

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 30, 2021

CONTACT INFORMATION:
Damon Runberg, Regional Economist
Damon.M.Runberg@oregon.gov
(541) 706-0779

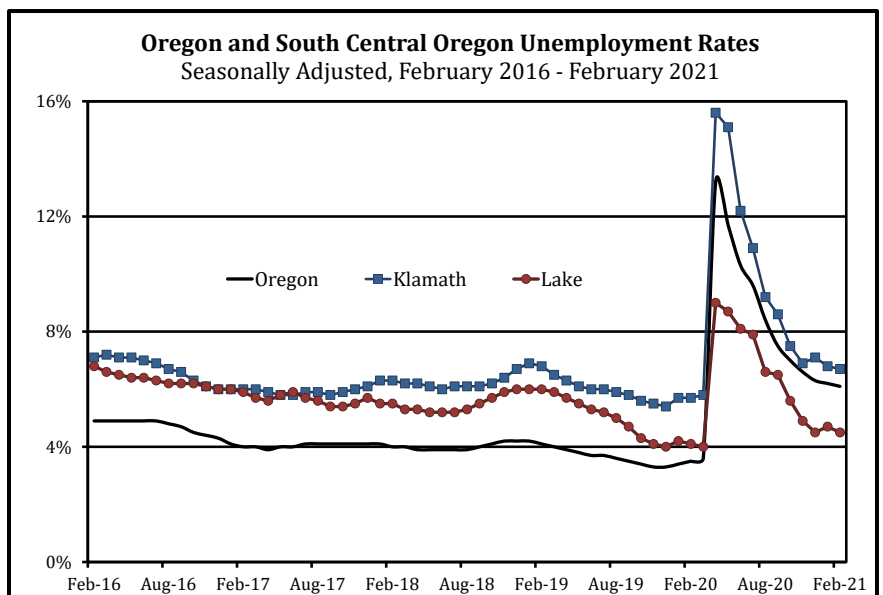
Employment in South Central Oregon: February 2021

After moving out of the extreme category of COVID-19 public health restrictions, both Klamath and Lake counties began to see more sustained job gains in February.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.7% in February, little changed from 6.8% in January. The unemployment rate remains higher than last year; it was 5.7% in February 2020.

Klamath County added 150 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis in February. The gains in February represented the largest monthly gains since last May.

Employment levels remain down by 4.3% from this time last year in Klamath County (-980 jobs). The county has recovered 61% of the 2,770 jobs lost last spring. Job losses over the past year were concentrated in leisure and hospitality (-500 jobs); local government education (-270); private education and health services (-120); and manufacturing (-90).



Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.5% in February, down from 4.7% in January. The rate is nearing levels from last year when it was 4.1% in February 2020.

Lake County added 30 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis in February, recovering the jobs lost earlier this winter.

Lake County remains one of the least impacted communities from COVID-19 layoffs with employment levels down only 2.6% from last February (-60 jobs). The county has added back 72% of the 250 jobs lost in April. The only significant job losses over the past year were in leisure and hospitality.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 20 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Tuesday, April 13.



Workforce & Economic Research Division

QualityInfo.org

March 30, 2021

Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2021	January 2021	February 2020	January 2021	February 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	29,834	29,703	29,096	131	738
Unemployed	2,505	2,707	2,059	-202	446
Unemployment rate	8.4%	9.1%	7.1%	-0.7	1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.7%	6.8%	5.7%	-0.1	1.0
Employed	27,329	26,996	27,037	333	292
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	21,700	21,450	22,680	250	-980
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,180	22,030	23,180	150	-1,000
Total private	16,590	16,360	17,370	230	-780
Mining, logging, and construction	990	980	980	10	10
Mining and logging	130	130	100	0	30
Construction	860	850	880	10	-20
Manufacturing	1,630	1,620	1,720	10	-90
Durable goods	1,420	1,410	1,510	10	-90
Wood product manufacturing	1,130	1,120	1,210	10	-80
Nondurable goods	210	210	210	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,440	4,460	4,390	-20	50
Wholesale trade	710	700	730	10	-20
Retail trade	3,020	3,040	2,990	-20	30
Food and beverage stores	610	600	570	10	40
General merchandise stores	920	920	860	0	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	710	720	670	-10	40
Information	120	120	130	0	-10
Financial activities	850	850	940	0	-90
Professional and business services	1,570	1,560	1,580	10	-10
Education and health services	4,260	4,220	4,380	40	-120
Leisure and hospitality	1,920	1,760	2,420	160	-500
Other services	810	790	830	20	-20
Government	5,110	5,090	5,310	20	-200
Federal government	770	760	740	10	30
State government	490	490	460	0	30
Local government	3,850	3,840	4,110	10	-260
Local education	2,380	2,350	2,650	30	-270

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants. Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics.



Workforce & Economic Research Division

QualityInfo.org

March 30, 2021

Lake County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2021	January 2021	February 2020	January 2021	February 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,696	3,658	3,533	38	163
Unemployed	236	244	176	-8	60
Unemployment rate	6.4%	6.7%	5.0%	-0.3	1.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	4.7%	4.1%	-0.2	0.4
Employed	3,460	3,414	3,357	46	103
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,250	2,210	2,310	40	-60
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,340	2,310	2,410	30	-70
Total private	1,130	1,110	1,200	20	-70
Mining, logging, and construction	120	120	130	0	-10
Mining and logging	20	20	40	0	-20
Construction	100	100	90	0	10
Manufacturing	210	210	220	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	320	320	320	0	0
Retail trade	230	240	230	-10	0
Information	20	20	30	0	-10
Financial activities	40	40	50	0	-10
Professional and business services	100	100	90	0	10
Education and health services	130	130	120	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	140	120	180	20	-40
Other services	50	50	60	0	-10
Government	1,120	1,100	1,110	20	10
Federal government	200	190	200	10	0
State government	160	160	160	0	0
Local government	760	750	750	10	10

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence.

Employed includes payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants.

Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics.

The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly payroll employment and labor force data for Oregon's metropolitan areas and counties. The estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other sources.

The Oregon Employment Department payroll employment estimates are revised quarterly using information from unemployment insurance tax records. All department publications use data from this *official Oregon series* unless noted.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

The pdf version of the news release, including tables and graphs, can be found at www.qualityinfo.org/press-release/. To obtain the data in other formats such as in Excel, visit www.QualityInfo.org, select *Economic Data*, and choose *LAUS* or *CES*. To request the press release as a Word document, contact the person shown at the top of this press release.

You can subscribe to receive notification of new articles and publications from www.QualityInfo.org. To subscribe, go to www.qualityinfo.org/p-sofrm, enter your email address and click Sign In. In the Publication section, click on the + sign next to a report type category and then click on the geography(s) you are interested in. Take some time to browse the other publications on the page and see if there are some you would like to receive an email notification for. You can receive notifications on a daily, weekly, or monthly schedule – whichever is most convenient for you. You can change your selected preferences – or unsubscribe – at any time.

To file an Unemployment Insurance claim, visit our online claims system or call our contact centers, where Employment Department staff are ready to help by phone, at 1-877-FILE-4-UI (1-877-345-3484). For coronavirus questions related to employer and job seeker programs and services, visit Govstatus.egov.com/ORUnemployment_COVID19. For help finding jobs and training resources, go to: www.WorkSourceOregon.org

Equal Opportunity program — auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Contact: (503) 947-1794. For the deaf and hard of hearing population, call 711 Telecommunications Relay Services.