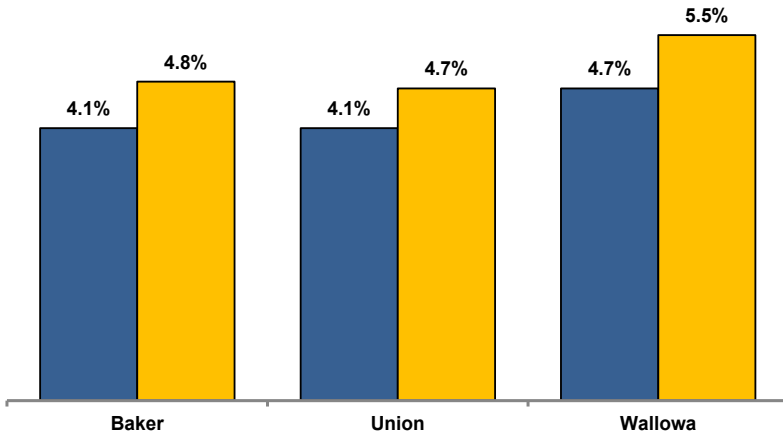


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ March 2022 ■ March 2023



Unemployment Rate News

Union County’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2023 was 4.7%, while Baker County came in at 4.8% and Wallowa County at 5.5%. All three counties’ rates were above Oregon’s statewide rate of 4.4% and the national rate of 3.5%.

Union County’s rate ranked 18th lowest among Oregon’s 36 counties for the month while Baker County’s ranked in a three-way tie for 19th and Wallowa County’s ranked in a three-way tie for 27th.

All three counties’ rates were above their March 2022 rates. Since comparable statistics began in 1990, all three counties’ only lower March rates came in 2022 and 2020.

Nonfarm Employment Change

March 2022 to March 2023

Baker County lost an estimated 40 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 40 jobs. Manufacturing and leisure and hospitality led losses while gains were led by professional and business services. The public sector saw a net change of zero jobs with a loss in state government offsetting a gain in federal government while local government was unchanged.

Union County employment increased an estimated 70 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 10 jobs led by losses in leisure and hospitality and manufacturing. Gains were led by construction, professional and business services, and other services. The public sector added 80 jobs with gains in local, state, and federal government.

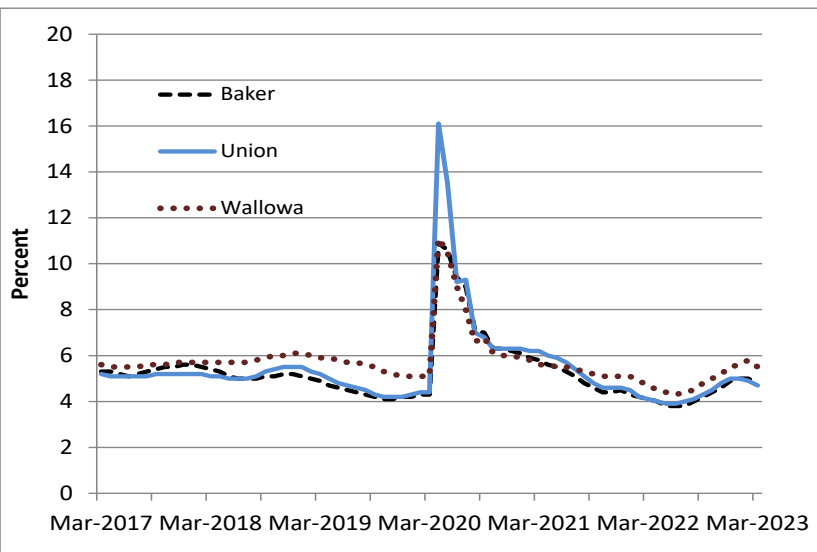
Wallowa County added an estimated 30 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 10 jobs with small losses overcoming small gains across industries. The public sector added 40 jobs with a gain in local government while federal and state government were unchanged.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from March 2022

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

Unemployment rate turns down after brief climb



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