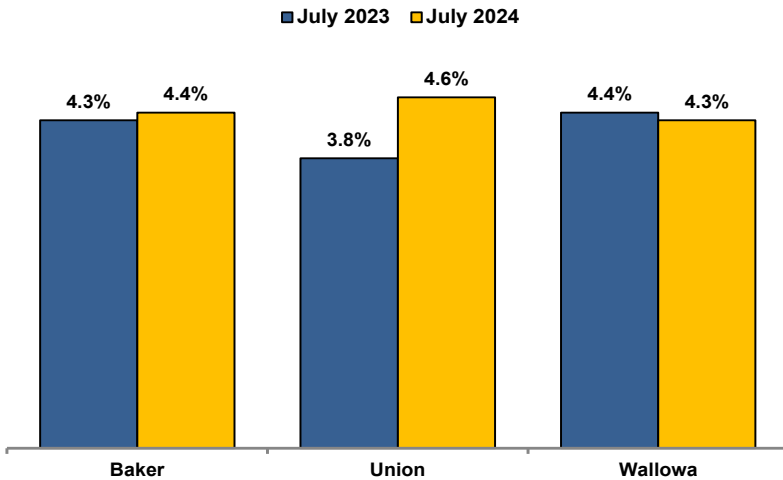


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment Rate News

Wallowa County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July 2024 was 4.3%, while Baker County came in at 4.4% and Union County at 4.6%. All three counties' rates were above the statewide rate of 4.1% with Wallowa County tying the national rate of 4.3%.

Wallowa County's rate ranked 19th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Baker County's tied for 20th and Union County's ranked 23rd.

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

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

Nonfarm Employment Change

July 2023 to July 2024

Baker County lost an estimated 60 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 80 jobs. Professional and business services led losses while private education and health services led gains. The public sector increased by 20 jobs with gains in state government and local government while federal government went unchanged.

Union County employment decreased by an estimated 210 jobs over the year. The private sector lost 230 jobs led by losses in manufacturing and retail trade. Private education and health services and financial activities led gains. The public sector added 20 jobs with gains in local government and federal government while state government went unchanged.

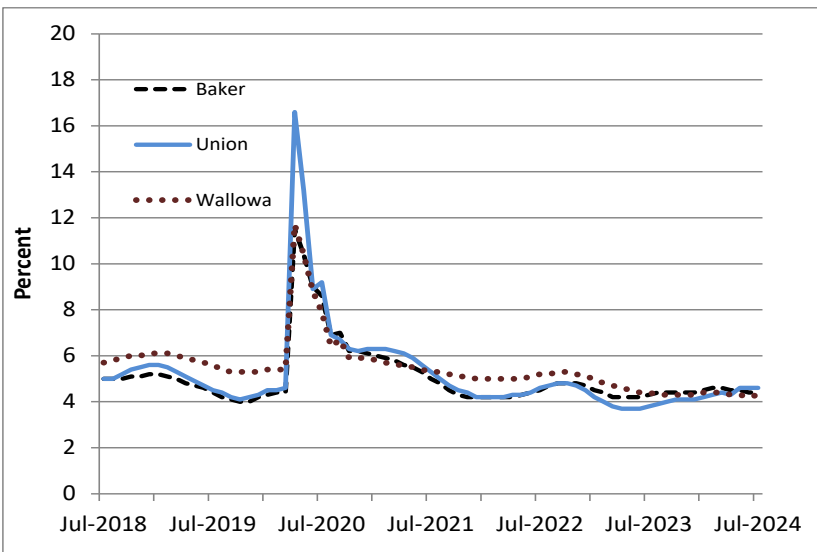
Wallowa County dropped an estimated 10 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 40 jobs led by a loss in transportation, warehousing, and utilities. Leisure and hospitality and wholesale and retail trade led gains. The public sector added 30 jobs with gains in federal government and state government while local government went unchanged.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from July 2023

	<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
	Private Education/Health Services (+40)	Private Education/Health Services (+60)	Leisure/Hospitality (+40)
	Manufacturing (+10)	Financial Activities (+30)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (+30)
	Other Services (+10)	Construction (+10)	Federal Government (+20)
	State Government (+10)	Leisure/Hospitality (+10)	Private Education/Health Services (+10)
	Local Government (+10)	Federal Government (+10)	Information (+10)
	Professional/Business Services (-60)	Manufacturing (-210)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-30)
	Construction (-40)	Retail Trade (-80)	Construction (-20)
	Retail Trade (-30)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-30)	Financial Activities (-20)

Unemployment rates remain near historical lows



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