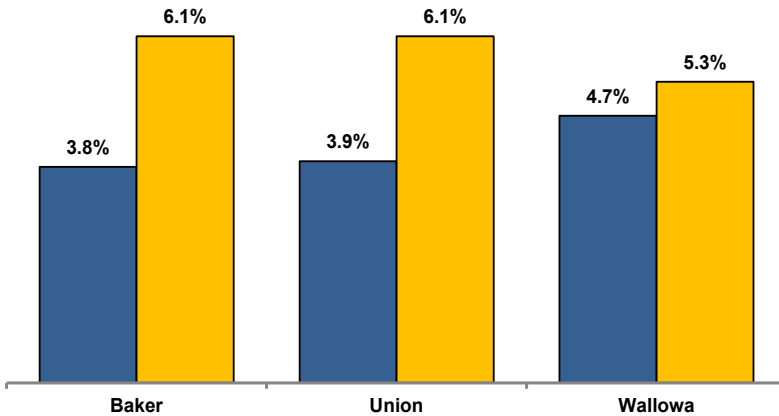


**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)**

■ December 2019 ■ December 2020



**Unemployment Rate News**

Wallowa County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2020 was 5.3%, while Baker and Union counties came in at 6.1%. All three were below Oregon's statewide rate of 6.4% and the national rate of 6.7%.

Wallowa County's rate ranked 10th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Baker and Union counties' ranked in a four-way tie for 19th.

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

Wallowa County (+0.6 percentage point) ranked third among Oregon's counties for smallest over-the-year change. Union County (+2.2) ranked 14th while Baker County (+2.3) sat in a four-way tie for 15th.

**Nonfarm Employment Change**

December 2019 to December 2020

Baker County dropped an estimated 80 jobs over the year. The private sector lost 60 jobs. Losses were led by leisure and hospitality, other services, and retail trade. Manufacturing, construction, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities added jobs. The public sector dropped 20 jobs with a loss in local government overcoming a gain in federal government.

Union County employment decreased an estimated 490 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 370 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 120 jobs with losses in local and state government overwhelming a small gain in federal government.

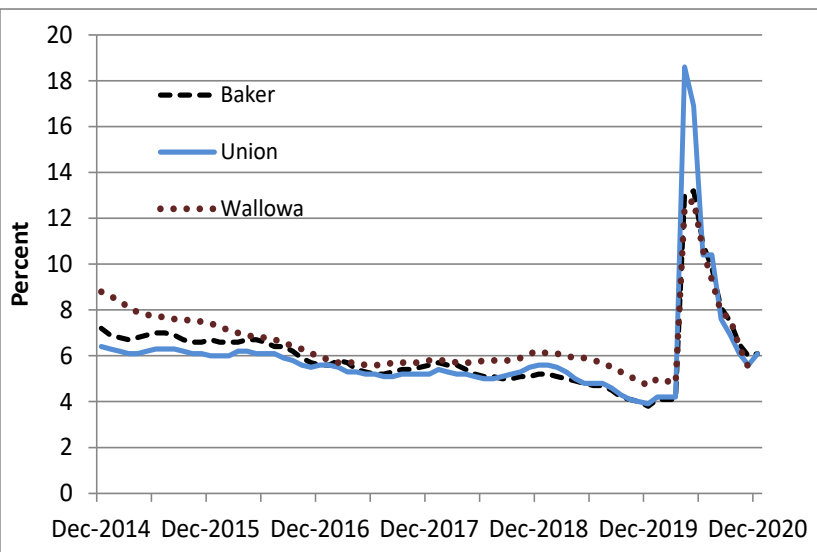
Wallowa County lost an estimated 20 jobs over the year. The private sector added 10 jobs. Small gains outpaced small losses across industries. The public sector dropped 30 jobs with losses in local and federal government while state government was unchanged.

**Notable Industry Gains and Losses**

Over-the-Year Employment Change from December 2019

	<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
	Manufacturing (+50)	Construction (+20)	Professional/Business Services (+20)
	Construction (+10)	Financial Activities (+10)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (+10)
	Federal Government (+10)	Federal Government (+10)	Mining/Logging (-20)
	Leisure/Hospitality (-60)	Leisure/Hospitality (-230)	Local Government (-20)
	Other Services (-40)	Local Government (-110)	Manufacturing (-10)
	Local Government (-30)	Private Education/Health Services (-50)	Other Services (-10)
	Retail Trade (-20)	Other Services (-40)	Federal Government (-10)
	Professional/Business Services (-10)	Manufacturing (-30)	Information (-20)

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