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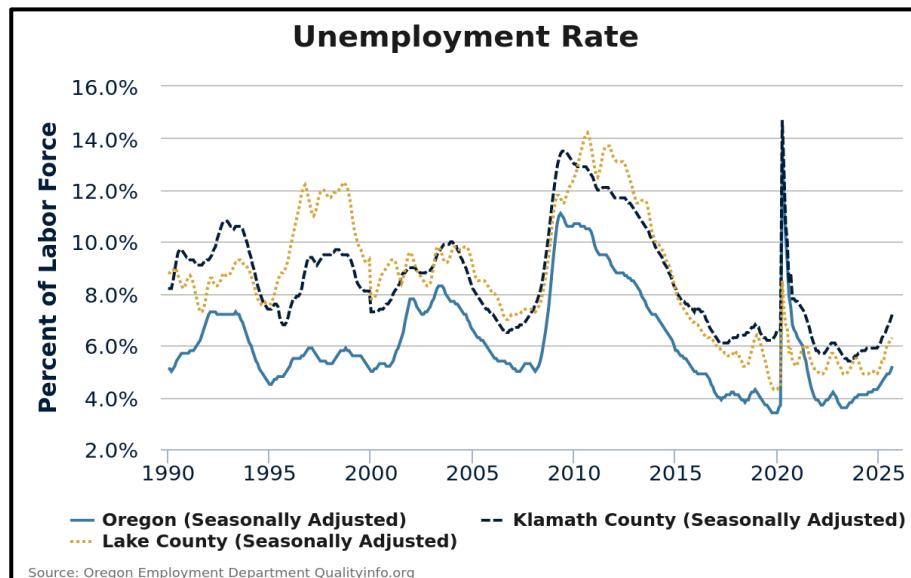
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Employment in South Central Oregon: November 2025

Total nonfarm employment decreased in both Klamath and Lake County, while seasonally adjusted employment rates rose year-over-year.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.5% in November 2025, up 1.6 percentage points from the previous year. Outside of the pandemic recession, the last time the unemployment rate was this high was a decade ago, in January 2016.

Klamath County lost 130 jobs in November, a -0.5% decrease with the largest decreases occurring in leisure and hospitality (-80 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (-40 jobs); and professional and business services (-30 jobs). Smaller losses also occurred in manufacturing (-10 jobs) and the public sector (-10 jobs). Losses in the public sector occurred in federal government (-40 jobs) and gains in local government (+30 jobs). Private-sector gains occurred in trade, transportation, and utilities (+20 jobs), private education and health services (+10 jobs), and financial activities (+10 jobs). All other industries saw little to no change over the month.



Source: Oregon Employment Department Qualityinfo.org

Klamath County shed 60 jobs in the past year (-0.3%) with private-sector losses concentrated in trade, transportation, and utilities (-120 jobs); manufacturing (-90 jobs); and professional and business services (-60 jobs). Other notable losses also occurred within the public sector (-30 jobs); financial activities (-10 jobs); and information (-10 jobs). Of the jobs lost in manufacturing, 60 of them were shed in durable goods manufacturing and 30 in nondurable goods manufacturing. Private-sector job gains

were sparse and occurred within private education and health services (+100 jobs), leisure and hospitality (+90 jobs), and mining, logging, and construction (+70 jobs).

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.4% in November 2025, up 1.5 percentage points from the previous year. Outside of the pandemic recession the last time the unemployment rate was this high was in 2019 and remains historically low for the area. The unemployment rate was 4.3% in February 2020, before the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic recession were first felt.

Total nonfarm employment decreased by 50 jobs from October to November (-2.3%). Losses were concentrated within the public sector (-30 jobs), specifically federal government (-30 jobs); leisure and hospitality (-10 jobs); other services (-10 jobs); and manufacturing (-10 jobs). Gains were minimal and occurred within financial activities (+10 jobs). All other major industries saw little to no change, and seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment levels remain 250 jobs (-10.5%) below the pre-pandemic employment levels, as of November.

Lake County's total nonfarm employment declined by 130 jobs (-5.8%) since November 2024. Over-the-year losses were primarily concentrated within the public sector (-40 jobs). Private-sector declines occurred within other services (-30 jobs); manufacturing (-30 jobs); professional and business services (-20 jobs); and mining, logging, and construction (-10 jobs). No major industry gained jobs over the year, and all other major industries saw little to no change over the year.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Thursday, Jan. 22 and county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Jan. 27.



Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	October 2025	November 2024
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Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	29,418	NA	28,690	NA	728
Unemployed	2,014	NA	1,583	NA	431
Unemployment rate	6.8%	NA	5.5%	NA	1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.5%	NA	5.9%	NA	1.6
Employed	27,404	NA	27,107	NA	297
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,680	23,810	23,740	-130	-60
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,620	23,560	23,670	60	-50
Total private	18,180	18,300	18,210	-120	-30
Mining, logging, and construction	1,360	1,400	1,290	-40	70
Mining and logging	90	90	90	0	0
Construction	1,270	1,310	1,200	-40	70
Manufacturing	1,520	1,530	1,610	-10	-90
Durable goods	1,440	1,450	1,500	-10	-60
Wood product manufacturing	1,130	1,140	1,190	-10	-60
Nondurable goods	80	80	110	0	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,520	4,500	4,640	20	-120
Wholesale trade	700	690	740	10	-40
Retail trade	3,080	3,060	3,130	20	-50
Food and beverage retailers	610	610	620	0	-10
General merchandise retailers	900	870	880	30	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	740	750	770	-10	-30
Information	100	100	110	0	-10
Financial activities	850	840	860	10	-10
Professional and business services	1,510	1,540	1,570	-30	-60
Private education and health services	4,780	4,770	4,680	10	100
Leisure and hospitality	2,630	2,710	2,540	-80	90
Other services	910	910	910	0	0
Government	5,500	5,510	5,530	-10	-30
Federal government	700	740	710	-40	-10
State government	610	610	630	0	-20
Local government	4,190	4,160	4,190	30	0
Local education	2,580	2,540	2,600	40	-20

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.

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Lake County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	October 2025	November 2024	--Change From--
Labor Force Status						
Civilian labor force	3,406	NA	3,485	NA	NA	-79
Unemployed	197	NA	154	NA	NA	43
Unemployment rate	5.8%	NA	4.4%	NA	NA	1.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.4%	NA	4.9%	NA	NA	1.5
Employed	3,209	NA	3,331	NA	NA	-122
Nonfarm Payroll Employment						
Total nonfarm employment	2,110	2,160	2,240	-50	-130	
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,140	2,150	2,270	-10	-130	
Total private	1,090	1,110	1,180	-20	-90	
Mining, logging, and construction	130	130	140	0	NA	-10
Mining and logging	30	30	40	0	NA	-10
Construction	100	100	100	0	NA	0
Manufacturing	180	190	210	-10	NA	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340	340	340	0	NA	0
Retail trade	250	250	240	0	NA	10
Information	20	20	20	0	NA	0
Financial activities	50	40	50	10	NA	0
Professional and business services	60	60	80	0	NA	-20
Private education and health services	110	110	110	0	NA	0
Leisure and hospitality	150	160	150	-10	NA	0
Other services	50	60	80	-10	NA	-30
Government	1,020	1,050	1,060	-30	NA	-40
Federal government	170	200	180	-30	NA	-10
State government	200	200	200	0	NA	0
Local government	650	650	680	0	NA	-30

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