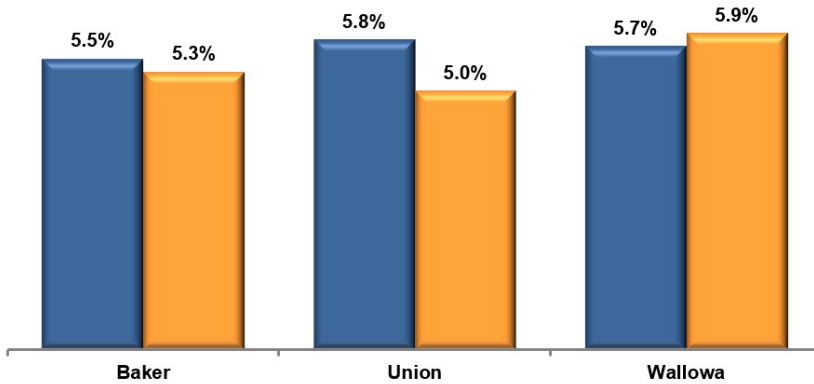


**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)**

■ May 2025 ■ May 2026



Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS

**Unemployment Rate**

The May 2026 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased slightly by 0.1 percentage point in Union County, and stayed the same in Baker and Wallowa counties over the previous month.

Union County moved further below Oregon's statewide rate of 5.2%, while Baker and Wallowa counties' stayed above that rate. All three counties rates remained above the national rate of 4.3%.

**Nonfarm Employment Change**

May 2025 to May 2026

Baker County showed no change in employment over the year. The private sector increased by 10 jobs and the public sector decreased by 10. Private education and health services largely led gains while retail trade experienced the most job losses.

Union County employment increased by an estimated 150 jobs over the year. The private sector gained 190 jobs while the public sector lost 40. Leisure and hospitality experienced the most job losses. Gains were led primarily by financial activities.

Wallowa County decreased an estimated 60 jobs over the year. The public sector showed no change while the private sector lost 60 jobs. Construction led employment losses, while only financial activities, and leisure and hospitality added jobs.

Baker		Union		Wallowa	
Total Nonfarm Employment	0	Total Nonfarm Employment	150	Total Nonfarm Employment	(60)
Private Education / Health Services	130	Financial Activities	100	Financial Activities	10
State Government	10	Private Education / Health Services	40	Leisure / Hospitality	10
Information	10	Manufacturing	30	-	-
Retail Trade	(40)	Leisure / Hospitality	(30)	Construction	(20)
Professional / Business Services	(30)	Local Government	(20)	Transportation / Warehousing / Utilities	(20)
Leisure / Hospitality	(30)	State Government	(20)	Manufacturing	(10)

Source: Oregon Employment Department, CES

**Estimates of Minimum Wage Jobs by County  
 Third Quarter 2025**

**Jobs Paying Minimum**

Area	Wage or Less	% of Total
Oregon	92,289	4.2%
Harney	177	6.4%
Morrow	491	6.0%
Malheur	870	5.6%
Grant	135	5.3%
Baker	318	5.2%
Wallowa	164	5.0%
Union	465	4.1%
Umatilla	1,504	3.8%

Source: Oregon Employment Department, Unemployment Insurance Wage Records

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