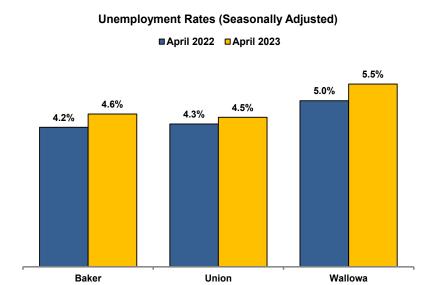
# Northeast Oregon Economic Indicators

Baker, Union, and Wallowa May 2023 (April Data)



#### **Unemployment Rate News**

Union County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2023 was 4.5%, while Baker County came in at 4.6% and Wallowa County at 5.5%. All three counties' rates were above Oregon's statewide rate of 4.0% and the national rate of 3.4%.

Union County's rate ranked 20th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Baker County's tied for 21st and Wallowa County's tied for 31st.

All three counties' rates were above their April 2022 rates.

Since comparable statistics began in 1990, all three counties' only lower April rates came in 2022.

# **Nonfarm Employment Change**

April 2022 to April 2023

Baker County lost an estimated 10 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 80 jobs. Manufacturing led losses while gains were led by leisure and hospitality. The public sector added 70 jobs with gains in local government, state government, and federal government.

Union County employment increased an estimated 90 jobs over the year. The private sector added 70 jobs led by gains in professional and business services; financial activities; transportation, warehousing, and utilities; and retail trade. Losses were led by leisure and hospitality. The public sector added 20 jobs with gains in state government and federal government while local government was unchanged.

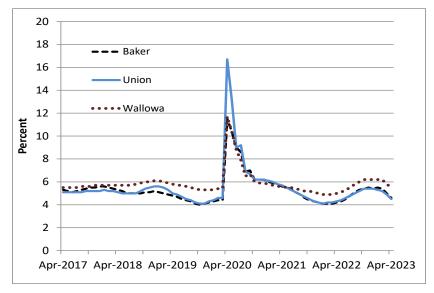
Wallowa County added an estimated 90 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 40 jobs led by a gain in construction. Losses were confined to wholesale and retail trade and transportation, warehousing, and utilities. The public sector added 50 jobs with gains in state government, federal government, and local government.

# **Notable Industry Gains and Losses**

Over-the-Year Employment Change from April 2022

	<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
	Local Government (+50)	Professional/Business	Construction (+40)
	Leisure/Hospitality (+20)	Services (+40)	State Government (+30)
	Information (+10)	Financial Activities (+30)  Transportation/ Warehousing/Utilities (+30)	Professional/Business Services (+20)
	Construction (+10)		Information (+10)
	State Government (+10)	Retail Trade (+30)	Financial Activities (+10)
	Federal Government (+10)	Other Services (+20)	
	Manufacturing (-60)	Leisure/Hospitality (-50)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (-20)
	Wholesale Trade (-10)	Manufacturing (-20)	Transportation/Warehousing/
	Other Services (-10)	Construction (-0)	Utilities (-20)
•	Retail Trade (-10)		

#### Unemployment rate turns down after brief climb



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