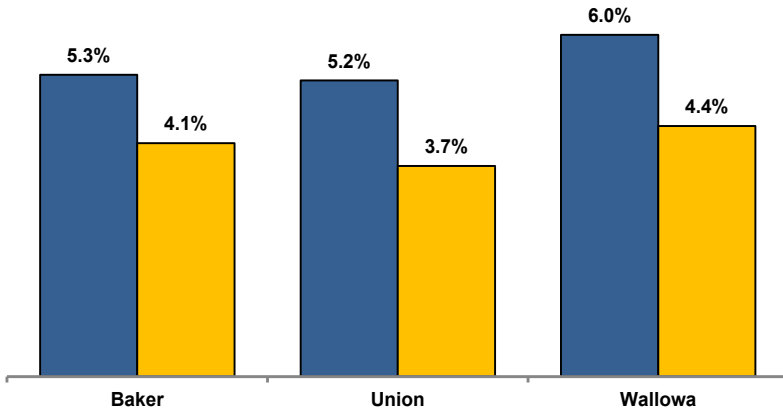


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ September 2022 ■ September 2023



Unemployment Rate News

Union County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2023 was 3.7%, while Baker County came in at 4.1% and Wallowa County at 4.4%. All three counties' rates were above Oregon's statewide rate of 3.5%. Union County's rate was below the national rate of 3.8%.

Union County's rate ranked in a four-way tie for 14th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Baker County's ranked in a four-way tie for 22nd and Wallowa County's tied for 28th.

All three counties' rates were below their September 2022 rates.

All three counties' September 2023 rates were their lowest September rates since comparable statistics began in 1990. Over the same period, Union and Wallowa counties' rates were their lowest rates for any month.

Nonfarm Employment Change

September 2022 to September 2023

Baker County lost an estimated 20 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 60 jobs. Professional and business services led losses while gains were shared by mining and logging, construction, and other services. The public sector added 40 jobs with a gain in local government overcoming a loss in federal government while state government was unchanged.

Union County employment increased by 70 jobs over the year. The private sector added 40 jobs led by a gain in education and health services. Losses were led by retail trade and transportation, warehousing, and utilities. The public sector added 30 jobs with gains in federal government and state government overcoming a loss in local government.

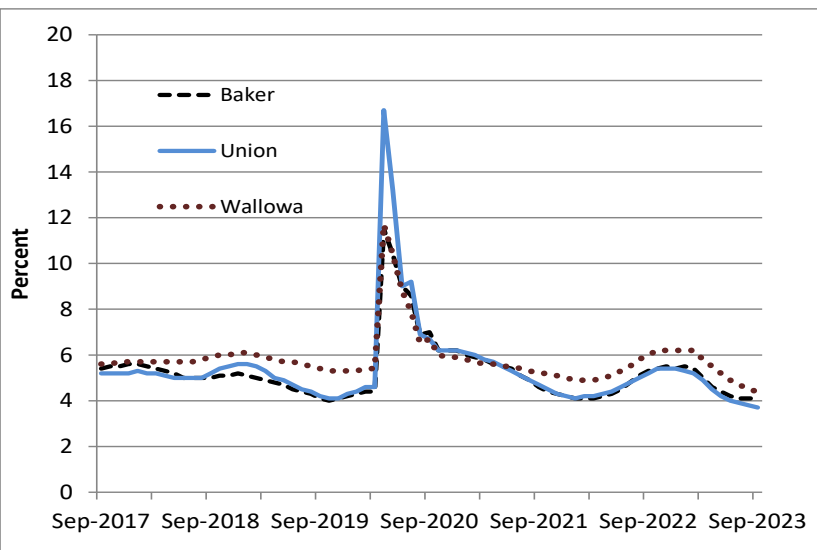
Wallowa County added an estimated 130 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 100 jobs led by gains in mining and logging and other services. Losses were confined to wholesale and retail trade. The public sector added 30 jobs with gains in state government and federal government while local government was unchanged.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from September 2022

<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
Local Government (+50)	Private Education/Health Services (+80)	Mining/Logging (+40)
Mining/Logging (+20)	Federal Government (+40)	Other Services (+40)
Construction (+20)	Professional/Business Services (+30)	Leisure/Hospitality (+30)
Other Services (+20)	Other Services (+30)	Construction (+20)
	Wholesale Trade (+20)	State Government (+20)
		Federal Government (+10)
Professional/Business Services (-30)	Retail Trade (-50)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (-40)
Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-20)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-50)	
Leisure/Hospitality (-20)	Construction (-40)	

Unemployment rates at or near record lows since 1990



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