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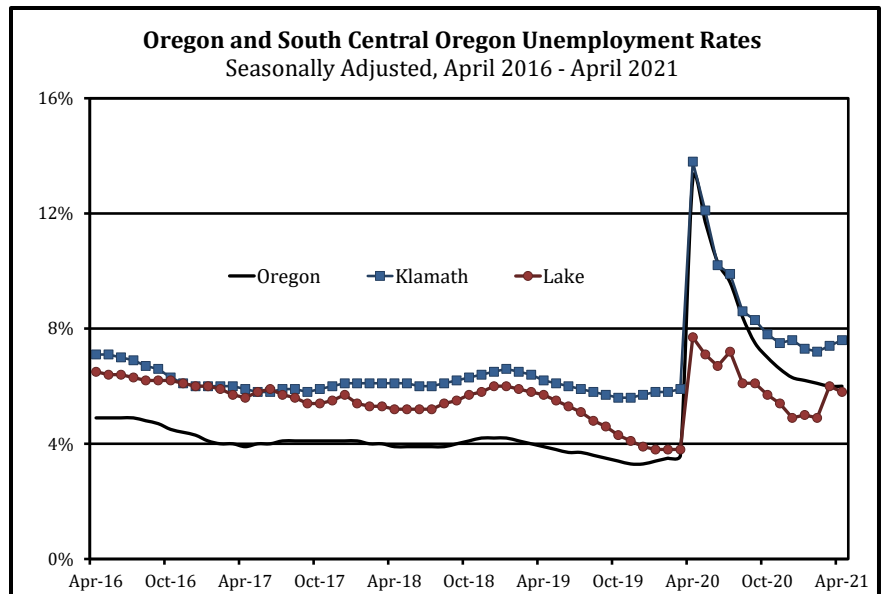
## Employment in South Central Oregon: April 2021

The employment recovery stalled in April with both Klamath and Lake counties posting job gains consistent with normal seasonal hiring. Despite the lack of improvement in April an employment recovery remains within reach with employment levels only down around 2.8% from the pre-COVID peak.

**Klamath County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.6% in April, up slightly from 7.4% in March. The unemployment rate remains higher than before the first impacts of COVID-19 when it was 5.8% in February 2020.

Preliminary estimates reveal that the employment recovery stalled in April on a seasonally adjusted basis. Klamath County added 310 jobs in April, which is a normal pace of hiring for this time of year.

Employment levels remain down by only 2.8% from the pre-COVID peak in March 2020 (-650 jobs). The county has regained 2,120 of the 2,770 jobs lost last spring, roughly 77% of jobs lost.



**Lake County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dipped to 5.8% in April from 6.0% in March. The rate was 3.8% last February before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County added 60 jobs in April, which is consistent with normal seasonal hiring.

Although the county didn't see any improvement in April a complete employment recovery is not far off. Employment levels were only down around 2.9% (-70 jobs) from the pre-COVID peak in February 2020.

## **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 22 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 15.



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## Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	April 2021	March 2021	April 2020	March 2021	April 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	30,743	30,409	28,585	334	2,158
Unemployed	2,333	2,592	3,920	-259	-1,587
Unemployment rate	7.6%	8.5%	13.7%	-0.9	-6.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.6%	7.4%	13.8%	0.2	-6.2
Employed	28,410	27,817	24,665	593	3,745
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	22,520	22,210	20,410	310	2,110
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,610	22,640	20,490	-30	2,120
Total private	17,350	17,130	15,480	220	1,870
Mining, logging, and construction	1,100	1,040	960	60	140
Mining and logging	120	130	80	-10	40
Construction	980	910	880	70	100
Manufacturing	1,650	1,660	1,620	-10	30
Durable goods	1,450	1,450	1,420	0	30
Wood product manufacturing	1,160	1,160	1,130	0	30
Nondurable goods	200	210	200	-10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,490	4,490	4,230	0	260
Wholesale trade	730	730	710	0	20
Retail trade	3,080	3,070	2,840	10	240
Food and beverage stores	610	600	570	10	40
General merchandise stores	850	870	880	-20	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	680	690	680	-10	0
Information	110	100	110	10	0
Financial activities	890	890	900	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,710	1,670	1,470	40	240
Education and health services	4,390	4,350	4,010	40	380
Leisure and hospitality	2,180	2,110	1,520	70	660
Other services	830	820	660	10	170
Government	5,170	5,080	4,930	90	240
Federal government	780	750	800	30	-20
State government	500	500	460	0	40
Local government	3,890	3,830	3,670	60	220
Local education	2,420	2,380	2,360	40	60

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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	April 2021	March 2021	April 2020	March 2021	April 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	3,790	3,745	3,453	45	337
Unemployed	245	291	292	-46	-47
Unemployment rate	6.5%	7.8%	8.5%	-1.3	-2.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.8%	6.0%	7.7%	-0.2	-1.9
Employed	3,545	3,454	3,161	91	384
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	2,300	2,240	2,120	60	180
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,340	2,340	2,160	0	180
Total private	1,150	1,120	1,040	30	110
Mining, logging, and construction	100	100	110	0	-10
Mining and logging	10	10	30	0	-20
Construction	90	90	80	0	10
Manufacturing	220	210	200	10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	330	320	310	10	20
Retail trade	240	240	230	0	10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	40	0	0
Professional and business services	90	90	90	0	0
Education and health services	130	130	120	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	150	150	100	0	50
Other services	70	60	50	10	20
Government	1,150	1,120	1,080	30	70
Federal government	220	190	210	30	10
State government	160	160	170	0	-10
Local government	770	770	700	0	70

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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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