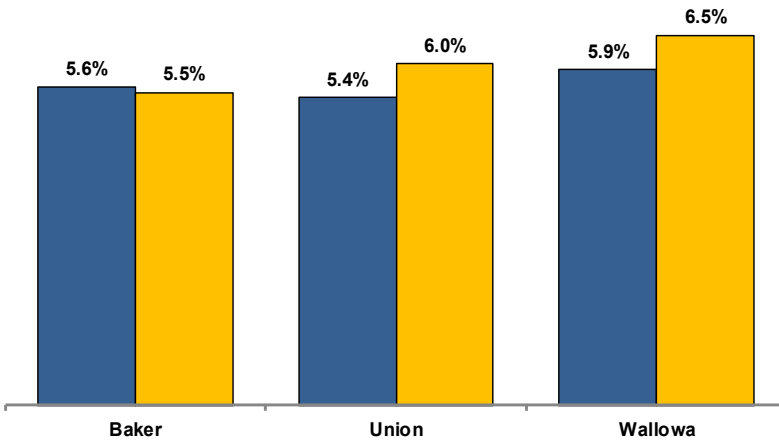


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ March 2018 ■ March 2019



Unemployment Rate News

Baker County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2019 was 5.5 percent while Union County came in at 6.0 percent and Wallowa County at 6.5 percent. All three were above Oregon's statewide rate of 4.4 percent and the national rate of 3.8 percent.

Baker County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2019 was essentially unchanged from the previous year while Union and Wallowa counties' rates were higher.

Since comparable statistics began in 1990, the only lower March rate for Baker County was in 2007. Wallowa County had lower March rates in 2018, 2017, and 2007. Union County had lower March rates in 2018, 2017, 2007, and 2000.

Baker County's rate ranked 24th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties while Union County's ranked 28th and Wallowa

Nonfarm Employment Change

March 2018 to March 2019

Baker County gained an estimated 80 jobs over the year. The private sector added 100 jobs led by gains in education and health services and manufacturing. Professional and business services suffered the largest loss. The public sector dropped 20 jobs with losses in state government and local government.

Union County employment increased an estimated 30 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 50 jobs led by losses in manufacturing while gains were led by leisure and hospitality, construction, and retail trade. The public sector increased by 80 jobs with gains in local government and state government.

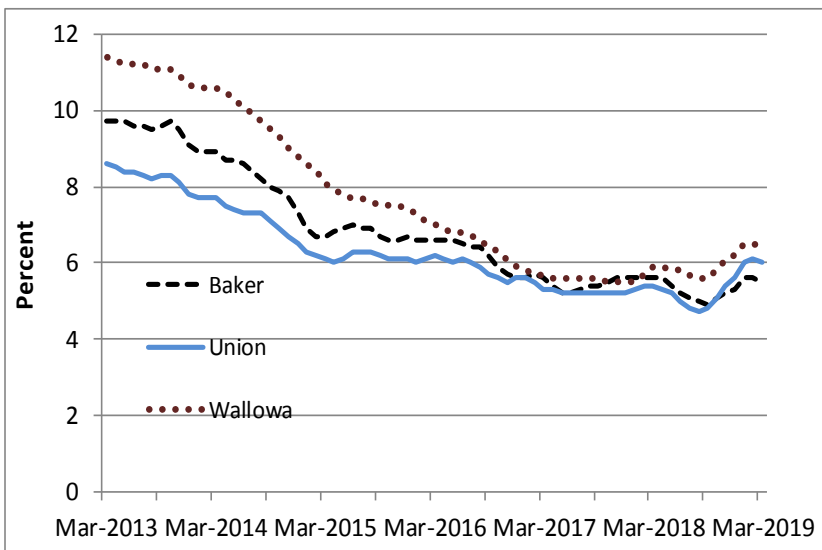
Wallowa County added an estimated 100 jobs over the year. The private sector added 70 jobs led by gains in wholesale and retail trade. Other services was the only private industry to suffer a loss. The public sector added 30 jobs with gains in state government and federal government.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from March 2018

	<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
	Manufacturing (+40)	Local Government (+60)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (+40)
	Private Education/Health Services (+40)	Leisure/Hospitality (+50)	State Government (+20)
	Other Services (+30)	Construction (+30)	Mining/Logging (+10)
	Leisure/Hospitality (+20)	Retail Trade (+30)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (+10)
	Construction (+10)	Professional/Business	Financial Services (+10)
	Professional/Business Services (-20)	Manufacturing (-130)	Other Services (-10)
	Mining/Logging (-10)	Information (-20)	
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Unemployment rate on slight upward trend



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