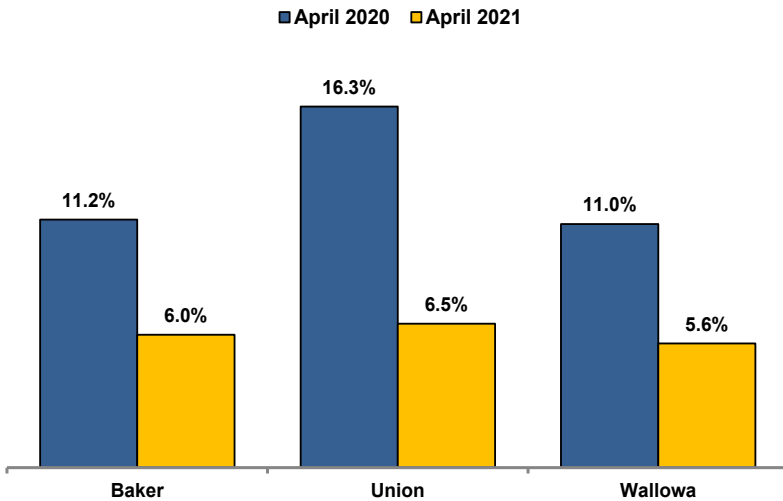


**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)**



**Unemployment Rate News**

Wallowa County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2021 was 5.6%, while Baker County came in at 6.0% and Union County at 6.5%. Wallowa and Baker counties' rates were below or equal to Oregon's statewide rate of 6.0% and below the national rate of 6.1%.

Wallowa County's rate ranked ninth lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Baker County's tied for 12th and Union County's sat at 21st.

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

Union County (-9.8 percentage points) ranked fourth among Oregon's counties for largest over-the-year change. Wallowa County (-5.4) tied for 24th while Baker County (-5.2) tied for 27th.

**Nonfarm Employment Change**

April 2020 to April 2021

Baker County added an estimated 290 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 310 jobs. Gains were led by leisure and hospitality and retail trade while losses were confined to professional and business services and financial activities. The public sector dropped 20 jobs with a loss in local government overcoming gains in state and federal government.

Union County employment increased an estimated 1,060 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 850 jobs led by gains in leisure and hospitality, manufacturing, and education and health services. The only industry to lose jobs was financial activities. The public sector added 210 jobs with a gain in local government.

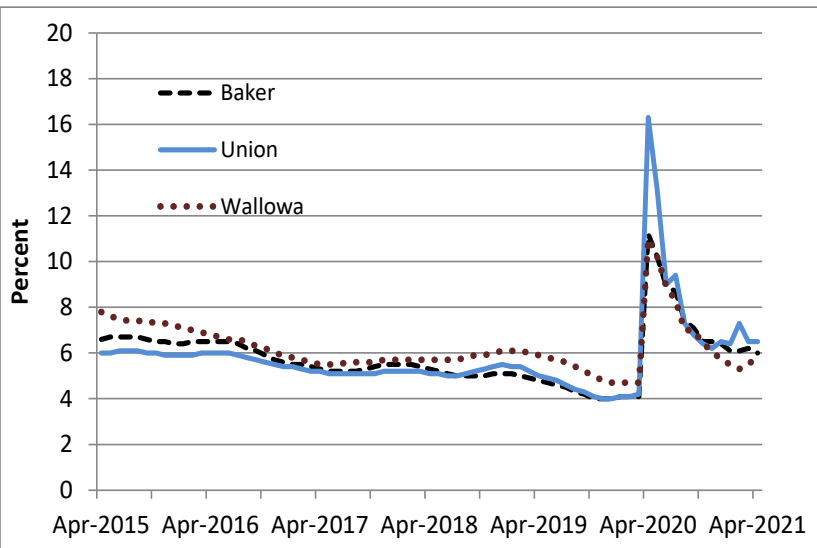
Wallowa County gained an estimated 260 jobs over the year. The private sector added 210 jobs led by gains in leisure and hospitality, education and health services, and manufacturing. Losses were confined to information and financial activities. The public sector added 50 jobs with gains in local and state government overcoming a loss in federal government.

**Notable Industry Gains and Losses**

Over-the-Year Employment Change from April 2020

	<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
	Leisure/Hospitality (+140)	Leisure/Hospitality (+310)	Leisure/Hospitality (+60)
	Retail Trade (+100)	Manufacturing (+280)	Private Education/Health Services (+50)
	Manufacturing (+50)	Local Government (+210)	Manufacturing (+40)
	Construction (+40)	Private Education/Health Services (+100)	Local Government (+40)
	Other Services (+30)	Professional/Business Services (+50)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (+30)
	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (+20)		Other Services (+20)
	Professional/Business Services (-50)	Financial Activities (-10)	Information (-10)
	Local Government (-40)		Financial Activities (-10)
	Financial Activities (-30)		Federal Government (-10)

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