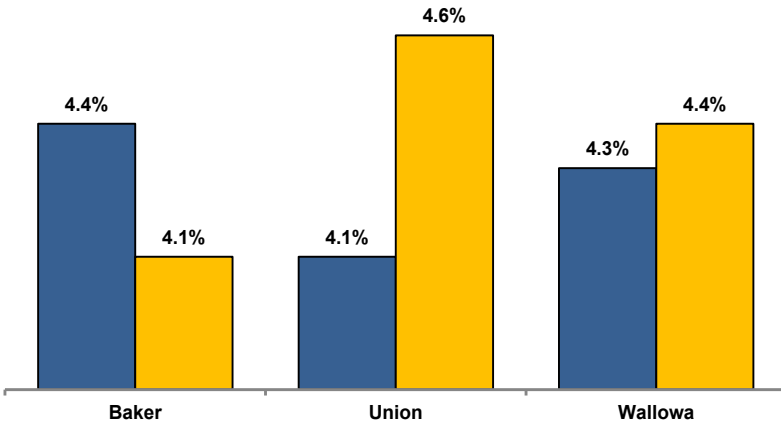


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ November 2023 ■ November 2024



Unemployment Rate News

Baker County’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2024 was 4.1%, while Wallowa County came in at 4.4% and Union County at 4.6%. Baker County’s rate was the same as Oregon’s statewide rate of 4.1% and below the national rate of 4.2%.

Baker County’s rate ranked in a four-way tie for 15th lowest among Oregon’s 36 counties for the month while Wallowa County’s ranked 21st and Union County’s ranked 23rd.

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

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

Nonfarm Employment Change

November 2023 to November 2024

Baker County gained an estimated 70 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 30 jobs. Retail trade, and private education and health services led gains while professional and business services led losses. The public sector increased by 40 jobs with gains in local government, federal government, and state government.

Union County employment increased by an estimated 90 jobs over the year. The private sector added 10 jobs led by gains in private education and health services, and leisure and hospitality. Construction and manufacturing led losses. The public sector rose by 80 jobs with a gain in local government while federal government and state government went unchanged.

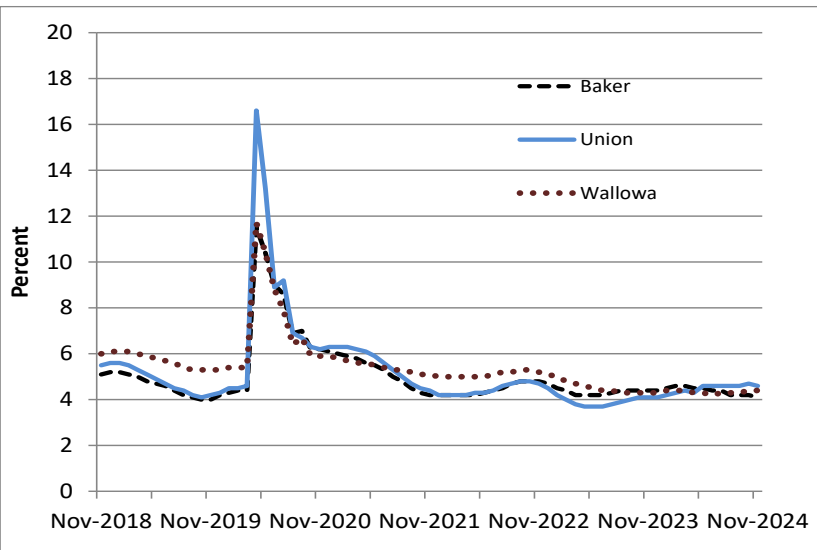
Wallowa County added an estimated 10 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 10 jobs led by losses in manufacturing, professional and business services, and leisure and hospitality. Wholesale and retail trade led gains. The public sector added 20 jobs with gains in local government and federal government overcoming a loss in state government.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from November 2023

	<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
	Retail Trade (+70)	Private Education/Health Services (+110)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (+40)
	Private Education/Health Services (+60)	Local Government (+80)	Local Government (+20)
	Manufacturing (+20)	Leisure/Hospitality (+60)	Mining/Logging (+10)
	Local Government (+20)	Other Services (+20)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (+10)
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	Professional/Business Services (-50)	Construction (-70)	Manufacturing (-20)
	Leisure/Hospitality (-30)	Manufacturing (-60)	Professional/Business Services (-20)
	Construction (-20)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-30)	Leisure/Hospitality (-20)

Unemployment rates remain comparatively low



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