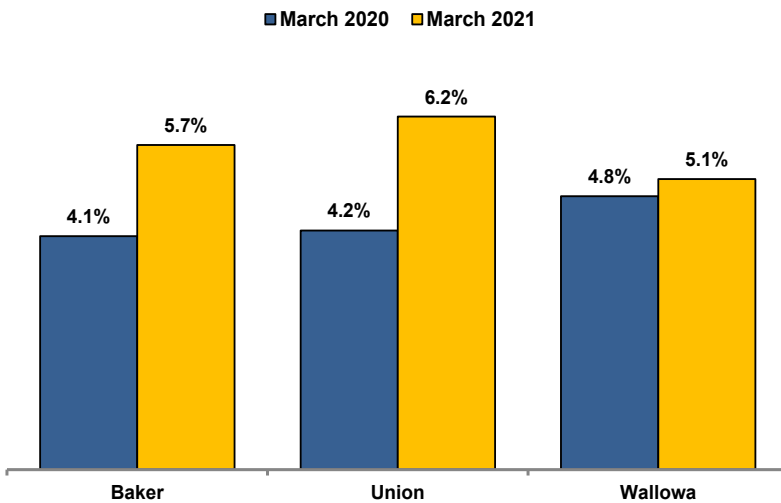


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment Rate News

Wallowa County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2021 was 5.1%, while Baker County came in at 5.7% and Union County at 6.2%. Wallowa and Baker counties' rates were below Oregon's statewide rate and the national rate which were both 6.0%.

Wallowa County's rate ranked seventh lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Baker County's ranked in a three-way tie for 14th and Union County's sat at 20th.

All three counties had higher seasonally adjusted unemployment rates in March 2021 than the previous March due to the effects of COVID-19.

Wallowa County (+0.3 percentage point) ranked first among Oregon's counties for smallest over-the-year change. Baker County (+1.6) ranked in a tie for ninth while Union County (+2.0) sat in 14th.

Nonfarm Employment Change

March 2020 to March 2021

Baker County dropped an estimated 120 jobs over the year. The private sector lost 70 jobs. Losses were led by leisure and hospitality and professional and business services. Gains were led by retail trade and manufacturing. The public sector dropped 50 jobs with a loss in local government overcoming a gain in state government.

Union County employment decreased an estimated 550 jobs over the year. The private sector decreased by 480 jobs led by losses in manufacturing and leisure and hospitality. The only industries to add jobs were professional and business services and mining and logging. The public sector dropped 70 jobs with a loss in local government.

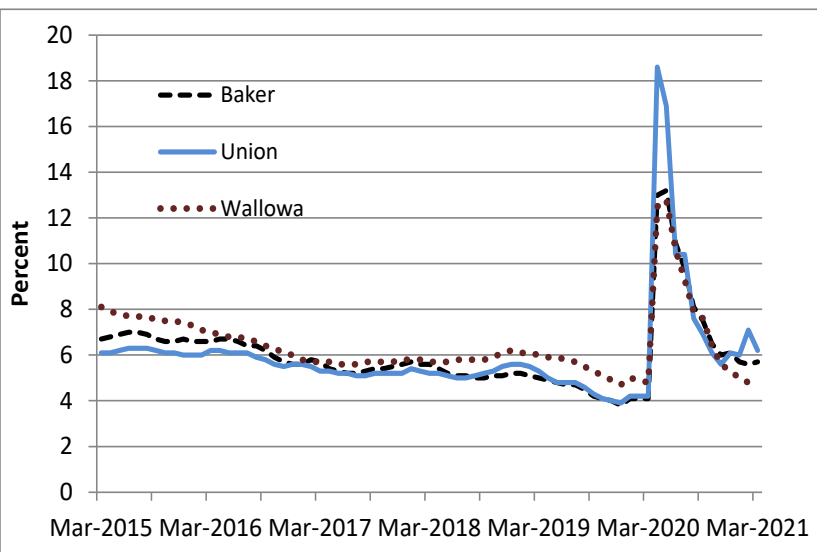
Wallowa County gained an estimated 20 jobs over the year. The private sector added 60 jobs led by gains in education and health services and transportation, warehousing, and utilities. The only private industries to lose jobs were information and mining and logging. The public sector dropped 40 jobs with losses in local, state, and federal government.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from March 2020

Baker	Union	Wallowa
Retail Trade (+30)	Professional/Business Services (+40)	Private Education/Health Services (+30)
Manufacturing (+20)	Mining/Logging (+10)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (+20)
Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (+10)		Other Services (+20)
Local Government (-60)	Manufacturing (-210)	Local Government (-20)
Leisure/Hospitality (-50)	Leisure/Hospitality (-190)	Information (-10)
Professional/Business Services (-50)	Local Government (-70)	Mining/Logging (-10)
Financial Activities (-20)	Construction (-50)	State Government (-10)
Private Education/Health Services (-10)	Private Education/Health Services (-30)	Federal Government (-10)

Unemployment rate down after sharp rise due to COVID-19



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