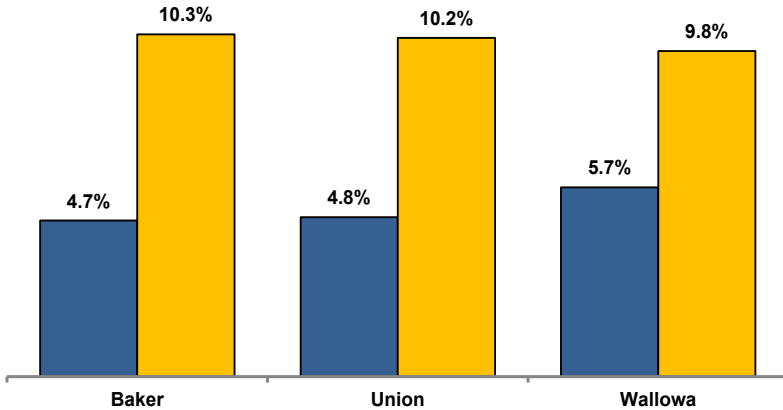


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ July 2019 ■ July 2020



Unemployment Rate News

Wallowa County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July 2020 was 9.8 percent, while Union County came in at 10.2 percent and Baker County at 10.3 percent. All three were below Oregon's statewide rate of 10.4 percent and below or near the national rate of 10.2 percent.

Wallowa County's rate tied for 16th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Union County's ranked in a three-way tie for 20th and Baker County's sat at 23rd.

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

Wallowa County (+4.1 percentage points) ranked seventh among Oregon's counties for smallest over-the-year change. Union County (+5.4) ranked 17th while Baker County (+5.6) ranked 19th.

Nonfarm Employment Change

July 2019 to July 2020

Baker County dropped an estimated 410 jobs over the year. The private sector lost 400 jobs. Losses were led by leisure and hospitality and manufacturing. The only industry to add jobs was professional and business services. The public sector lost 10 jobs with a loss in local government overcoming a gain in federal government.

Union County employment decreased an estimated 780 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 710 jobs led by losses in leisure and hospitality, manufacturing, and retail trade. The only industry to add jobs was professional and business services. The public sector lost 70 jobs with a loss in local government overcoming a gain in state government.

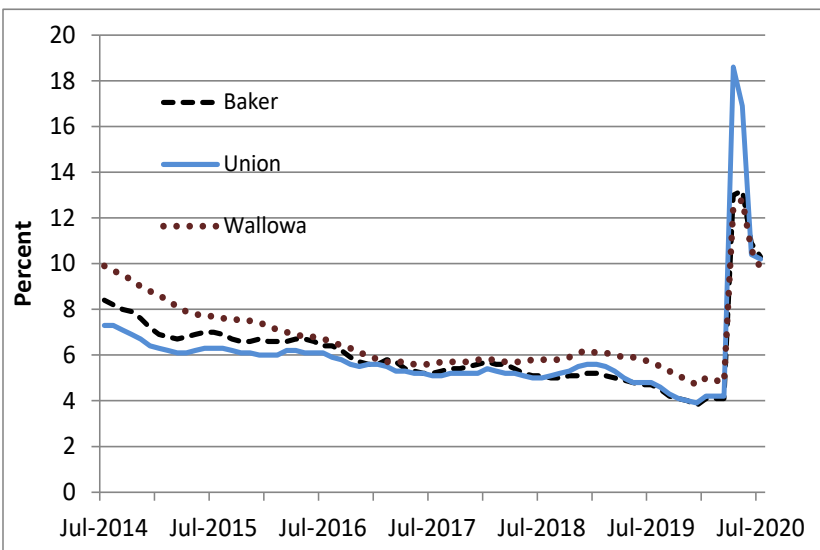
Wallowa County lost an estimated 230 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 240 jobs. Losses were led by leisure and hospitality and spread across most industries. No private industries added jobs. The public sector added 10 jobs with a gain in local government.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from July 2019

	<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
	Professional/Business Services (+40)	State Government (+20)	Local Government (+10)
	Federal Government (+10)	Professional/Business Services (+10)	
	Leisure/Hospitality (-160)	Leisure/Hospitality (-270)	Leisure/Hospitality (-130)
	Manufacturing (-100)	Manufacturing (-120)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (-20)
	Retail Trade (-60)	Retail Trade (-120)	Financial Activities (-20)
	Other Services (-50)	Local Government (-90)	Information (-10)
	Construction (-40)	Private Education/Health Services (-70)	Mining/Logging (-10)
	Local Government (-20)	Other Services (-60)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-10)

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