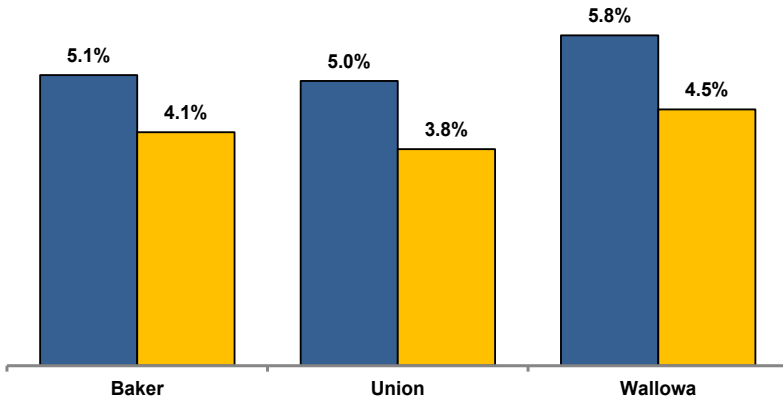


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ August 2022 ■ August 2023



Unemployment Rate News

Union County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2023 was 3.8%, while Baker County came in at 4.1% and Wallowa County at 4.5%. All three counties' rates were above Oregon's statewide rate of 3.4%. Union County's rate equaled the national rate of 3.8%.

Union County's rate ranked in a four-way tie for 16th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Baker County's ranked in a four-way tie for 23rd and Wallowa County's ranked in a three-way tie for 29th.

All three counties' rates were below their August 2022 rates.

All three counties' August 2023 rates were their lowest August rates since comparable statistics began in 1990. Over the same period, Union and Wallowa counties' rates were their lowest rates for any month.

Nonfarm Employment Change

August 2022 to August 2023

Baker County lost an estimated 50 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 90 jobs. Manufacturing and leisure and hospitality led losses while construction led gains. The public sector added 40 jobs with a gain in local government overcoming a loss in federal government while state government was unchanged.

Union County employment saw a net change of zero jobs over the year. The private sector added 40 jobs led by gains in education and health services and professional and business services. Losses were led by construction and transportation, warehousing, and utilities. The public sector dropped 40 jobs with a loss in local government overcoming gains in federal government and state government.

Wallowa County added an estimated 160 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 110 jobs led by gains in leisure and hospitality and other services. Losses were led by wholesale and retail trade. The public sector added 50 jobs with gains in state government and local government while federal government was unchanged.

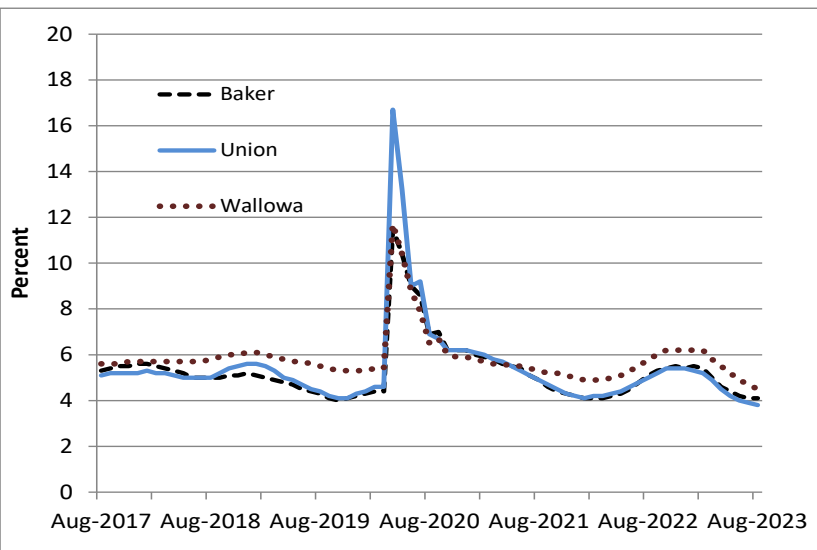
Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from August 2022

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

Manufacturing (-40)	Local Government (-70)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (-50)
Leisure/Hospitality (-30)	Construction (-60)	Private Education/Health Services (-10)
Private Education/Health Services (-20)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-50)	

Unemployment rates at or near record lows since 1990



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