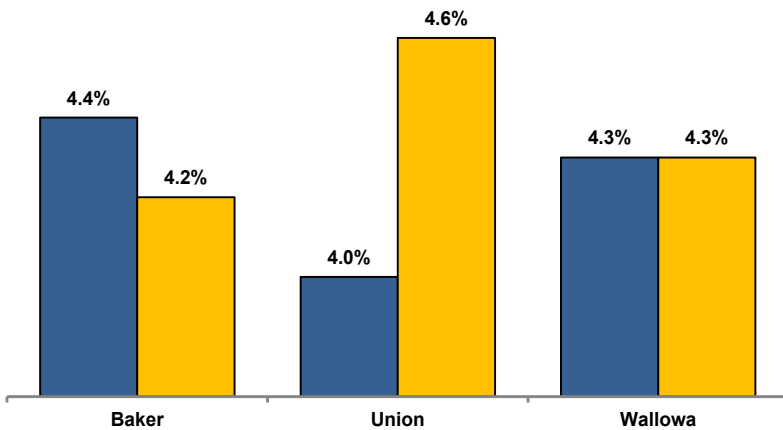


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ September 2023 ■ September 2024



Unemployment Rate News

Baker County’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 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% and the national rate of 4.1%.

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

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

Wallowa County’s September 2024 rate tied for its lowest September rate since comparable statistics began in 1990. Baker County’s was its second lowest and 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

September 2023 to September 2024

Baker County lost an estimated 50 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 20 jobs with gains in federal government and state government while local government went unchanged.

Union County employment decreased by an estimated 190 jobs over the year. The private sector lost 190 jobs led by losses in manufacturing and retail trade. Private education and health services, and construction led gains. The public sector saw a net change of zero jobs with a loss in local government offsetting a gain in federal government while state government went unchanged.

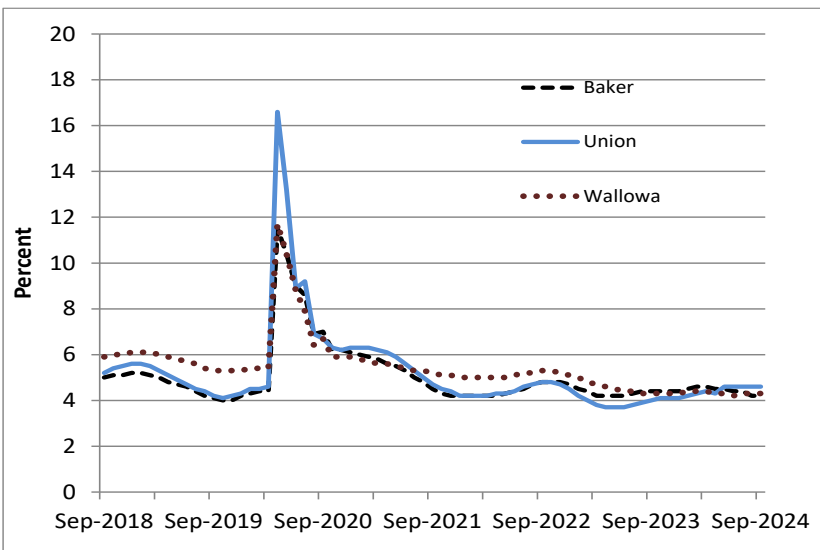
Wallowa County dropped an estimated 20 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 40 jobs led by losses in manufacturing. Leisure and hospitality led gains. The public sector added 20 jobs with gains in federal government and local government while state government went unchanged.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from September 2023

	Baker	Union	Wallowa
	Private Education/Health Services (+60)	Private Education/Health Services (+50)	Leisure/Hospitality (+40)
	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (+20)	Construction (+50)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (+10)
	Information (+10)	Financial Activities (+30)	Professional/Business Services (+10)
	Leisure/Hospitality (+10)	Federal Government (+10)	Federal Government (+10)
	State Government (+10)		Local Government (+10)
	Professional/Business Services (-90)	Manufacturing (-210)	Manufacturing (-30)
	Manufacturing (-30)	Retail Trade (-50)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-20)
	Construction (-20)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-30)	Construction (-20)

Unemployment rates remain near historical lows



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