¹	33,930	33,980	50	0.1%
Total Private	25,320	25,150	(170)	-0.7%
Goods Producing	6,540	6,430	(110)	-1.7%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,140	2,000	(140)	-6.5%
Manufacturing	4,400	4,430	30	0.7%
Durable Goods	1,380	1,400	20	1.4%
Nondurable Goods	3,020	3,030	10	0.3%
Service Providing	27,390	27,550	160	0.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	6,900	6,770	(130)	-1.9%
Wholesale Trade	1,920	1,760	(160)	-8.3%
Retail Trade	3,660	3,670	10	0.3%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,320	1,340	20	1.5%
Information and Financial Activities	1,610	1,550	(60)	-3.7%
Professional and Business Services	3,350	3,430	80	2.4%
Education and Health Services	3,320	3,300	(20)	-0.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	3,010	3,070	60	2.0%
Government	8,610	8,830	220	2.6%
Federal Government	710	710	0	0.0%
State and Local Government	7,900	8,120	220	2.8%
Education	3,740	4,040	300	8.0%

¹ Excludes proprietors, self-employed, members of the armed services, workers in private households and agriculture. Columns may not add due to rounding.

Source: CES Data

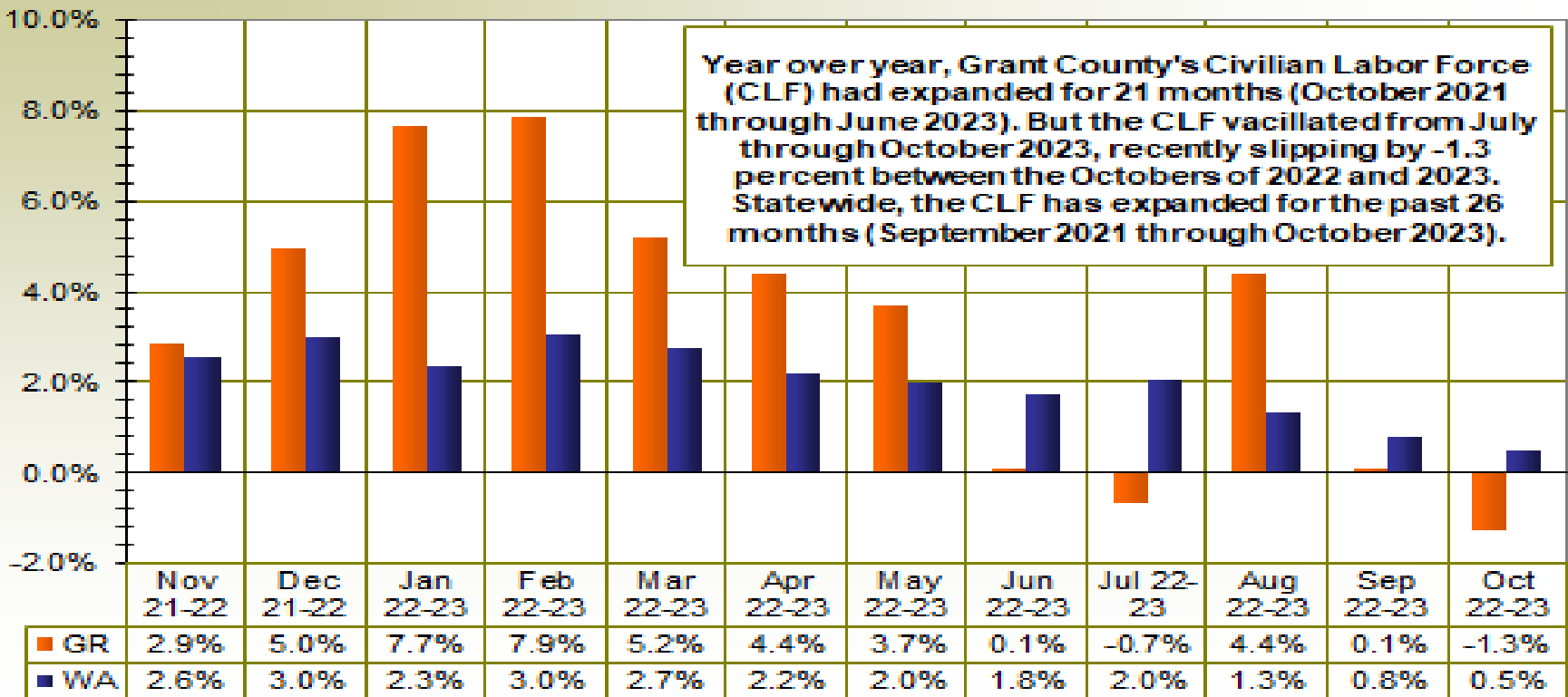
Grant County: Year over year, unemployment rates have declined from March through October 2023...



Source: LAUS Data

... But the CLF vacillated from July through October 2023, recently slipping by -1.3 percent between the Octobers of 2022 and 2023.

**Grant County and Washington:
Civilian Labor Force Changes
During the Last Twelve Months**



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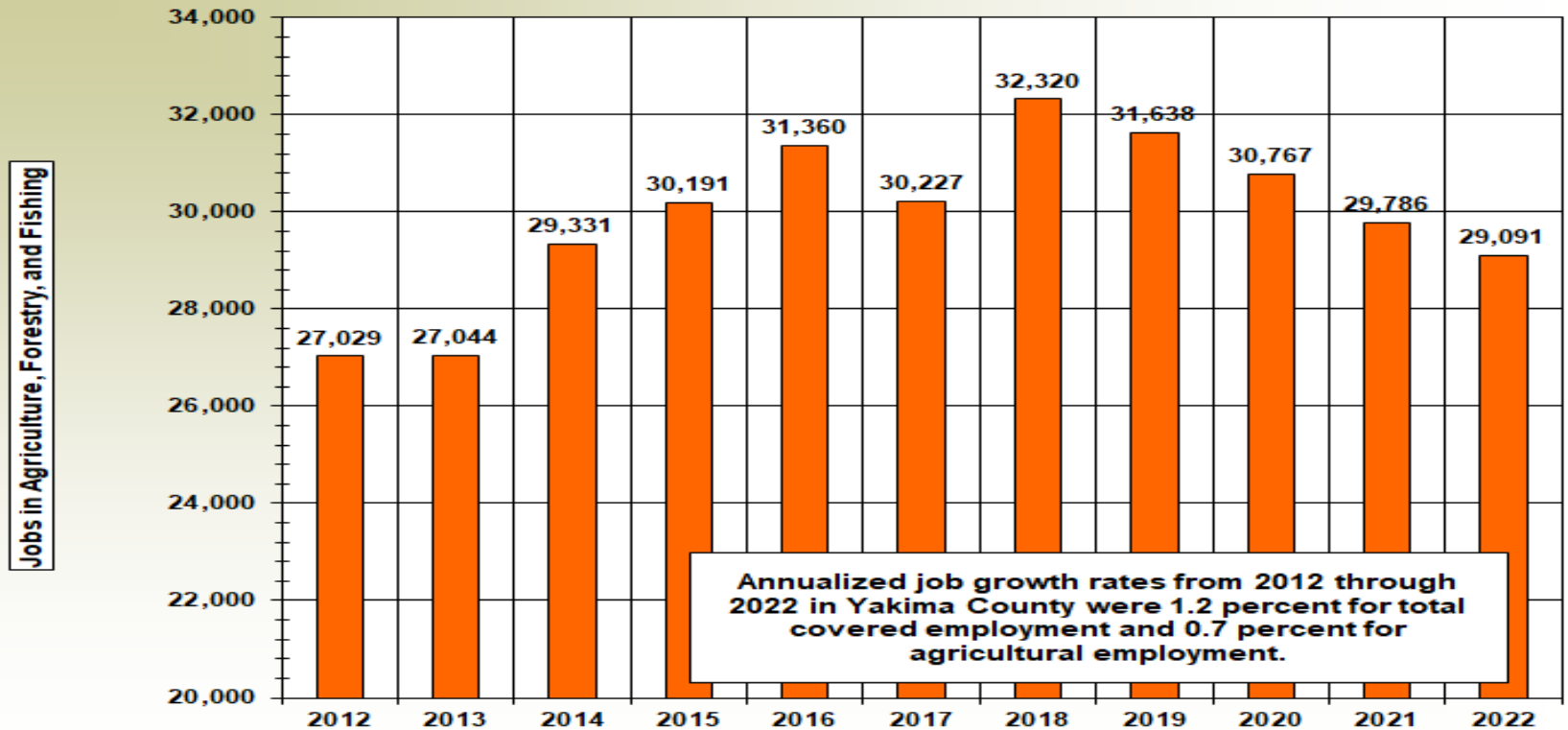
Yakima County: Health services added more jobs than any other sector from 2012-2022, accounting for 36.9% of total covered job growth of 12,499.

COVERED EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY SECTOR IN YAKIMA COUNTY FROM 2012-2022				
Sorted by Changes (in # of Jobs) From 2012-2022 (As of 21 November 2023)				
INDUSTRY	2012	2022	Job Changes (in #) From 2012-2022	Job Changes (in %) From 2012-2022
NAICS 62 (Health Services)	12,837	17,448	4,611	35.9%
NAICS 11 (Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing)	27,029	29,091	2,062	7.6%
NAICS 72 (Accommodation and Food Services)	5,550	7,065	1,515	27.3%
NAICS 23 (Construction)	2,588	4,091	1,503	58.1%
NAICS 44-45 (Retail Trade)	10,045	11,266	1,221	12.2%
Local Government	12,937	14,069	1,132	8.8%
NAICS 48-49 (Transportation and Warehousing)	2,899	3,796	897	30.9%
NAICS 31-33 (Manufacturing)	7,813	8,361	548	7.0%
NAICS 42 (Wholesale Trade)	3,980	4,507	527	13.2%
NAICS 56 (Administrative and Waste Services)	1,650	2,072	422	25.6%
NAICS 61 (Private Education Services)	918	1,189	271	29.5%
NAICS 55 (Management of Companies)	553	768	215	38.9%
NAICS 54 (Professional and Business Services)	1,697	1,838	141	8.3%
NAICS 53 (Real Estate and Rentals)	783	887	104	13.3%
NAICS 71 (Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation)	1,090	1,163	73	6.7%
NAICS 22 (Utilities)	155	169	14	9.0%
Federal Government	1,258	1,272	14	1.1%
NAICS 21 (Mining)	58	26	-32	-55.2%
State Government	2,577	2,465	-112	-4.3%
NAICS 52 (Finance and Insurance)	1,556	1,364	-192	-12.3%
NAICS 51 (Information)	798	496	-302	-37.8%
NAICS 81 (Other Services)	3,978	1,844	-2,134	-53.6%
TOTAL COVERED EMPLOYMENT	102,748	115,247	12,499	12.2%

Source: QCEW Data

Yakima County: Agriculture added the second-greatest number of jobs in the past 10 years (rising by 7.6%), but employment “peaked” in 2018.

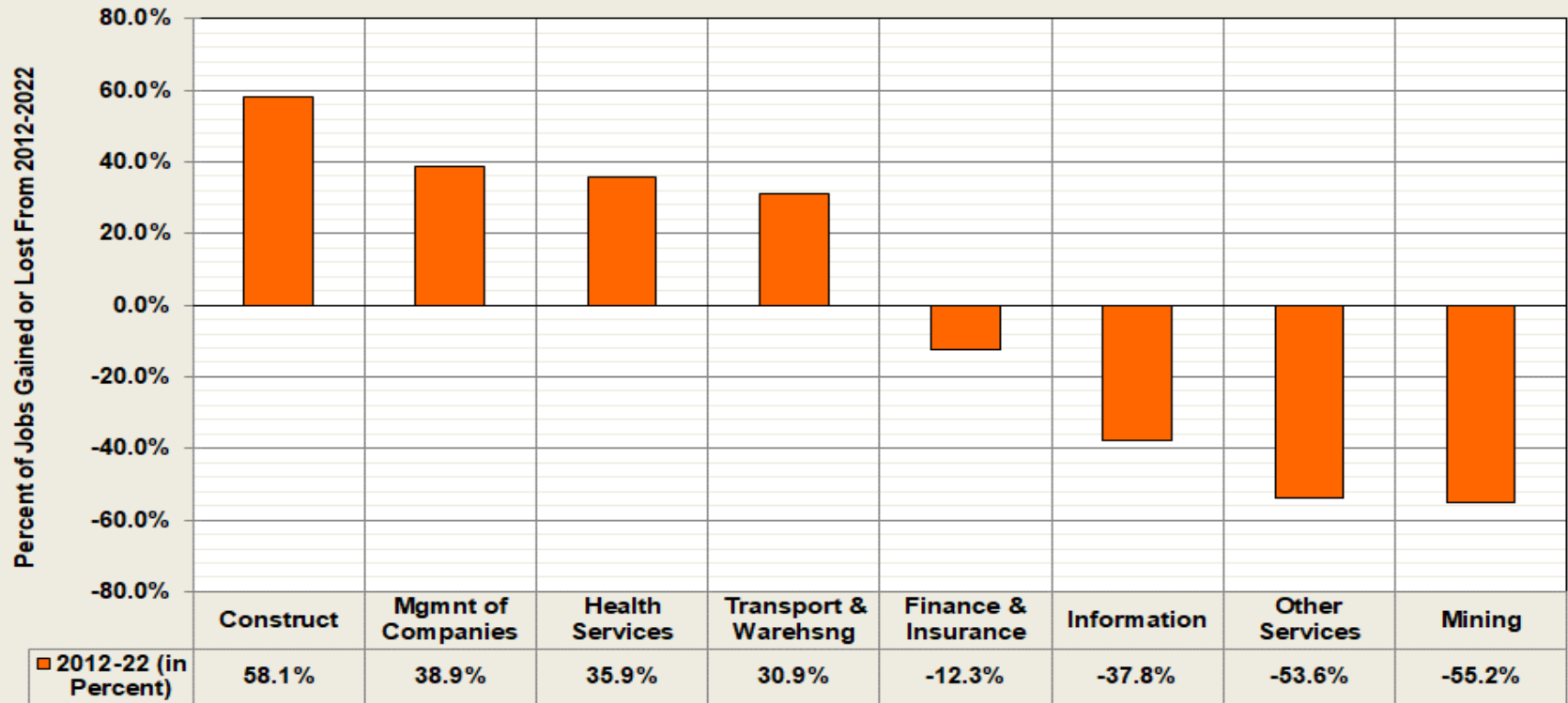
YAKIMA COUNTY: EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHING (NAICS 11) FROM 2012-2022



Source: QCEW Data

Yakima County's fastest growing sector (in %) was construction, rising from 2,588 jobs in 2012 to 4,091 jobs in 2022 (up 58.1%).

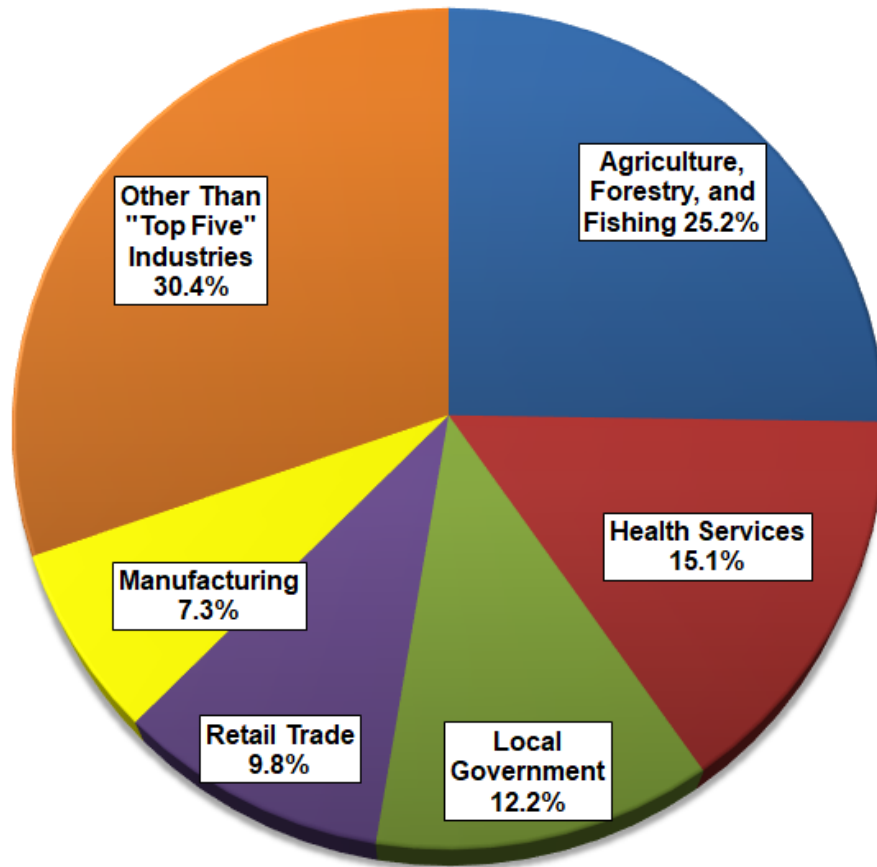
Comparison of Job Gains or Losses (in %) in "Top 4 and Bottom 4" Yakima County Covered Employment Sectors From 2012-2022 (As of 21 November 2023)



Source: QCEW Data



Yakima County: Top 5 industries by covered employment in 2022



Yakima County: Top Five Industries by Employment in 2022	
Industry	Number of Jobs
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	29,091
Health Services	17,448
Local Government	14,069
Retail Trade	11,266
Manufacturing	8,361
Other Than "Top Five" Industries	35,012
Total Covered Employment	115,247

Source: QCEW Data

Yakima County in 2022: Summary of “Top 5” industries (by covered employment)

Total covered wages = \$5.46 billion

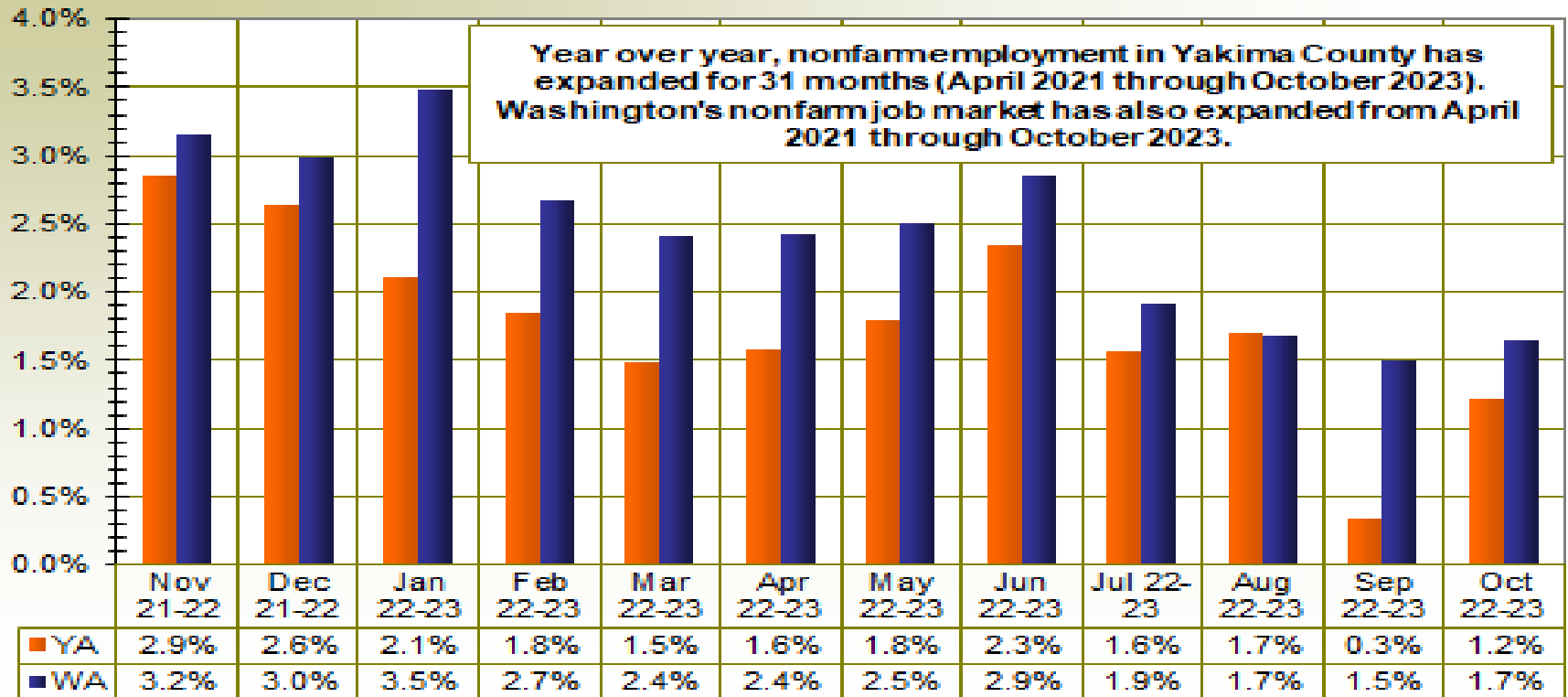
Average annual employment = 115,247

Average annual wage = \$47,343 (57.1 percent of Washington State’s average annual wage in 2022 of \$82,912)

Industry	Percent of jobs (in Yakima County)	Percent of wages (in Yakima County)
Agriculture	25.2	19.5
Health services	15.1	16.9
Local government	12.2	15.1
Retail trade	9.8	7.7
Manufacturing	7.3	8.6

In Yakima County, nonfarm employment has expanded from April 2021-October 2023. (Changes in the past twelve months are shown in this slide.)

**Yakima County and Washington:
Total Nonfarm Employment Changes
During the Last Twelve Months**



Source: CES Data

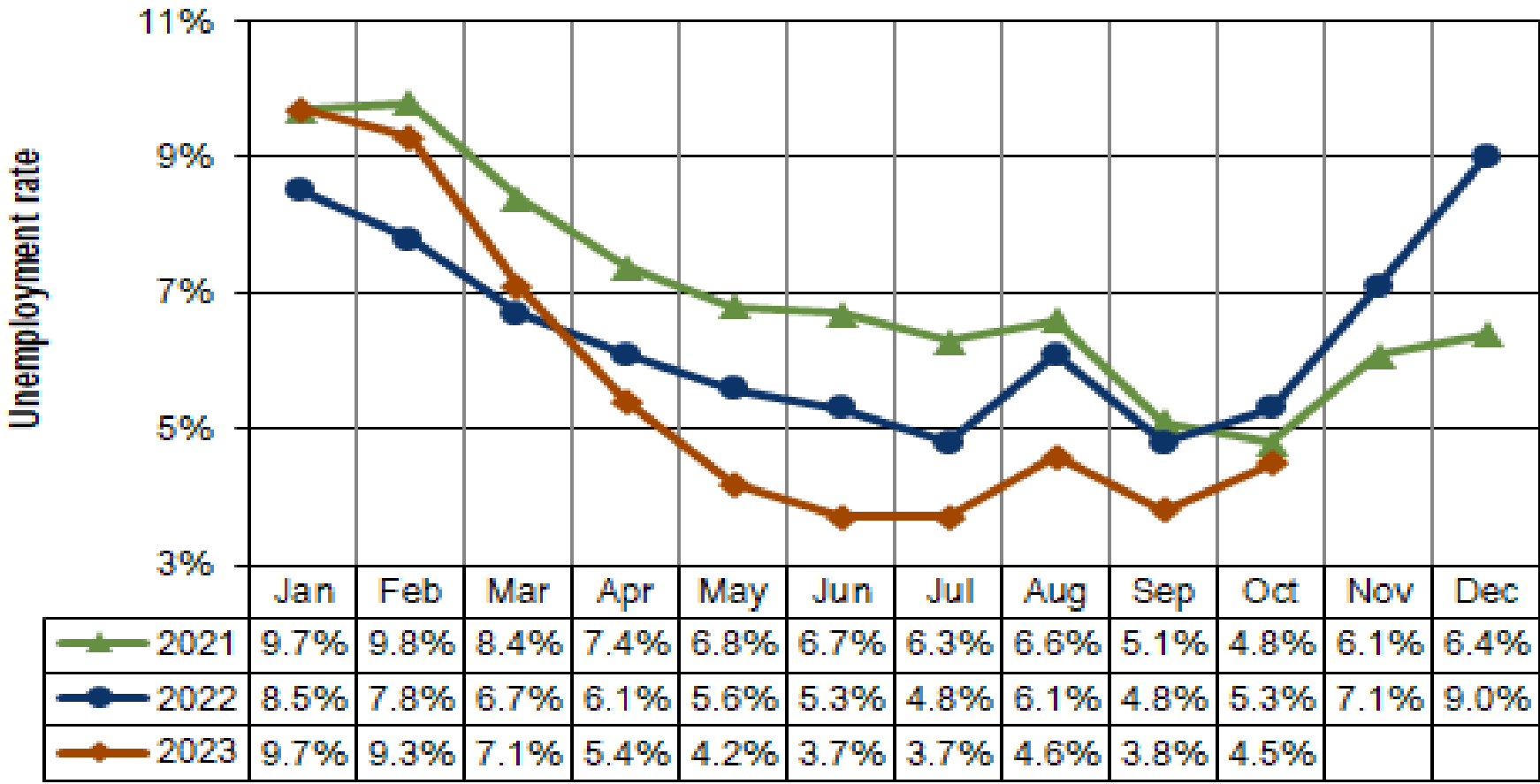
Yakima County: Between the Octobers of 2022 and 2023; retail trade, healthcare, and local government gained jobs while nondurable goods mfg. lost jobs.

Yakima County: Nonfarm Job Growth in Major Industries From October 2022-October 2023 (As of 21 November 2023)				
Industry	Employment in October 2022	Employment in October 2023	Job Change	Percent Change
Total Nonfarm¹	90.1	91.2	1.1	1.2%
Total Private	72.0	72.2	0.2	0.3%
Goods Producing	13.4	13.0	(0.4)	-3.0%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	4.6	4.7	0.1	2.2%
Manufacturing	8.8	8.3	(0.5)	-5.7%
Nondurable Goods	5.9	5.6	(0.3)	-5.1%
Service Providing	76.7	78.2	1.5	2.0%
Private Service Providing	58.6	59.2	0.6	1.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	20.1	20.5	0.4	2.0%
Wholesale Trade	4.6	4.5	(0.1)	-2.2%
Retail Trade	11.4	11.8	0.4	3.5%
Transportation and Utilities	4.1	4.2	0.1	2.4%
Professional and Business Services	5.1	5.0	(0.1)	-2.0%
Education and Health Services	19.1	19.6	0.5	2.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	17.6	18.2	0.6	3.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	8.4	8.6	0.2	2.4%
Food Services	6.5	6.6	0.1	1.5%
Government	18.1	19.0	0.9	5.0%
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0%
State Government	2.4	2.7	0.3	12.5%
Local Government	14.4	15.0	0.6	4.2%

¹ Excludes proprietors, self-employed, members of the armed services, workers in private households and agriculture. Columns may not add due to rounding.

Source: CES Data

Yakima County: Year over year, unemployment rates have declined from April through October 2023. . .

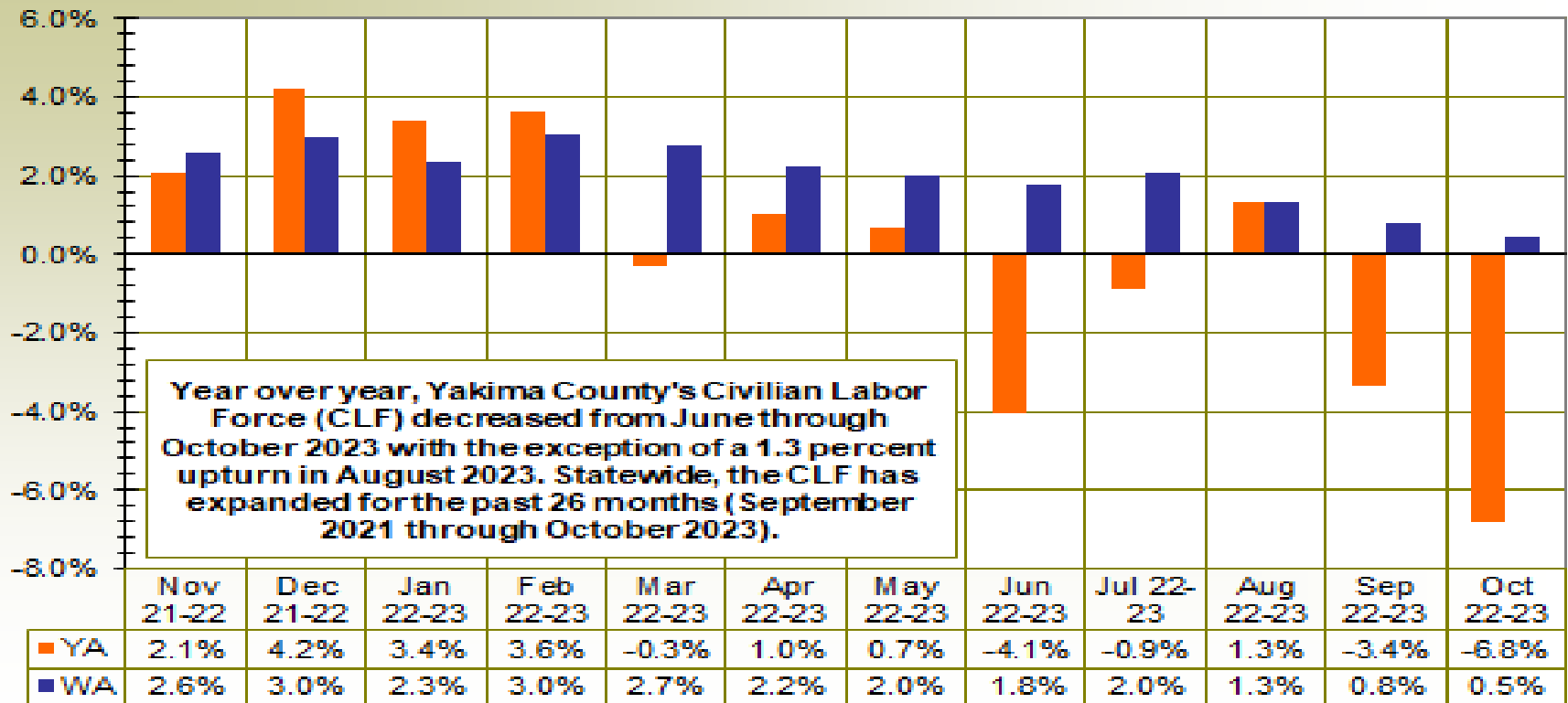


Source: LAUS Data



... But, year over year, Yakima County's labor force decreased from June through October 2023 except for a 1.3 percent upturn in August 2023.

**Yakima County and Washington:
Civilian Labor Force Changes
During the Last Twelve Months**



Source: LAUS Data

Summary of labor market trends in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Yakima counties from 2012-2022

County	Total covered employment changes (2012-2022)	Sector adding the most jobs (2012-2022)	Fastest growing sector in % (2012-2022)	Agricultural employment trends (2012-2022)	Average annual wage (in 2022)
Chelan	4,096 new jobs (up 10.4%)	Health services netted 1,921 new jobs (up 40.2%).	Administrative and waste services netted 1,069 new jobs (up 186.6%).	Agriculture lost more jobs than any other sector, falling from 9,667 jobs in 2012 to 7,688 in 2022 (-20.5 percent).	\$51,694
Douglas	1,591 new jobs (up 14.8%)	Retail trade netted 565 new jobs (up 42.0%).	Construction netted 484 new jobs (up 130.1%).	Agriculture lost more jobs than any other sector, falling from 2,969 jobs in 2012 to 2,232 in 2022 (-24.8 percent).	\$46,669
Grant	5,220 new jobs (up 14.2%)	Health services netted 1,269 new jobs (up 69.6%).	Professional and technical services netted 484 new jobs (up 130.1%).	Agriculture lost more jobs in the past 10 years than any other sector, falling from 10,156 jobs in 2012 to 9,092 in 2022 (-10.5 percent).	\$55,925
Yakima	12,499 new jobs (up 12.2%)	Health services netted 4,611 new jobs (up 36.9%).	Construction netted 1,503 new jobs (up 58.1%).	Agriculture added the second-greatest number of jobs in the past 10 years (rising by 7.6%), but employment "peaked" in 2018.	\$47,343

Note: Anecdotal evidence suggests at least three possibilities for declines in agricultural employment during this 10-year (2012-2022) period: automation, the gradual conversion of some seasonal agricultural jobs to year-round positions, and the increased use of H-2A agricultural labor.

Source: QCEW Data



Current nonfarm employment and Civilian Labor Force (CLF) trends in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Yakima Counties

County/Area	Current total noncovered employment trends	Total nonfarm employment growth rate (October 2022-October 2023)	Employment trends in major sectors between the Octobers of 2022 and 2023	Unemployment rate in October 2023	Current Civilian Labor Force (CLF) trends
Wenatchee Metropolitan Statistical Area or MSA (Chelan and Douglas counties)	Year over year, the Wenatchee MSA's nonfarm market has expanded for 31 months (April 2021 through October 2023).	3.7%	Construction, manufacturing, health services, leisure and hospitality, and local government expanded with job losses in retail trade.	3.7%	Year over year the Wenatchee MSA's Civilian Labor Force (CLF) expanded from July 2022 through May 2023 before decreasing in the past five months (June through October 2023)
Grant	Year over year, nonfarm employment in Grant County contracted by -0.9% this July and by -1.0% in September but expanded by 0.9% this August and by 0.1% in October 2023.	0.1%	Professional & business services and state and local government education expanded while construction and wholesale trade contracted.	4.2%	Year over year, Grant County's CLF had expanded for 21 months (October 2021 through June 2023), but the labor force vacillated from July through October 2023, recently slipping by -1.3 percent between the Octobers of 2022 and 2023.
Yakima	Year over year, nonfarm employment in Yakima County has expanded for 31 months (April 2021 through October 2023).	1.2%	Retail trade, healthcare, and local government gained jobs while nondurable goods manufacturing (primarily food processing) lost jobs.	4.5%	Year over year, Yakima County's Civilian Labor Force (CLF) decreased from June through October 2023 with the exception of a 1.3 percent upturn in August 2023.

Source: QCEW Data

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