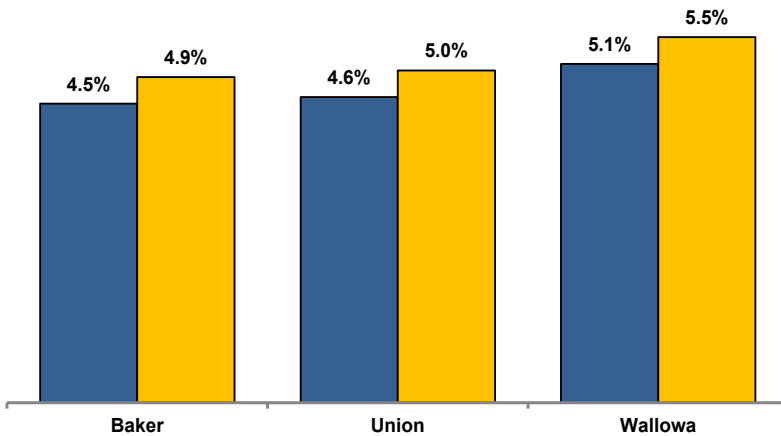


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ December 2021 ■ December 2022



Unemployment Rate News

Baker County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2022 was 4.9%, while Union County came in at 5.0% and Wallowa County at 5.5%. All three counties' rates were above Oregon's statewide rate of 4.5% and the national rate of 3.5%.

Baker County's rate ranked in a three-way tie for 18th 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 26th.

All three counties' rates were above their December 2021 rates.

Since comparable statistics began in 1990, all three counties' only lower December rates came in 2021 and 2019.

Nonfarm Employment Change

December 2021 to December 2022

Baker County lost an estimated 80 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 40 jobs. Leisure and hospitality led small losses across several industries. Mining and logging and transportation, warehousing, and utilities added jobs. The public sector dropped 40 jobs with a loss in local government overcoming a gain in state government while federal government was unchanged.

Union County employment increased an estimated 80 jobs over the year. The private sector added 40 jobs with small gains overcoming small losses across industries. The public sector added 40 jobs with gains in state and local government overcoming a loss in federal government.

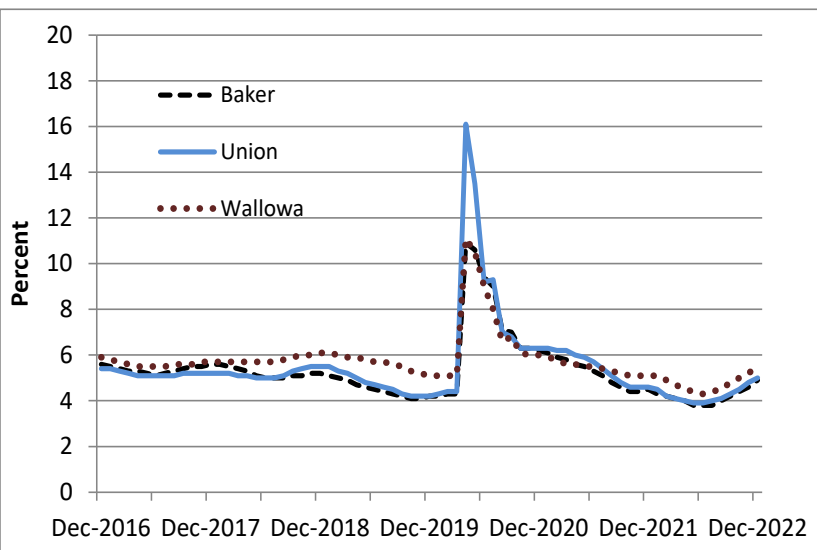
Wallowa County gained an estimated 70 jobs over the year. The private sector added 20 jobs. Gains were led by education and health services. Losses were led by manufacturing. The public sector added 50 jobs with gains in local and federal government while state government was unchanged.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from December 2021

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

Unemployment rate climbing from historical lows (since 1990)



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