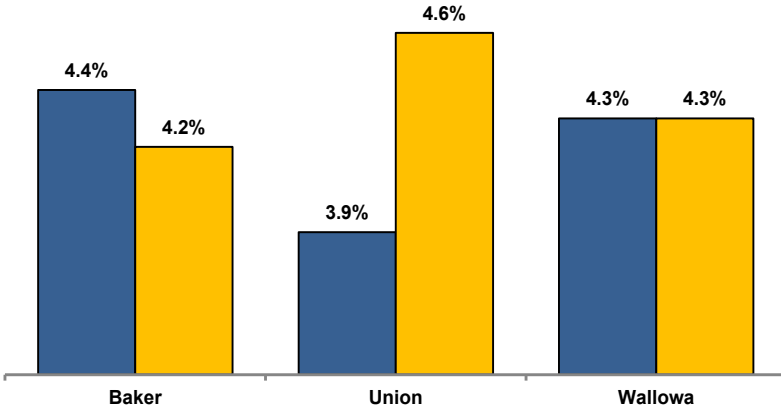


**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)**

■ August 2023 ■ August 2024



**Unemployment Rate News**

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

Baker County’s rate ranked 19th lowest among Oregon’s 36 counties for the month while Wallowa County’s tied for 20th and Union County’s ranked in a three-way tie for 23rd.

Baker County’s rate was below its August 2023 rate while Wallowa County’s held steady and Union County’s was up over the year.

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

**Nonfarm Employment Change**

August 2023 to August 2024

Baker County lost an estimated 20 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 70 jobs. Professional and business services led losses while private education and health services led gains. The public sector increased by 50 jobs with gains in federal government, state government, and local government.

Union County employment decreased by an estimated 260 jobs over the year. The private sector lost 230 jobs led by losses in manufacturing and retail trade. Private education and health services led gains. The public sector dropped 30 jobs with a loss in local government overcoming a gain in federal government while state government went unchanged.

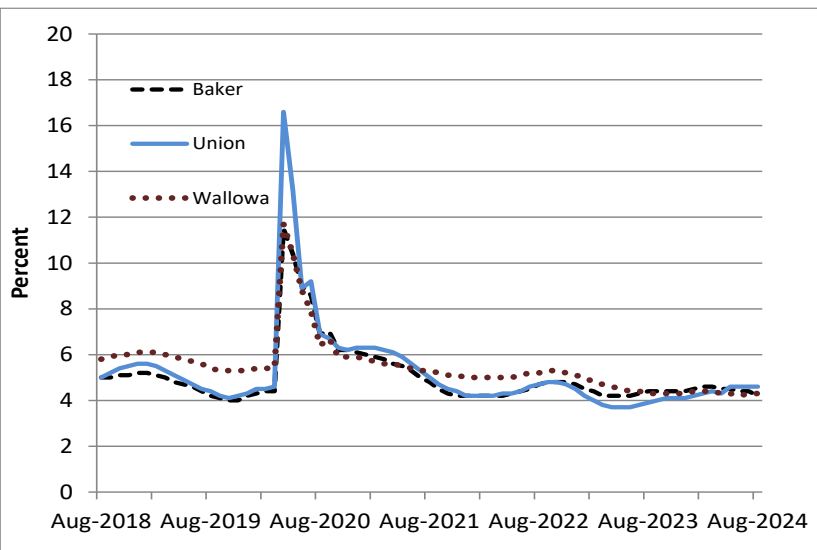
Wallowa County saw a net change of zero jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 20 jobs led by losses in mining and logging; transportation, warehousing, and utilities; and construction. Leisure and hospitality and wholesale and retail trade led gains. The public sector added 20 jobs with a gain in federal government while state government and local government went unchanged.

**Notable Industry Gains and Losses**

Over-the-Year Employment Change from August 2023

	<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
	Private Education/Health Services (+50)	Private Education/Health Services (+60)	Leisure/Hospitality (+60)
	Manufacturing (+10)	Construction (+20)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (+20)
	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (+20)	Financial Activities (+10)	Federal Government (+20)
	Federal Government (+20)	Other Services (+10)	Professional/Business Services (+10)
	Local Government (+20)	Federal Government (+10)	Private Education/Health Services (+10)
	Professional/Business Services (-70)	Manufacturing (-200)	Mining/Logging (-30)
	Construction (-40)	Retail Trade (-60)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-30)
	Retail Trade (-30)	Local Government (-40)	Construction (-30)

**Unemployment rates remain near historical lows**



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