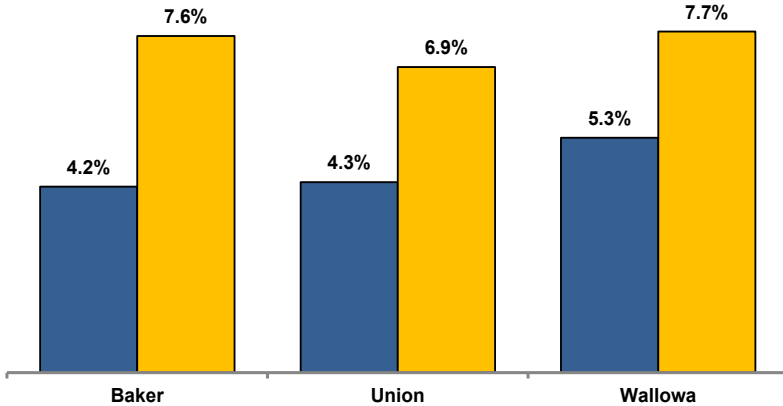


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ September 2019 ■ September 2020



Unemployment Rate News

Union County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2020 was 6.9 percent, while Baker County came in at 7.6 percent and Wallowa County at 7.7 percent. All three were below Oregon's statewide rate of 8.0 percent and the national rate of 7.9 percent.

Union County's rate ranked in a tie for 13th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Baker County's ranked in a tie for 18th and Wallowa County's came in at 20th.

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

Wallowa County (+2.4 percentage points) ranked in a tie for sixth among Oregon's counties for smallest over-the-year change. Union County (+2.6) ranked eighth while Baker County (+3.4) tied for 15th.

Nonfarm Employment Change

September 2019 to September 2020

Baker County dropped an estimated 320 jobs over the year. The private sector lost 330 jobs. Losses were led by leisure and hospitality, manufacturing, and retail trade. No industries added jobs. The public sector added 10 jobs with a gain in federal government overcoming a loss in local government while state government was unchanged.

Union County employment decreased an estimated 560 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 520 jobs led by losses in leisure and hospitality and retail trade. The only industry to add jobs was information. The public sector dropped 40 jobs with a loss in local government overcoming gains in federal and state government.

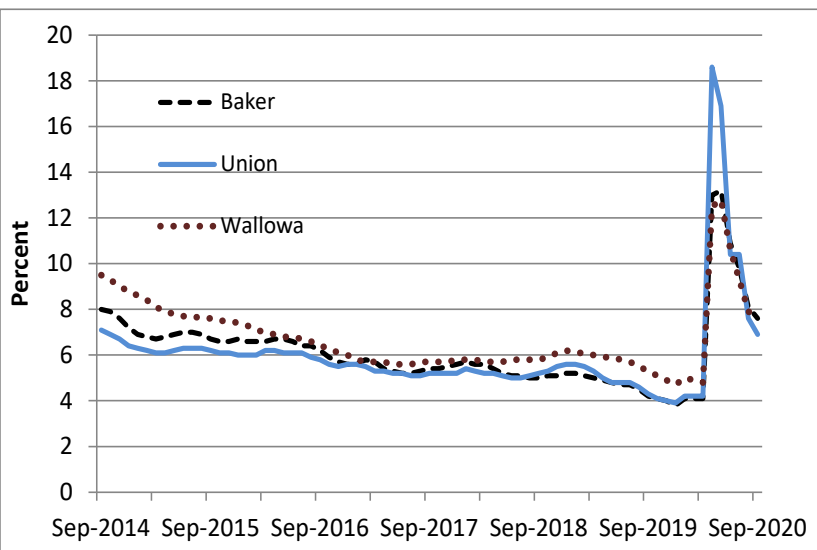
Wallowa County lost an estimated 110 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 80 jobs. Losses were led by leisure and hospitality. The only industry to add jobs was manufacturing. The public sector dropped 30 jobs with losses in local and federal government while state government was unchanged.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from September 2019

<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
Federal Government (+20)	State Government (+20)	Manufacturing (+10)
	Federal Government (+20)	
	Information (+10)	
Leisure/Hospitality (-130)	Leisure/Hospitality (-220)	Leisure/Hospitality (-30)
Manufacturing (-50)	Retail Trade (-80)	Local Government (-20)
Retail Trade (-50)	Private Education/Health Services (-60)	Mining/Logging (-10)
Other Services (-40)	Manufacturing (-50)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-10)
Construction (-20)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (-40)	Other Services (-10)
Private Education/Health Services (-20)	Other Services (-30)	Construction (-10)

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