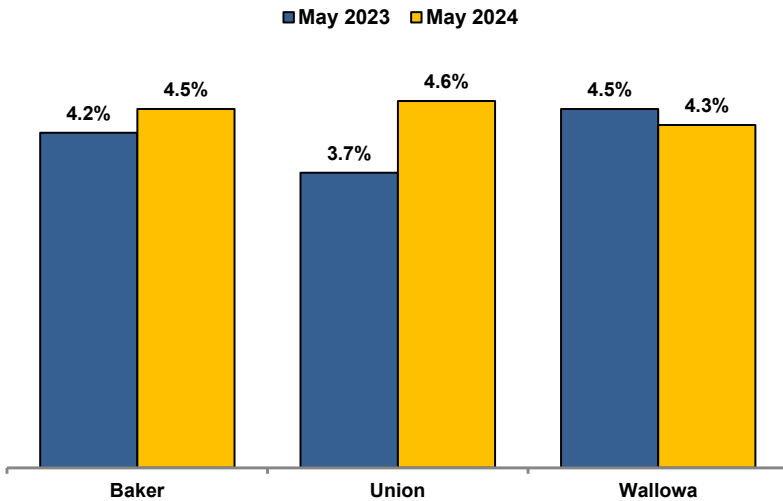


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment Rate News

Wallowa County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2024 was 4.3%, while Baker County came in at 4.5% and Union County at 4.6%. All three counties' rates were above the statewide rate of 4.2% and the national rate of 4.0%.

Wallowa County's rate tied for 18th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Baker County's ranked 21st and Union County's ranked in a three-way tie for 22nd.

Wallowa County's rate was below its May 2023 rate while Baker and Union counties' rates were up over the year.

Wallowa County's May 2024 rate was its lowest May rate since comparable statistics began in 1990. Baker and Union counties' were their third lowest. Over the same period, Wallowa County's rate tied for its lowest rate for any month.

Nonfarm Employment Change

May 2023 to May 2024

Baker County added an estimated 10 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 10 jobs. Small gains and losses were spread across industries. The public sector increased by 20 jobs with gains in federal government and state government while local government went unchanged.

Union County employment decreased by an estimated 170 jobs over the year. The private sector lost 220 jobs led by a loss in manufacturing. Construction and financial activities led gains. The public sector added 50 jobs with gains in local government and state government while federal government went unchanged.

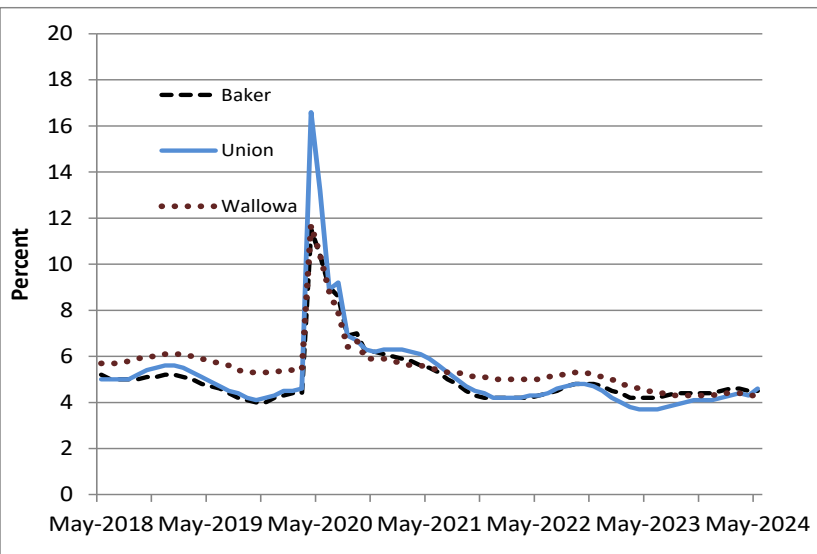
Wallowa County added an estimated 10 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 10 jobs led by losses in construction; transportation, warehousing, and utilities; and financial activities. Wholesale and retail trade and leisure and hospitality led gains. The public sector added 20 jobs with gains in state government and local government while federal government went unchanged.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from May 2023

<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
Manufacturing (+10)	Construction (+40)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (+20)
Wholesale Trade (+10)	Local Government (+40)	Leisure/Hospitality (+20)
Transportation/ Warehousing/Utilities (+10)	Financial Activities (+30)	Manufacturing (+10)
Professional/Business Services (+10)	Professional/Business Services (+10)	Professional/Business Services (+10)
Federal Government (+10)	State Government (+10)	Private Education/Health Services (+10)
Leisure/Hospitality (-20)	Manufacturing (-230)	Construction (-30)
Mining/Logging (-10)	Leisure/Hospitality (-40)	Transportation/Warehousing/ Utilities (-20)
Construction (-10)	Transportation/ Warehousing/Utilities (-20)	Financial Activities (-20)
Financial Activities (-10)		

Unemployment rates holding steady near record lows



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