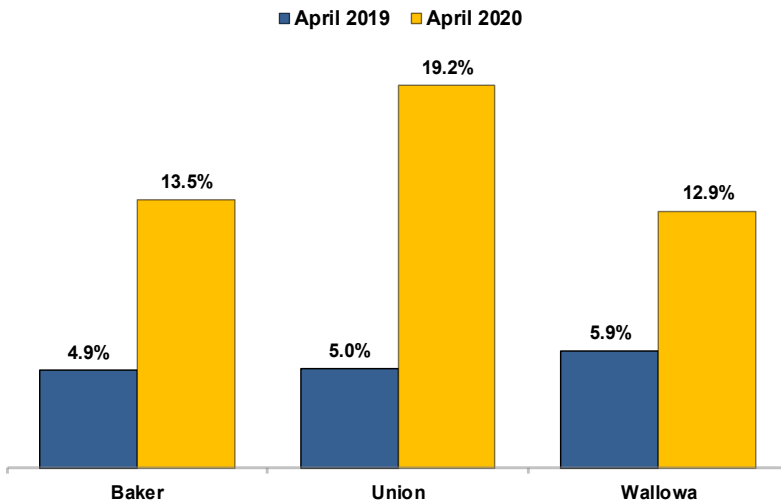


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment Rate News

Wallowa County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2020 was 12.9 percent, while Baker County came in at 13.5 percent and Union County at 19.2 percent. Wallowa and Baker counties' rates were below Oregon's statewide rate of 14.2 percent and the national rate of 14.7 percent.

Wallowa County's rate ranked in a tie for 10th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Baker County's ranked 15th and Union County's sat at 34th.

All three counties had higher seasonally adjusted unemployment rates in April 2020 than the previous April due to the effects of COVID-19.

Wallowa County (+7.0 percentage points) ranked in a tie for seventh among Oregon's counties for smallest over-the-year change. Baker County (+8.6) ranked in a tie for 10th while Union County (+14.2) ranked 32nd.

Nonfarm Employment Change

April 2019 to April 2020

Baker County dropped an estimated 530 jobs over the year. The private sector lost 510 jobs. Losses were led by leisure and hospitality and manufacturing. The public sector lost 20 jobs with losses in local and federal government overcoming a gain in state government.

Union County employment decreased an estimated 1,590 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 1,420 jobs led by losses in manufacturing, leisure and hospitality, and education and health services. The public sector lost 170 jobs with a loss in local government overcoming a gain in federal government while state government was unchanged.

Wallowa County lost an estimated 200 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 120 jobs. Losses were led by leisure and hospitality, manufacturing, and education and health services. The public sector lost 80 jobs with losses in local and state government while federal government was unchanged.

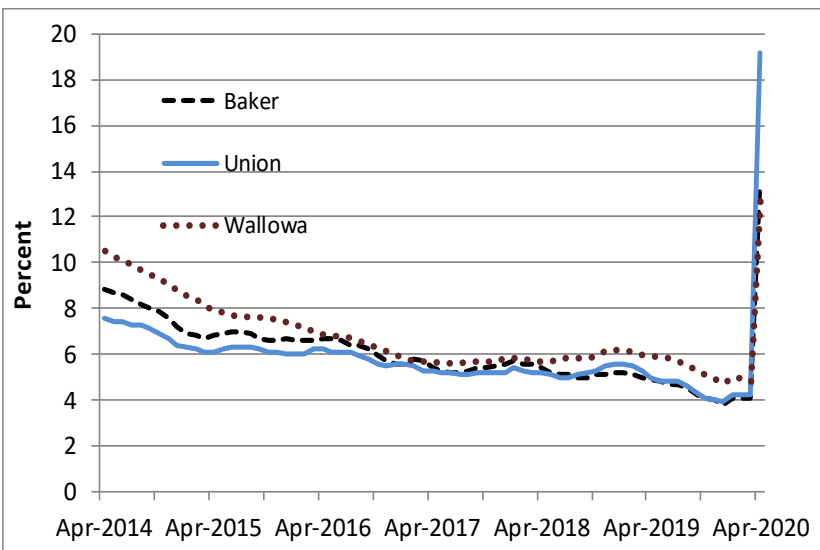
Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from April 2019

	<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
	State Government (+10)	Federal Government (+30)	

	Leisure/Hospitality (-240)	Manufacturing (-590)	Local Government (-70)
	Manufacturing (-100)	Leisure/Hospitality (-380)	Leisure/Hospitality (-60)
	Retail Trade (-40)	Local Education (-200)	Manufacturing (-20)
	Private Education/Health Services (-40)	Private Education/Health Services (-170)	Private Education/Health Services (-20)
	Other Services (-40)	Construction (-90)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (-10)
	Construction (-30)	Retail Trade (-90)	Professional/Business Services (-10)

Unemployment rate spikes sharply up due to COVID-19



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