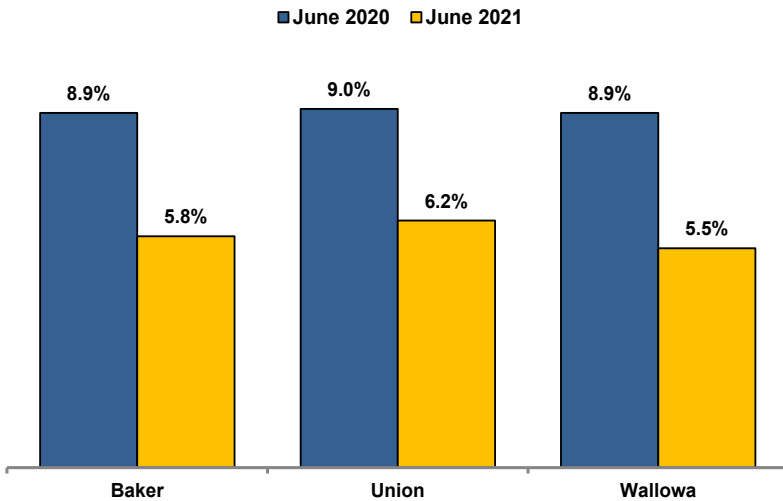


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment Rate News

Wallowa County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2021 was 5.5%, while Baker County came in at 5.8% and Union County at 6.2%. Wallowa County's rate was below Oregon's statewide rate of 5.6% and Wallowa and Baker counties' rates were below the national rate of 5.9%.

Wallowa County's rate tied for 11th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Baker County's ranked in a three-way tie for 16th and Union County's sat in a four-way tie for 21st.

All three counties had lower seasonally adjusted unemployment rates in June 2021 than the previous June's higher pandemic-related rates.

Wallowa County (-3.4 percentage points) tied for 18th among Oregon's counties for largest over-the-year change. Baker County (-3.1) ranked 23rd while Union County (-2.8) sat in a three-way tie for 25th.

Nonfarm Employment Change

June 2020 to June 2021

Baker County added an estimated 110 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 50 jobs. Gains were led by retail trade and leisure and hospitality while losses were led by professional and business services and financial activities. The public sector added 60 jobs with gains in local and federal government.

Union County employment increased an estimated 560 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 250 jobs led by gains in manufacturing and leisure and hospitality. Losses were led by retail trade and financial activities. The public sector added 310 jobs with gains in local, federal, and state government.

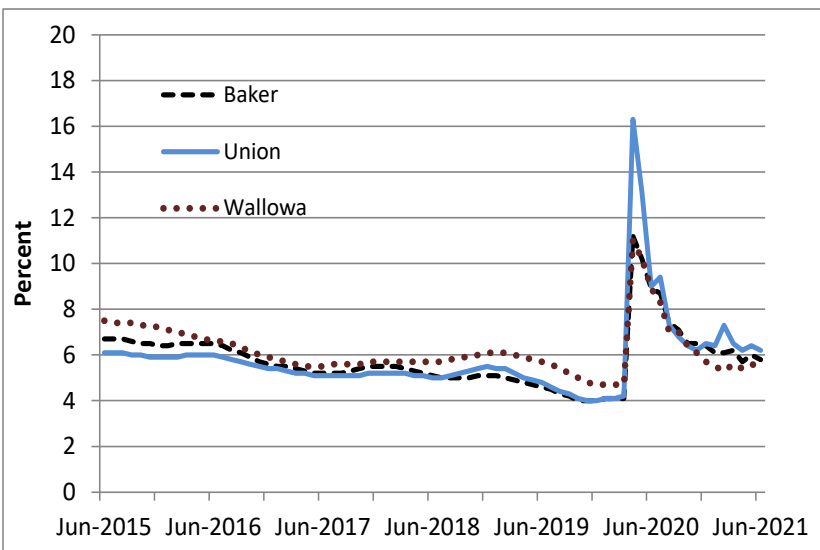
Wallowa County gained an estimated 180 jobs over the year. The private sector added 90 jobs led by gains in education and health services and wholesale and retail trade. Losses were confined to construction, financial activities, and information. The public sector added 90 jobs with gains in local and state government.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from June 2020

	<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
	Local Government (+50)	Local Government (+270)	Local Government (+70)
	Retail Trade (+40)	Manufacturing (+130)	Private Education/Health Services (+40)
	Leisure/Hospitality (+40)	Leisure/Hospitality (+180)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (+30)
	Construction (+20)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (+50)	Leisure/Hospitality (+20)
	Private Education/Health Services (+20)	Professional/Business Services (+40)	State Government (+20)
	Other Services (+20)		Mining/Logging (+10)
	Professional/Business Services (-50)	Retail Trade (-40)	Construction (-10)
	Financial Activities (-40)	Financial Activities (-30)	Financial Activities (-10)
		Information (-10)	Information (-10)

Unemployment rate leveling after drop from COVID-19 high



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