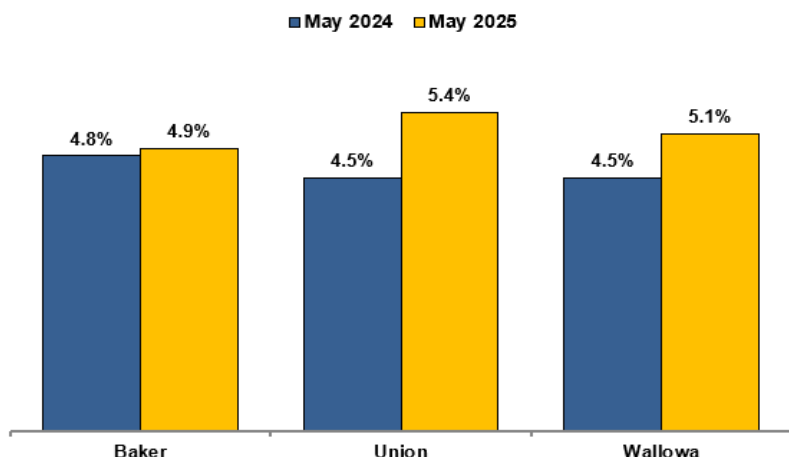


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)



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.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from May 2024

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

Source: Oregon Employment Department, CES

News and Articles

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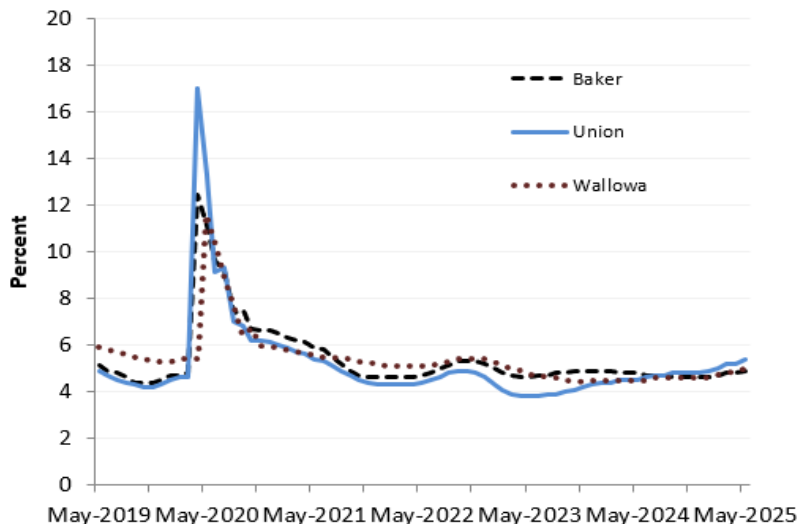
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Unemployment rates continue to trend upwards



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