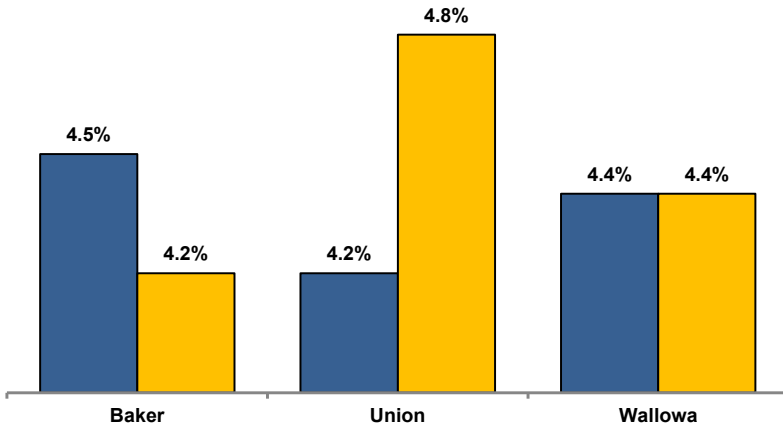


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ January 2024 ■ January 2025



Unemployment Rate News

Baker County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2025 was 4.2%, while Wallowa County came in at 4.4% and Union County at 4.8%. Baker County's rate was below, and Wallowa County's the same as, Oregon's statewide rate of 4.4%. All were above the national rate of 4.0%.

Baker County's rate was below its January 2024 rate while Wallowa County's held steady and Union County's was up over the year.

Baker and Wallowa counties' January 2025 rates tied for their lowest January 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 rates for any month.

Nonfarm Employment Change

January 2024 to January 2025

Baker County gained an estimated 60 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 40 jobs. Retail trade, and private education and health services led gains while leisure and hospitality, and construction led losses. The public sector increased by 20 jobs with gains in state government and local government while federal government went unchanged.

Union County employment saw a net change of zero jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 70 jobs led by losses in professional and business services, and construction. Gains were led by private education and health services. The public sector rose by 70 jobs with gains in local government and state government overcoming a loss in federal government.

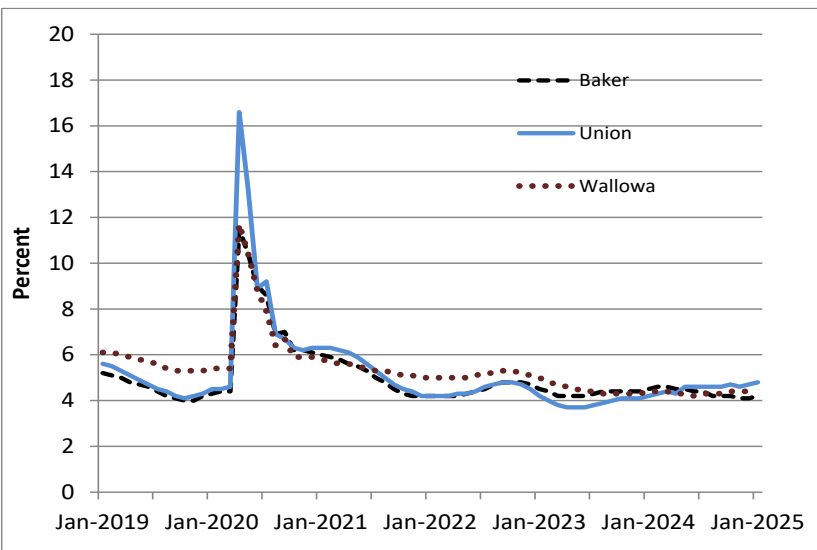
Wallowa County dropped an estimated 30 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 50 jobs led by losses in manufacturing. No private industries added jobs over the year. The public sector added 20 jobs with a gain in state government while federal government and local government went unchanged.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from January 2024

	<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
	Retail Trade (+70)	Private Education/Health Services (+90)	State Government (+20)
	Private Education/Health Services (+60)	Local Government (+60)	
	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (+30)	State Government (+30)	
	Manufacturing (+10)	Other Services (+20)	
	State Government (+10)	Mining/Logging (+10)	
	Leisure/Hospitality (-50)	Professional/Business Services (-60)	Manufacturing (-20)
	Construction (-40)	Construction (-50)	Professional/Business Services (-10)
	Professional/Business Services (-30)	Retail Trade (-30)	Leisure/Hospitality (-10)

Unemployment rates remain comparatively low



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