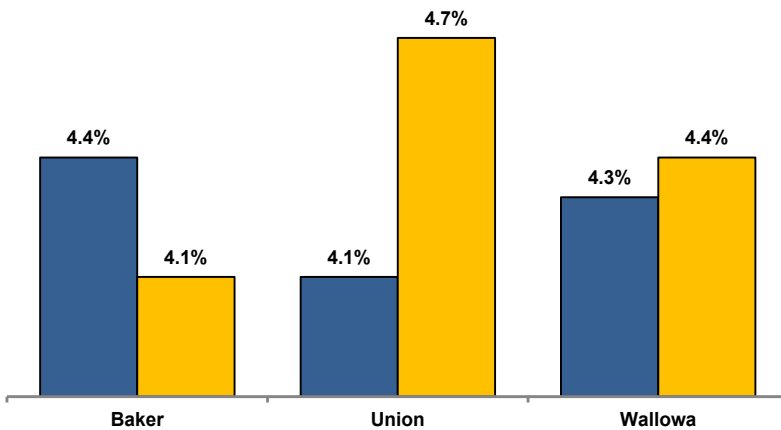


**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)**

■ December 2023 ■ December 2024



**Unemployment Rate News**

Baker County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2024 was 4.1%, while Wallowa County came in at 4.4% and Union County at 4.7%. Baker County's rate was the same as Oregon's statewide rate and the national rate, both at 4.1%.

Baker County's rate ranked in a six-way tie for 12th 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 December 2023 rate while Union and Wallowa counties' were up over the year.

Baker County's December 2024 rate was its lowest December rate since comparable statistics began in 1990. Wallowa County's was its second lowest, behind only December 2023. Over the same period, Baker County's rate tied for its second lowest rate for any month.

**Nonfarm Employment Change**

December 2023 to December 2024

Baker County gained an estimated 30 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 20 jobs. Retail trade, and private education and health services led gains while professional and business services led losses. The public sector increased by 10 jobs with a gain in local government while federal government and state government went unchanged.

Union County employment decreased by an estimated 10 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 50 jobs led by losses in construction and manufacturing. Gains were led by private education and health services. The public sector rose by 40 jobs with gains in local government and state government overcoming a loss in federal government.

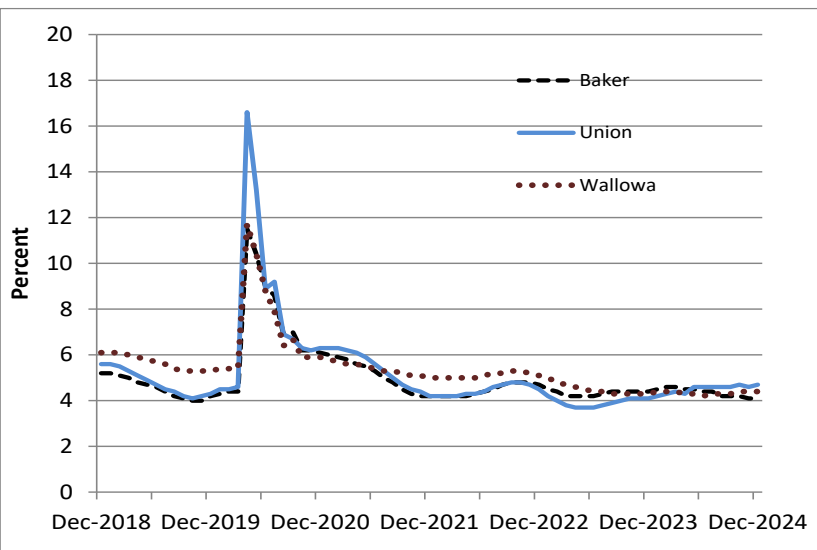
Wallowa County added an estimated 50 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 10 jobs led by gains in wholesale and retail trade, and other services. Manufacturing led losses. The public sector added 40 jobs with gains in local government, federal government, and state government.

**Notable Industry Gains and Losses**

Over-the-Year Employment Change from December 2023

Baker	Union	Wallowa
Retail Trade (+70)	Private Education/Health Services (+110)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (+20)
Private Education/Health Services (+70)	Leisure/Hospitality (+60)	Other Services (+20)
Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (+10)	Local Government (+40)	Local Government (+20)
Local Government (+10)	Other Services (+10)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (+10)
	Mining/Logging (+10)	Federal Government (+10)
Professional/Business Services (-60)	Construction (-60)	Manufacturing (-20)
Leisure/Hospitality (-40)	Manufacturing (-50)	Professional/Business Services (-10)
Construction (-20)	Retail Trade (-40)	Leisure/Hospitality (-10)

**Unemployment rates remain comparatively low**



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