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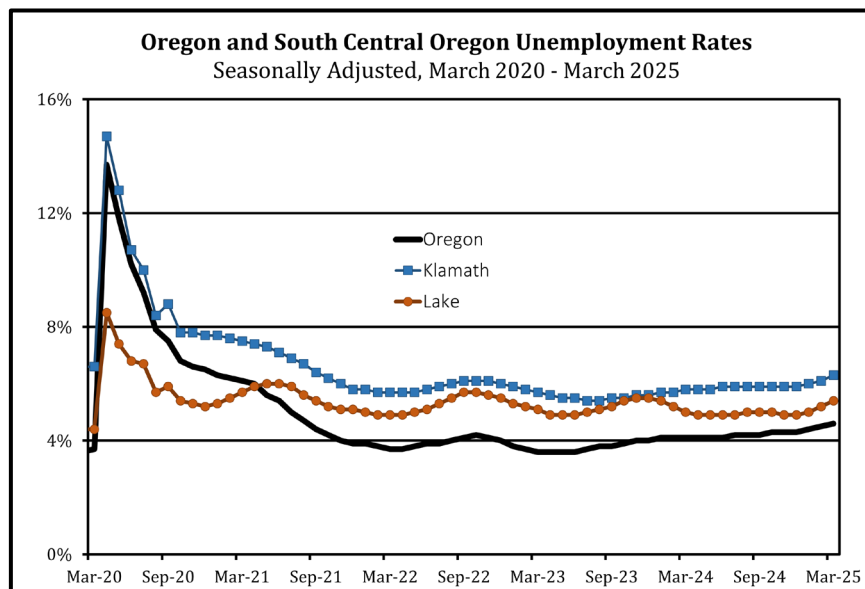
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Employment in South Central Oregon: March 2025

Like last month, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly in South Central Oregon, with marginal increases in both counties this March. Over the year, total nonfarm employment increased in Klamath County while decreasing in Lake County.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased slightly in March and is now 6.3%, up from a revised rate of 6.1% in February. In March 2024 the unemployment rate was lower at 5.8%.

Klamath County gained 150 jobs (+0.6%) in March, with the majority of gains taking place within mining, logging, and construction (+40 jobs), specifically in construction (+40 jobs). Smaller but notable job growth also occurred within professional and business services, private education and health services, and leisure and hospitality, all of which gained 20 jobs over the month. While employment within financial activities was unchanged over the month, all other major industries gained 10 jobs. Seasonally adjusted employment levels in Klamath County are now 2.2% (+500 jobs) above levels in February 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.



Klamath County gained 50 jobs in the past year (+0.2%) with gains concentrated in private education and health services (+140 jobs); professional and business services (+50 jobs); construction (+40 jobs); financial activities (+30 jobs); and government (+30 jobs). Notable private-sector job losses over the past year were seen in leisure and hospitality (-130 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-70 jobs); manufacturing (-20 jobs); other services (-10 jobs); and mining and logging (-10 jobs). All other industries saw little to no change over the month.

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased marginally from a revised rate of 5.2% in February to 5.4% in March – last March it was 5.0%. The unemployment rate was 4.2% in February 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Total nonfarm employment was unchanged from February to March. Marginal gains were seen within professional and business services (+10 jobs) and the public sector (+10 jobs), but these gains were offset by job losses within manufacturing (-10 jobs) and mining, logging, and construction (-10 jobs). All other industries saw little to no gains over the month. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment levels remain 200 jobs (-8.0%) below the pre-pandemic February 2020 employment levels, as of March.

Lake County's total nonfarm employment has declined by 70 jobs (-3.2%) since March 2024. Over the year, supersector losses were more widespread, primarily concentrated within the public sector (-30 jobs); manufacturing (-20 jobs); and trade, transportation, and utilities (-20 jobs). Smaller losses of 10 jobs each were also seen in other services and mining, logging, and construction. Gains were minimal, limited to leisure and hospitality (+10 jobs) and financial activities (+10 jobs each), while all other major industries experienced little to no growth over the year.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, May 20, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Wednesday, May 14.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2025	February 2025	March 2024	February 2025	March 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	29,046	28,874	28,789	172	257
Unemployed	2,392	2,365	1,948	27	444
Unemployment rate	8.2%	8.2%	6.8%	0.0	1.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.3%	6.1%	5.8%	0.2	0.5
Employed	26,654	26,509	26,841	145	-187
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,410	23,260	23,360	150	50
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,710	23,710	23,650	0	60
Total private	18,030	17,890	18,010	140	20
Mining, logging, and construction	1,200	1,160	1,170	40	30
Mining and logging	80	80	90	0	-10
Construction	1,120	1,080	1,080	40	40
Manufacturing	1,630	1,620	1,650	10	-20
Durable goods	1,520	1,520	1,540	0	-20
Wood product manufacturing	1,210	1,210	1,240	0	-30
Nondurable goods	110	100	110	10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,480	4,470	4,550	10	-70
Wholesale trade	710	710	760	0	-50
Retail trade	3,020	3,010	3,060	10	-40
Food and beverage retailers	620	620	620	0	0
General merchandise retailers	890	890	820	0	70
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	750	750	730	0	20
Information	120	110	120	10	0
Financial activities	870	870	840	0	30
Professional and business services	1,580	1,560	1,530	20	50
Private education and health services	4,860	4,840	4,720	20	140
Leisure and hospitality	2,410	2,390	2,540	20	-130
Other services	880	870	890	10	-10
Government	5,380	5,370	5,350	10	30
Federal government	660	620	690	40	-30
State government	610	600	590	10	20
Local government	4,110	4,150	4,070	-40	40
Local education	2,530	2,580	2,470	-50	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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	March 2025	February 2025	March 2024	February 2025	March 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,456	3,442	3,523	14	-67
Unemployed	244	268	212	-24	32
Unemployment rate	7.1%	7.8%	6.0%	-0.7	1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.4%	5.2%	5.0%	0.2	0.4
Employed	3,212	3,174	3,311	38	-99
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,150	2,150	2,220	0	-70
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,190	2,190	2,260	0	-70
Total private	1,110	1,120	1,150	-10	-40
Mining, logging, and construction	90	100	100	-10	-10
Mining and logging	20	30	20	-10	0
Construction	70	70	80	0	-10
Manufacturing	190	200	210	-10	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	330	330	350	0	-20
Retail trade	240	230	240	10	0
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	50	50	40	0	10
Professional and business services	90	80	90	10	0
Private education and health services	120	120	120	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	150	150	140	0	10
Other services	70	70	80	0	-10
Government	1,040	1,030	1,070	10	-30
Federal government	170	170	180	0	-10
State government	200	200	190	0	10
Local government	670	660	700	10	-30

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