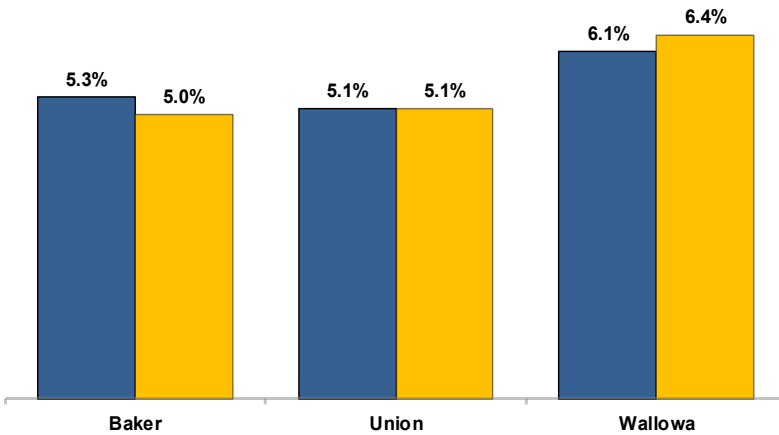


**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)**

■ July 2018 ■ July 2019



**Unemployment Rate News**

Baker County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July 2019 was 5.0 percent, while Union County came in at 5.1 percent and Wallowa County at 6.4 percent. All three were above Oregon's statewide rate of 4.0 percent and the national rate of 3.7 percent.

Baker County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July 2019 was lower than the previous year while Union County's rate was the same and Wallowa County's was higher.

Baker and Union counties' July 2019 rates are their lowest July rates since comparable statistics began in 1990. Wallowa County had lower July rates in 2018, 2017, and 2007.

Baker County's rate ranked 23rd lowest among Oregon's 36 counties while Union County's ranked 24th and Wallowa County's ranked in a tie for 34th.

**Nonfarm Employment Change**

July 2018 to July 2019

Baker County gained an estimated 10 jobs over the year. The private sector added 10 jobs led by gains in professional and business services and retail trade. Losses were led by leisure and hospitality. The public sector was unchanged.

Union County employment increased an estimated 150 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 120 jobs led by gains in retail trade, wholesale trade, and professional and business services. Losses were led by financial activities and other services. The public sector increased by 30 jobs with gains in local and federal government outpacing a loss in state government.

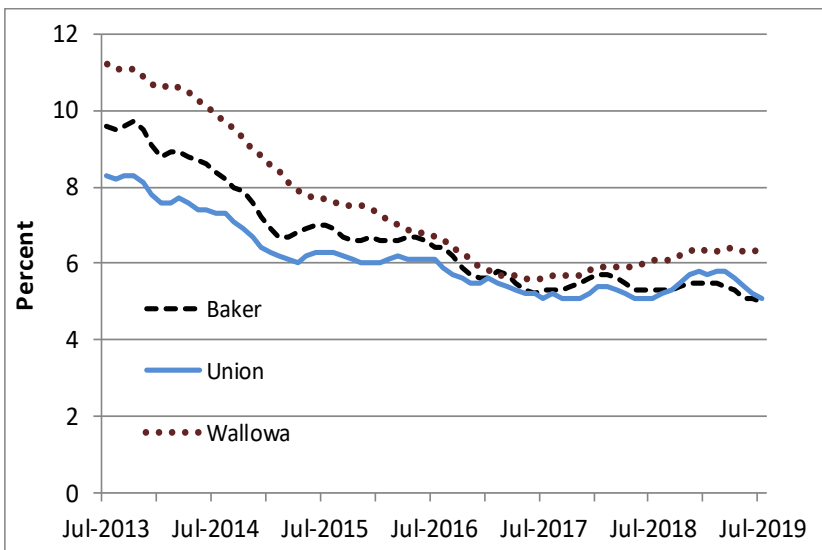
Wallowa County saw an estimated net change of zero jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 20 jobs led by losses in construction and leisure and hospitality. Gains were led by education and health services and financial activities. The public sector added 20 jobs with gains in state and local government overcoming a loss in federal government.

**Notable Industry Gains and Losses**

Over-the-Year Employment Change from July 2018

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

**Unemployment rate remains fairly level**



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