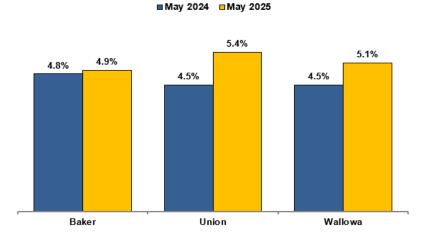
Northeast Oregon Economic Indicators

Baker, Union, and Wallowa June 2025 (May Data)

Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)



Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS

Nonfarm Employment Change

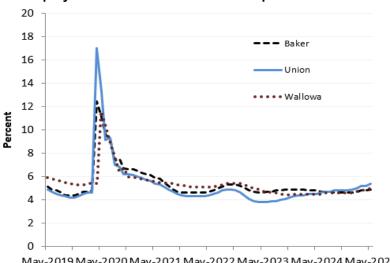
May 2024 to May 2025

Baker County gained an estimated 10 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 20 jobs with the public sector adding 30 jobs. Retail trade, state government, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities led gains while leisure and hospitality, financial activities, manufacturing, and private education and health services experienced the greatest losses.

Union County employment decreased by an estimated 110 jobs over the year. The public sector rose by 100 jobs while the private sector dropped 210 positions, led by losses in retail trade, leisure and hospitality, and professional and business services. Gains were led by local government, private education and health services, and state government.

Wallowa County gained an estimated 40 jobs over the year with both private and public sectors increasing by 20 jobs each. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities, and construction led losses while wholesale and retail trade, and financial activities added the most jobs.

Unemployment rates continue to trend upwards



May-2019 May-2020 May-2021 May-2022 May-2023 May-2024 May-2025

Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS

Unemployment Rate News

The May 2025 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased in Baker and Wallowa counties by 0.1 and in Union County by 0.2 percentage point over the previous month.

All three counties' rates were above Oregon's statewide rate of 4.8% and the national rate of 4.2%.

Each county's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose over the year from May 2024 by 0.1 percentage point in Baker County, 0.6 in Wallowa County and 0.9 in Union County.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from May 2024

		<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
4		Retail Trade (+70)	Local Government (+80)	Wholesale and Retail Trade
		State Government (+30)	Private Education/Health	(+20)
		Transportation/	Services (+20)	Financial Activities (+20)
		Warehousing/Utilities (+10)	State Government (+10)	State Government (+10)
		Leisure/Hospitality (-20)	Retail Trade (-60)	Transportation/Warehousing/
		Financial Activities (-20)	Leisure/Hospitality (-50)	Utilities (-20)
		Manufacturing (-20)	Professional/Business Services (-40)	Construction (-20)
				Manufacturing (-10)

Source: Oregon Employment Department, CES

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