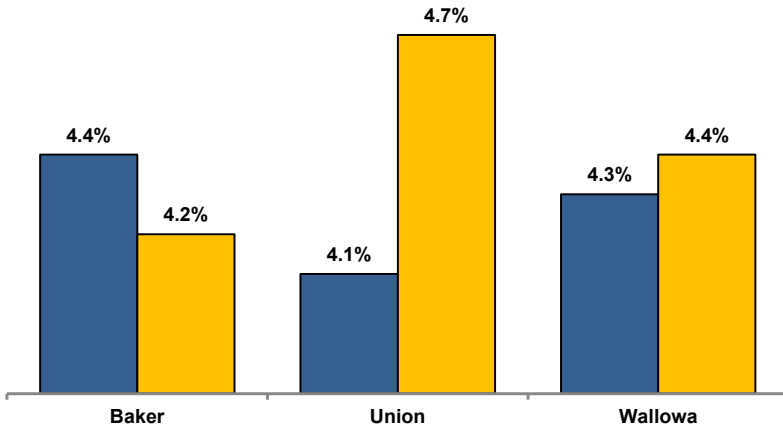


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ October 2023 ■ October 2024



Unemployment Rate News

Baker County’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2024 was 4.2%, while Wallowa County came in at 4.4% and Union County at 4.7%. All three counties’ rates were above the statewide rate of 4.0% and the national rate of 4.1%.

Baker County’s rate tied for 18th lowest among Oregon’s 36 counties for the month while Wallowa County’s ranked 21st and Union County’s ranked in a three-way tie for 24th.

Baker County’s rate was below its October 2023 rate while Wallowa and Union counties’ were up over the year.

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

Nonfarm Employment Change

October 2023 to October 2024

Baker County gained an estimated 100 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 80 jobs. Private education and health services and retail trade led gains while professional and business services led losses. The public sector increased by 20 jobs with gains in federal government and local government while state government went unchanged.

Union County employment increased by an estimated 50 jobs over the year. The private sector added 10 jobs led by gains in private education and health services, and leisure and hospitality. Manufacturing and construction led losses. The public sector rose by 40 jobs with a gain in local government while federal government and state government went unchanged.

Wallowa County dropped an estimated 10 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 20 jobs led by losses in construction and manufacturing. Wholesale and retail trade led gains. The public sector added 10 jobs with a gain in federal government overcoming a loss in state government while local government went unchanged.

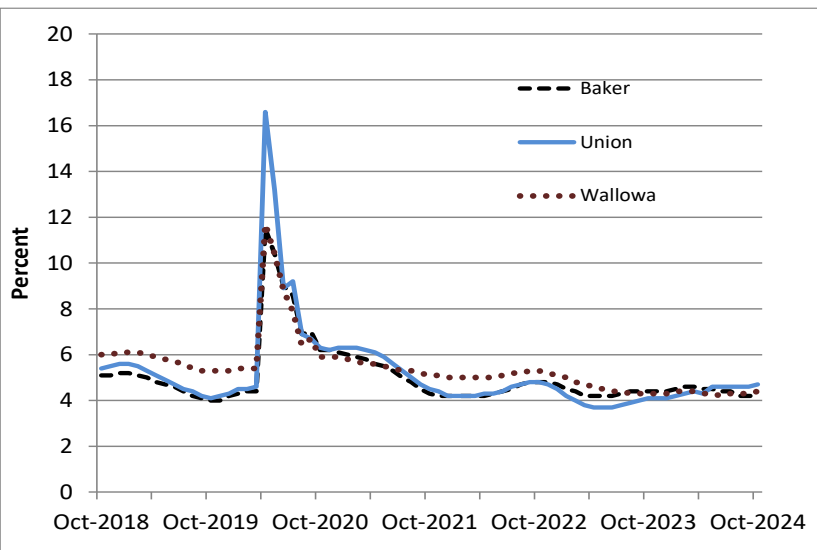
Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from October 2023

	<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
↑	Private Education/Health Services (+60)	Private Education/Health Services (+100)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (+40)
	Retail Trade (+60)	Leisure/Hospitality (+40)	Federal Government (+20)
	Financial Activities (+10)	Local Government (+40)	Mining/Logging (+10)
	Other Services (+10)	Retail Trade (+30)	Other Services (+10)
	Manufacturing (+10)	Financial Activities (+20)	

↓	Professional/Business Services (-40)	Manufacturing (-80)	Manufacturing (-20)
	Wholesale Trade (-10)	Construction (-70)	Construction (-20)
	Construction (-10)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-20)	Financial Activities (-10)

Unemployment rates remain comparatively low



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