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## Employment in South Central Oregon: March 2021

Both Klamath and Lake counties posted strong job gains on a seasonally adjusted basis in March, continuing the recovery from last summer. Unemployment levels rose in March; however, these unemployment estimates tend to be more volatile than the business employment statistics.

**Klamath County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.0% in March, up slightly from 6.8% in February. The unemployment rate remains higher than last year; it was 5.8% in March 2020.

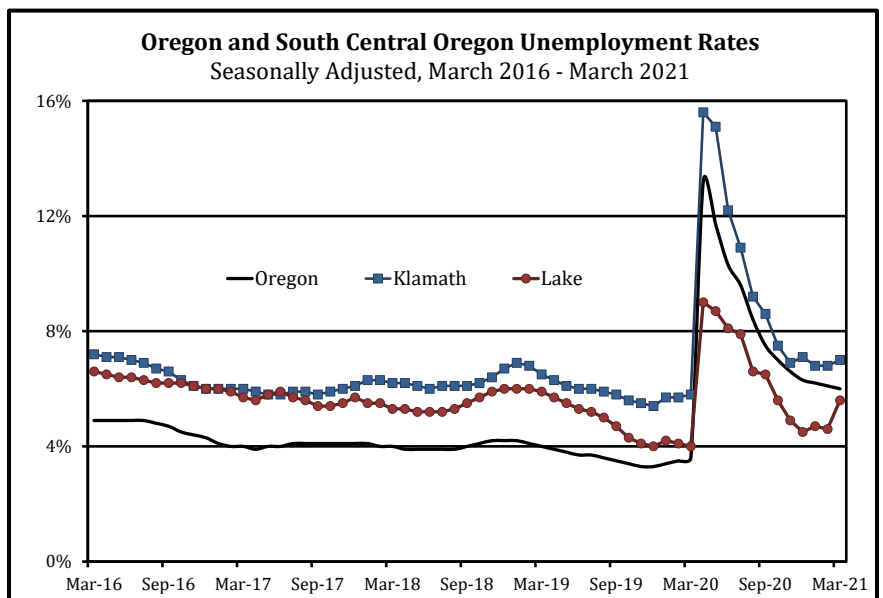
Klamath County posted another month of strong job gains, adding 140 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis. These job gains were largely concentrated in leisure and hospitality (+240 jobs).

Employment levels remain down by only 4.1% from this time last year in Klamath County (-950 jobs). The county has regained 1,820 of the 2,770 jobs lost last spring, roughly 65% of jobs lost.

**Lake County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate jumped to 5.6% in March from 4.6% in February. The rate was 4.0% in March 2020.

Lake County added 30 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis in March.

With the strong gains in March, Lake County has regained all but 2% of jobs lost in the COVID-19 shock last spring (-50 jobs). The only significant job losses over the past year were in leisure and hospitality.



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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 25 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Tuesday, May 18.



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## Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	March 2021	February 2021	March 2020	February 2021	March 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	30,009	29,819	29,295	190	714
Unemployed	2,517	2,534	2,241	-17	276
Unemployment rate	8.4%	8.5%	7.6%	-0.1	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>7.0%</i>	<i>6.8%</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>1.2</i>
Employed	27,492	27,285	27,054	207	438
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	21,890	21,690	22,820	200	-930
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>22,310</i>	<i>22,170</i>	<i>23,260</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>-950</i>
Total private	16,790	16,570	17,490	220	-700
Mining, logging, and construction	1,020	990	1,030	30	-10
Mining and logging	130	130	90	0	40
Construction	890	860	940	30	-50
Manufacturing	1,630	1,630	1,730	0	-100
Durable goods	1,420	1,420	1,520	0	-100
Wood product manufacturing	1,140	1,130	1,210	10	-70
Nondurable goods	210	210	210	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,360	4,420	4,400	-60	-40
Wholesale trade	720	710	730	10	-10
Retail trade	2,920	3,000	3,000	-80	-80
Food and beverage stores	600	610	560	-10	40
General merchandise stores	840	900	860	-60	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	720	710	670	10	50
Information	120	120	130	0	-10
Financial activities	840	850	920	-10	-80
Professional and business services	1,560	1,570	1,640	-10	-80
Education and health services	4,280	4,260	4,420	20	-140
Leisure and hospitality	2,160	1,920	2,400	240	-240
Other services	820	810	820	10	0
Government	5,100	5,120	5,330	-20	-230
Federal government	770	770	760	0	10
State government	490	500	470	-10	20
Local government	3,840	3,850	4,100	-10	-260
Local education	2,380	2,380	2,630	0	-250

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.



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## Lake County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	March 2021	February 2021	March 2020	February 2021	March 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	3,754	3,683	3,507	71	247
Unemployed	280	234	194	46	86
Unemployment rate	7.5%	6.4%	5.5%	1.1	2.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	4.6%	4.0%	1.0	1.6
Employed	3,474	3,449	3,313	25	161
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	2,260	2,240	2,280	20	-20
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,360	2,330	2,380	30	-20
Total private	1,140	1,130	1,150	10	-10
Mining, logging, and construction	120	120	130	0	-10
Mining and logging	20	20	30	0	-10
Construction	100	100	100	0	0
Manufacturing	210	210	210	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	320	320	310	0	10
Retail trade	230	230	230	0	0
Information	20	20	30	0	-10
Financial activities	40	40	50	0	-10
Professional and business services	100	100	80	0	20
Education and health services	130	130	130	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	150	140	150	10	0
Other services	50	50	60	0	-10
Government	1,120	1,110	1,130	10	-10
Federal government	190	200	210	-10	-20
State government	170	160	170	10	0
Local government	760	750	750	10	10

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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.

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