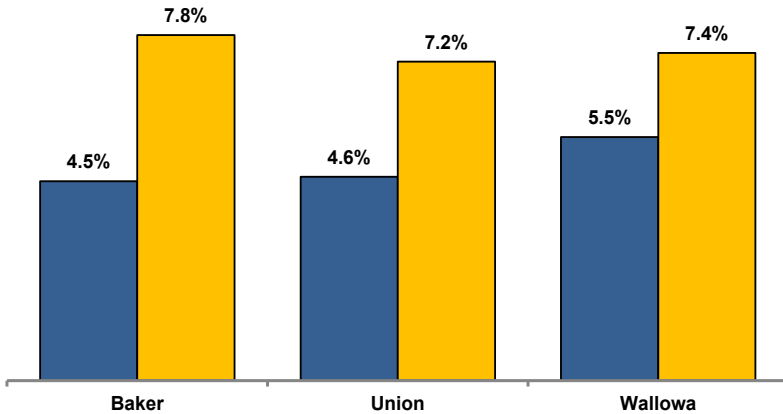


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ August 2019 ■ August 2020



Unemployment Rate News

Union County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2020 was 7.2 percent, while Wallowa County came in at 7.4 percent and Baker County at 7.8 percent. All three were below or near Oregon's statewide rate of 7.7 percent and below the national rate of 8.4 percent.

Union County's rate ranked 16th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Wallowa County's ranked 18th and Baker County's tied for 25th.

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

Wallowa County (+1.9 percentage points) ranked in a three-way tie for fourth among Oregon's counties for smallest over-the-year change. Union County (+2.6) ranked in a three-way tie for eighth while Baker County (+3.3) tied for 19th.

Nonfarm Employment Change

August 2019 to August 2020

Baker County dropped an estimated 370 jobs over the year. The private sector lost 390 jobs. Losses were led by leisure and hospitality and manufacturing. The only industry to add jobs was professional and business services. The public sector added 20 jobs with gains in federal and state government overcoming a loss in local government.

Union County employment decreased an estimated 640 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 660 jobs led by losses in leisure and hospitality, retail trade, and manufacturing. The only industry to add jobs was information. The public sector added 20 jobs with gains in federal and state government overcoming a loss in local government.

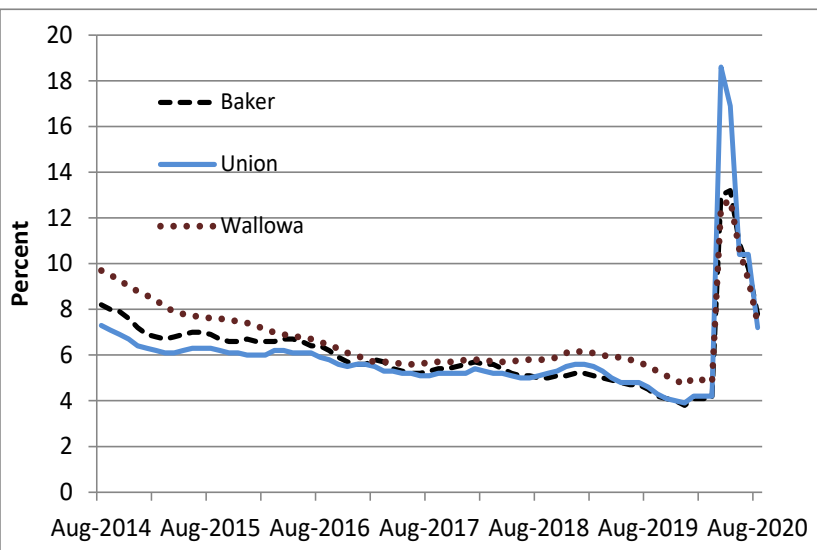
Wallowa County lost an estimated 210 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 200 jobs. Losses were led by leisure and hospitality and spread across most industries. The only industry to add jobs was manufacturing. The public sector dropped 10 jobs with a loss in local government while federal and state government were unchanged.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from August 2019

	<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
	Federal Government (+30)	State Government (+20)	Manufacturing (+10)
	Professional/Business Services (+20)	Federal Government (+20)	
	Leisure/Hospitality (-130)	Leisure/Hospitality (-260)	Leisure/Hospitality (-110)
	Construction (-60)	Retail Trade (-110)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (-30)
	Manufacturing (-60)	Manufacturing (-70)	Mining/Logging (-10)
	Retail Trade (-60)	Private Education/Health Services (-50)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-10)
	Other Services (-50)	Other Services (-40)	Financial Activities (-10)
	Local Government (-20)	Construction (-40)	Construction (-10)

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