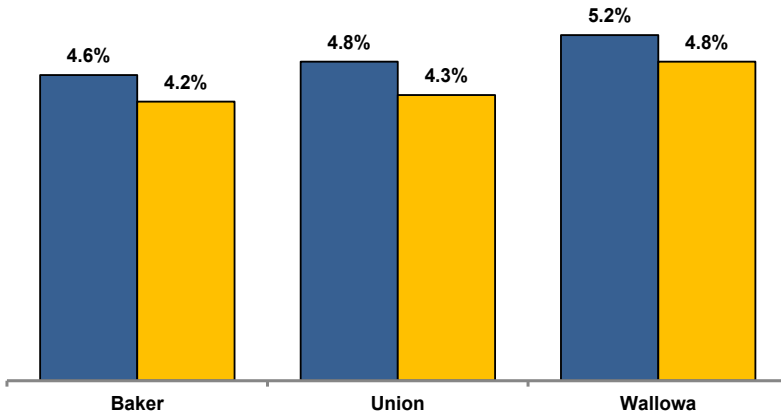


**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)**

■ September 2021 ■ September 2022



**Unemployment Rate News**

Baker County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2022 was 4.2%, while Union County came in at 4.3% and Wallowa County at 4.8%. All three counties' rates were above Oregon's statewide rate of 3.8% and the national rate of 3.5%.

Baker County's rate ranked in a three-way tie for 19th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Union County's ranked in a three-way tie for 22nd and Wallowa County's sat at 27th.

All three counties' rates were their lowest September rates since comparable statistics began in 1990.

Union County (-0.5 percentage point) ranked 24th among Oregon's counties for largest over-the-year change. Baker and Wallowa counties (-0.4) ranked in a nine-way tie for 25th.

**Nonfarm Employment Change**

September 2021 to September 2022

Baker County added an estimated 150 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 160 jobs. Leisure and hospitality and manufacturing led gains while losses were led by professional and business services. The public sector dropped 10 jobs with a loss in local government overcoming a gain in state government while federal government was unchanged.

Union County employment increased an estimated 120 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 70 jobs led by gains in leisure and hospitality. Losses were led by education and health services. The public sector added 50 jobs with gains in local and state government overcoming a loss in federal government.

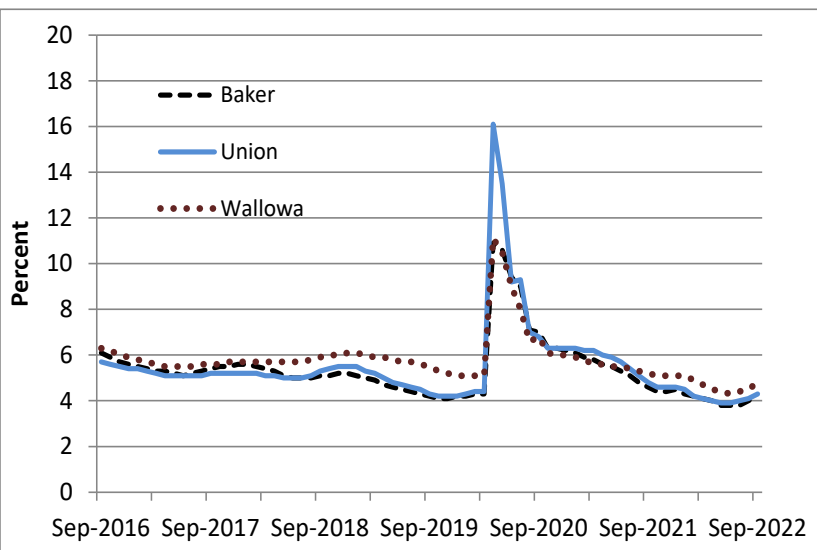
Wallowa County gained an estimated 70 jobs over the year. The private sector added 20 jobs. Gains were led by education and health services. Losses were confined to financial activities. The public sector added 50 jobs with gains in local and state government overcoming a loss in federal government.

**Notable Industry Gains and Losses**

Over-the-Year Employment Change from September 2021

	<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
	Leisure/Hospitality (+60)	Leisure/Hospitality (+90)	Local Government (+50)
	Manufacturing (+60)	Manufacturing (+40)	Private Education/Health Services (+30)
	Retail Trade (+40)	State Government (+40)	Manufacturing (+10)
	Other Services (+20)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (+30)	Construction (+10)
	Mining/Logging (+10)	Local Government (+30)	Leisure/Hospitality (+10)
	Financial Activities (+10)	Other Services (+10)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (+10)
	Professional/Business Services (-30)	Private Education/Health Services (-90)	Financial Activities (-50)
	Local Government (-20)	Professional/Business Services (-20)	Federal Government (-10)
	Information (-10)		

**Unemployment rate ticking up from historical lows (since 1990)**



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