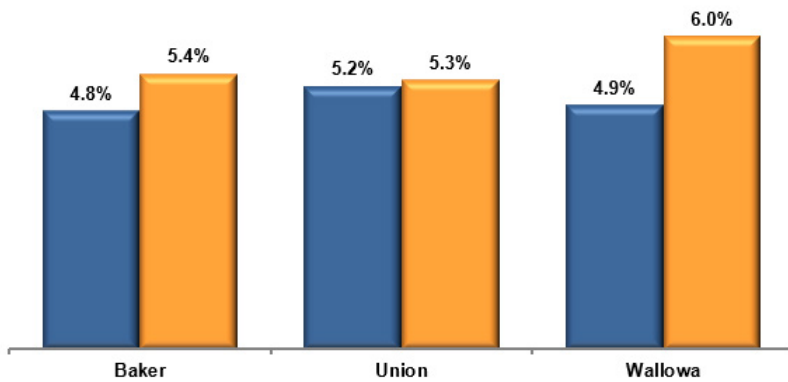


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ March 2025 ■ March 2026



Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS

Unemployment Rate

The March 2026 seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in all three counties by 0.4 (Baker), 0.3 (Union), and 0.2 (Wallowa) percentage point since the beginning of the year.

All three counties' rates were above Oregon's statewide rate of 5.2% and the national rate of 4.3%. Oregon's rate stayed the same over the previous month and the national rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point.

Nonfarm Employment Change

March 2025 to March 2026

Baker County gained an estimated 100 jobs over the year. The private sector increased 70 and the public sector increased by 30 jobs. Private education and health services led gains while retail trade experienced the largest job losses.

Union County employment increased by an estimated 40 jobs over the year. Both the public and private sectors gained 20 jobs each. Leisure and hospitality experienced the most job losses. Gains were led by manufacturing, retail trade, and financial activities.

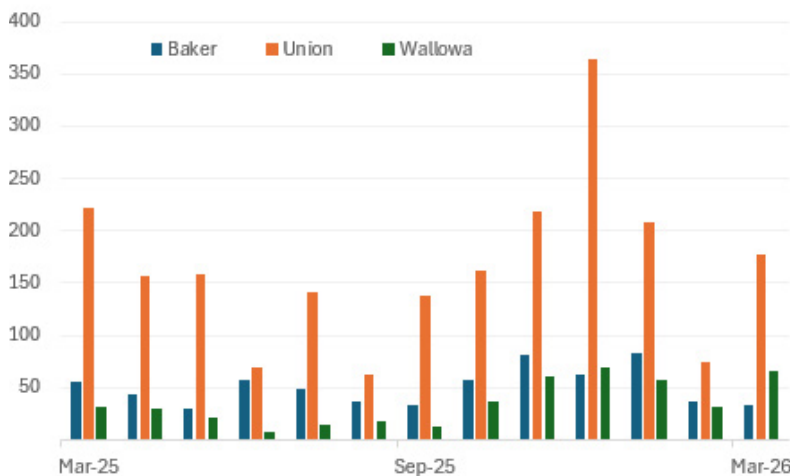
Wallowa County gained an estimated 30 jobs over the year. The public sector increased 30 jobs while the private sector showed no change. Manufacturing led employment losses, while construction added the most jobs.

	Baker	Union	Wallowa
Total Nonfarm Employment	100	40	30
Private Education / Health Services	110	Manufacturing	Construction
Local Government	30	Retail Trade	Financial Activities
Other Services	20	Financial Activities	State Government
Retail Trade	(50)	Leisure / Hospitality	Manufacturing
Professional / Business Services	(30)	Transportation / Warehousing / Utilities	Private Education / Health Services
Transportation / Warehousing / Utilities	(10)	Private Education / Health Services	Leisure / Hospitality

Source: Oregon Employment Department, CES

Continued UI Claims

March 2025 - March 2026



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Oregon Employment Department

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