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Nonfarm Employment Change

June 2019 to June 2020

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Union County employment decreased an estimated 1,610 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 1,260 jobs led by losses in leisure and hospitality, education and health services, and manufacturing. The public sector lost 350 jobs with a loss in local government overwhelming a small gain in state government while federal government was unchanged.

Wallowa County lost an estimated 340 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 270 jobs. Losses were led by leisure and hospitality and wholesale and retail trade. The public sector lost 70 jobs with losses in local and state government while federal government was unchanged.

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