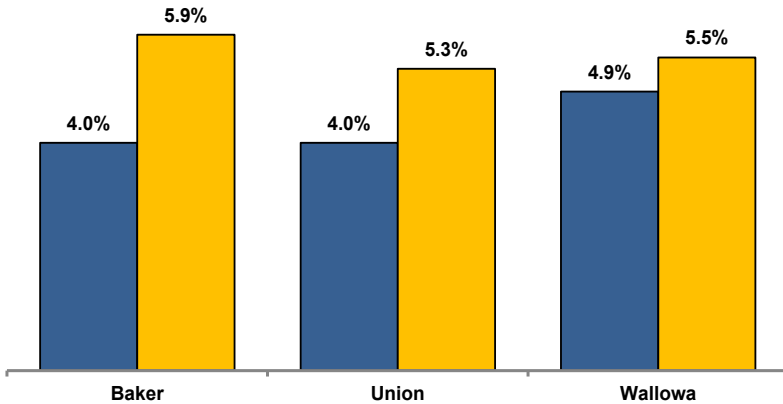


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

■ November 2019 ■ November 2020



Unemployment Rate News

Union County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2020 was 5.3%, while Wallowa County came in at 5.5% and Baker County at 5.9%. All three were below Oregon's statewide rate of 6.0% and the national rate of 6.7%.

Union County's rate ranked in a tie for 13th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Wallowa County's ranked 15th and Baker County's tied for 20th.

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

Wallowa County (+0.6 percentage point) ranked second among Oregon's counties for smallest over-the-year change. Union County (+1.3) ranked 10th while Baker County (+1.9) sat in a tie for 18th.

Nonfarm Employment Change

November 2019 to November 2020

Baker County dropped an estimated 90 jobs over the year. The private sector lost 30 jobs. Losses were led by other services, leisure and hospitality and retail trade. Manufacturing, construction, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities added jobs. The public sector dropped 60 jobs with a loss in local government overcoming a gain in federal government.

Union County employment decreased an estimated 350 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 260 jobs led by losses in leisure and hospitality and education and health services. The only industries to add jobs were construction and financial activities. The public sector dropped 90 jobs with losses in local and state government overcoming a gain in federal government.

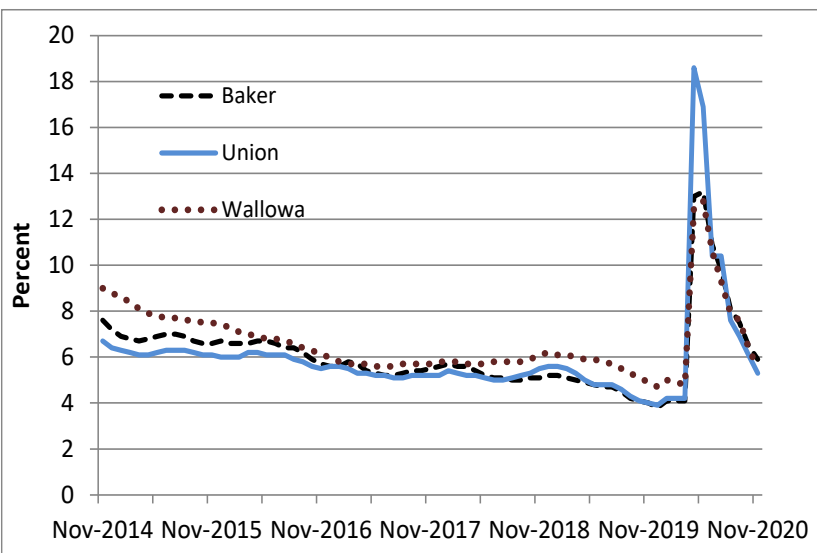
Wallowa County gained an estimated 20 jobs over the year. The private sector added 30 jobs. Small gains outpaced small losses across industries. The public sector dropped 10 jobs with losses in local and federal government overcoming a gain in state government.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from November 2019

	<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
	Manufacturing (+30)	Construction (+50)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (+10)
	Construction (+20)	Financial Activities (+10)	Professional/Business Services (+10)
	Federal Government (+10)	Federal Government (+10)	Professional/Business Services (+10)
	Local Government (-70)	Leisure/Hospitality (-140)	Federal Government (-10)
	Other Services (-50)	Local Government (-90)	Private Education/Health Services (-10)
	Leisure/Hospitality (-20)	Private Education/Health Services (-50)	Local Government (-10)
	Retail Trade (-20)	Other Services (-40)	
	Professional/Business Services (-10)	Retail Trade (-30)	
		Professional/Business Services (-20)	

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