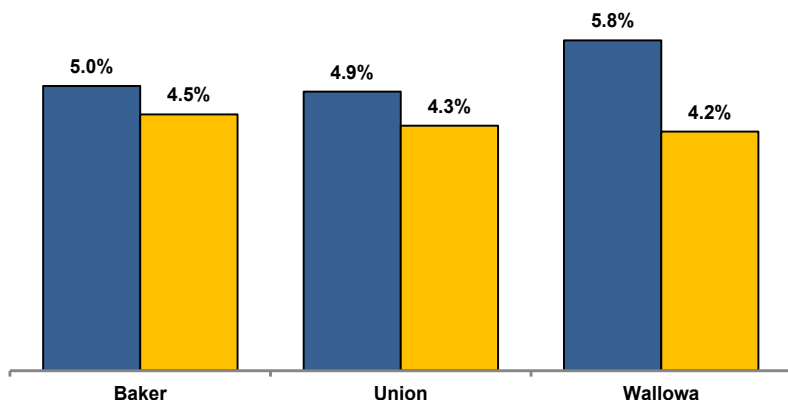


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ March 2023 ■ March 2024



Unemployment Rate News

Wallowa County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2024 was 4.2%, while Union County came in at 4.3% and Baker County at 4.5%. Wallowa County's rate was even with Oregon's statewide rate of 4.2%. All three counties' rates were above the national rate of 3.8%.

Wallowa County's rate ranked 17th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Union County's ranked in a three-way tie for 18th and Baker County's tied for 22nd.

All three counties' rates were below their March 2023 rates.

Wallowa County's March 2024 rate was its lowest March rate since comparable statistics began in 1990. Union County's was its second lowest and Baker County's was its third lowest. Over the same period, Wallowa County's rate tied for its second lowest rate for any month, Baker's tied for its sixth lowest, and Union's for its seventh lowest.

Nonfarm Employment Change

March 2023 to March 2024

Baker County dropped an estimated 60 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 70 jobs. Construction, and leisure and hospitality led losses while professional and business services led gains. The public sector added 10 jobs with a gain in federal government while state government and local government went unchanged.

Union County employment decreased by an estimated 70 jobs over the year. The private sector lost 110 jobs led by losses in retail trade. Gains were confined to private education and health services, and leisure and hospitality. The public sector added 40 jobs with gains in local government, state government, and federal government.

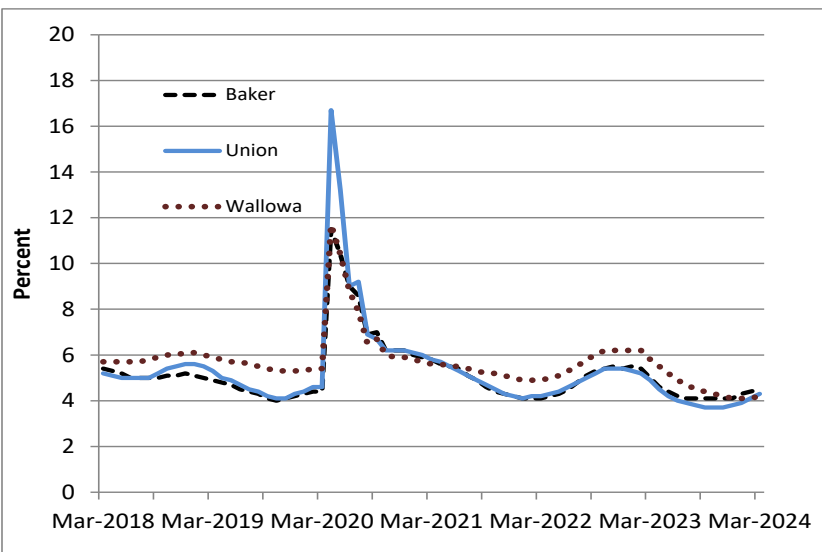
Wallowa County lost an estimated 30 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 40 jobs led by losses in construction, and mining and logging. Wholesale and retail trade led gains. The public sector added 10 jobs with a gain in state government while federal government and local government went unchanged.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from March 2023

Baker	Union	Wallowa
Professional/Business Services (+30)	Private Education/Health Services (+20)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (+30)
Private Education/Health Services (+20)	Local Government (+20)	Financial Activities (+10)
Wholesale Trade (+10)	Leisure/Hospitality (+10)	Private Education/Health Services (+10)
Other Services (+10)	Federal Government (+10)	State Government (+10)
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Construction (-50)	Retail Trade (-60)	Construction (-30)
Leisure/Hospitality (-50)	Information (-10)	Mining/Logging (-20)
Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-20)	Wholesale Trade (-10)	Professional/Business Services (-10)
	Other Services (-10)	

Unemployment rates remain near record lows



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