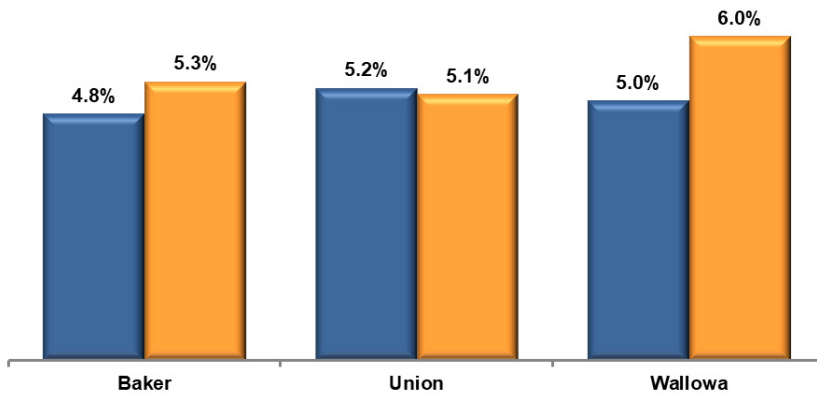


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ April 2025 ■ April 2026



Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS

Unemployment Rate

The April 2026 seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased by 0.2 percentage point in Union County, 0.1 in Baker County, and stayed the same in Wallowa County.

Union County dropped below Oregon's statewide rate of 5.2%, while Baker and Wallowa counties fell below that rate. All three counties rates remained above the national rate of 4.3%.

Nonfarm Employment Change

April 2025 to April 2026

Baker County lost an estimated 40 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 40 jobs and the public sector showed no change. Private education and health services largely led gains while retail trade experienced the most job losses.

Union County employment increased by an estimated 170 jobs over the year. The private sector gained 190 jobs while the public sector lost 20. Leisure and hospitality experienced the most job losses. Gains were led by manufacturing, retail trade, and financial activities.

Wallowa County dropped an estimated 60 jobs over the year. The public sector lost 20 jobs while the private sector lost 40. Federal government led employment losses, while only state government added jobs.

Baker		Union		Wallowa	
Total Nonfarm Employment	(40)	Total Nonfarm Employment	170	Total Nonfarm Employment	(60)
Private Education / Health Services	120	Manufacturing	40	State Government	10
Local Government	10	Retail Trade	30	-	-
-	-	Financial Activities	30	-	-
Retail Trade	(60)	Leisure / Hospitality	(50)	Federal Government	(20)
Professional / Business Services	(30)	Other Services	(20)	Private Education / Health Services	(10)
Transportation / Warehousing / Utilities	(30)	State Government	(10)	Manufacturing	(10)

Source: Oregon Employment Department, CES

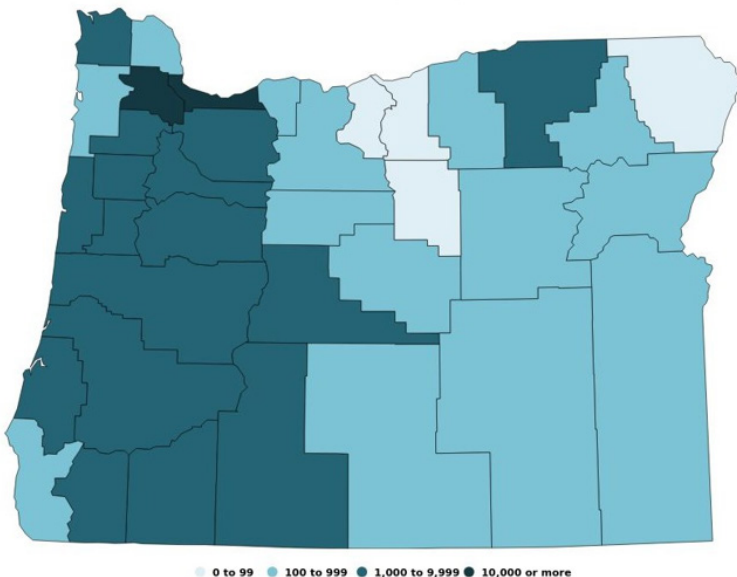
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Total Ads by County



Source: Oregon Employment Department, The Conference Board-Lightcast Help Wanted OnLine

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