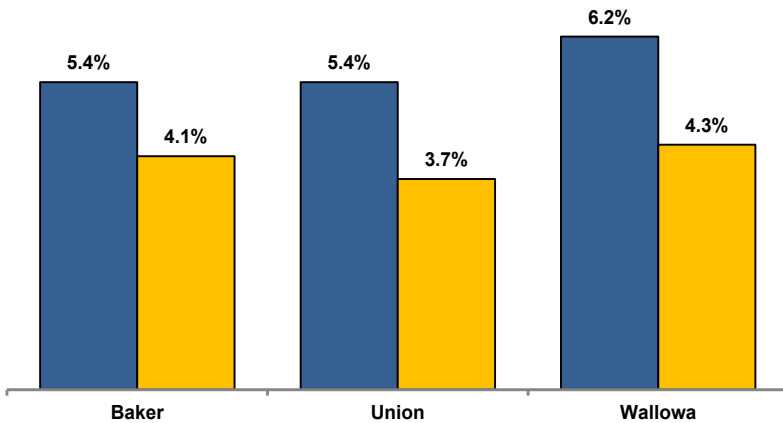


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ October 2022 ■ October 2023



Unemployment Rate News

Union County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2023 was 3.7%, while Baker County came in at 4.1% and Wallowa County at 4.3%. All three counties' rates were above Oregon's statewide rate of 3.6%. Union County's rate was below the national rate of 3.9%.

Union County's rate tied for 15th 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 27th.

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

Union and Wallowa counties' October 2023 rates were their lowest October 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

October 2022 to October 2023

Baker County gained an estimated 10 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 40 jobs. Manufacturing; transportation, warehousing, and utilities; and education and health services led losses while gains were led by other services. The public sector added 50 jobs with a gain in local government overcoming a loss in state government while federal government was unchanged.

Union County employment increased by 280 jobs over the year. The private sector added 180 jobs led by a gain in education and health services. Losses were confined to financial activities and mining and logging. The public sector added 100 jobs with gains in local government, federal government, and state government.

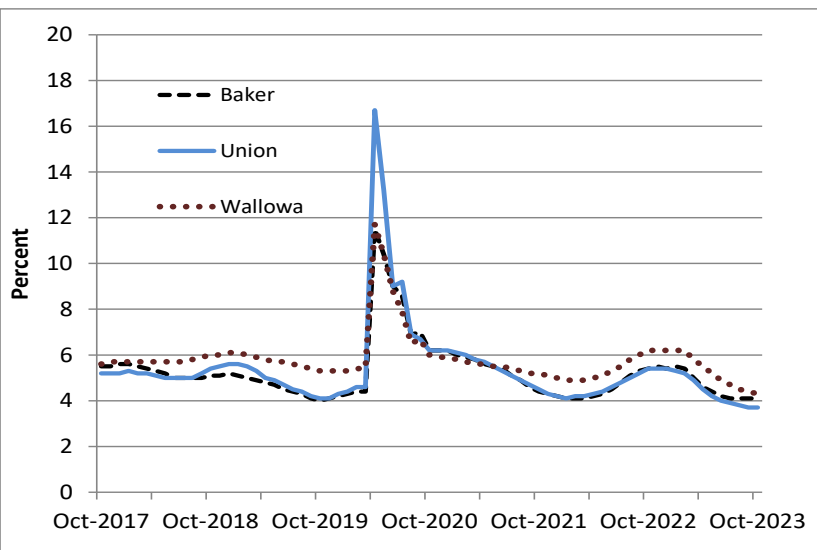
Wallowa County added an estimated 80 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 30 jobs led by gains in professional and business services and other services. Losses were small across industries. The public sector added 50 jobs with gains in local government, federal government, and state government.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from October 2022

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

Unemployment rates at or near record lows since 1990



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