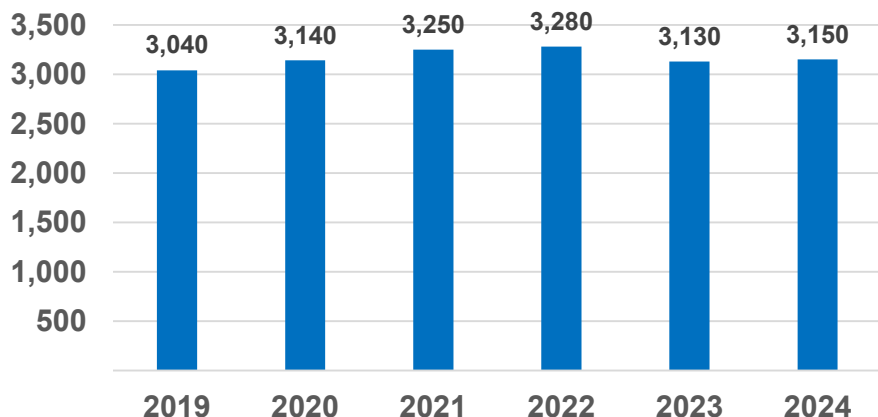


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**Klamath County Retail Employment
 December**



This graph depicts a six year snapshot of retail employment in Klamath County during the month of December when retail employment is typically at its highest. This past December retail employment increased by 20 jobs compared to December 2023, a modest gain. In December 2024 the retail sector accounted for 13.4% of all nonfarm employment in Klamath County.

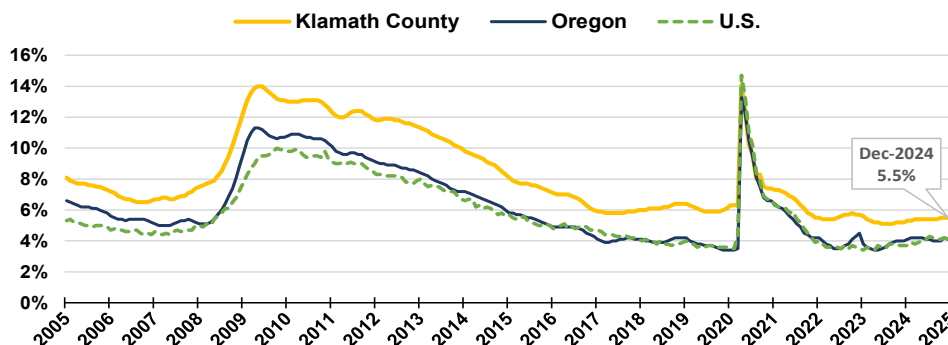
During this time period retail employment ranged from a low of 3,040 in 2019 to a high of 3,280 in 2022. Employment levels now are below what they were during the COVID-19 pandemic. Statewide the sector reached a new high in April 2022 but has since been declining.

Source: Oregon Employment Department, CES

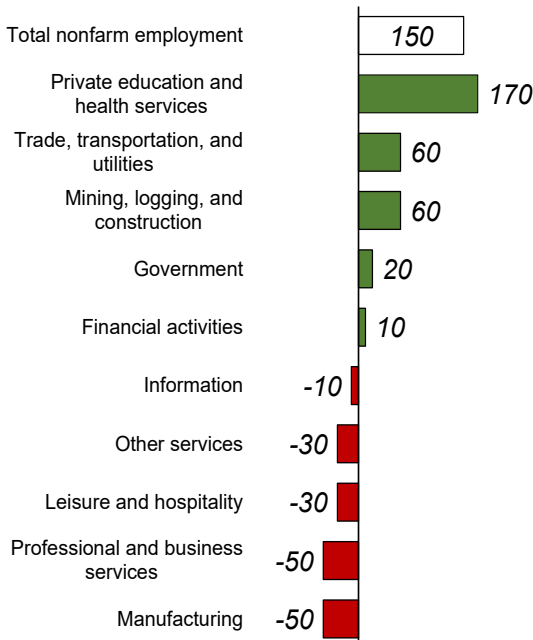
Unemployment Rate at 5.5%

- Unemployment rate in December 2023 was 5.2%
- Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged up over the year from by 0.2% from 5.3% to 5.5%

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Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS



Industry Employment Change: Dec 2023 to Dec 2024

Klamath County employment gained 150 jobs over the year.

- Payroll employment up 0.6% over the year
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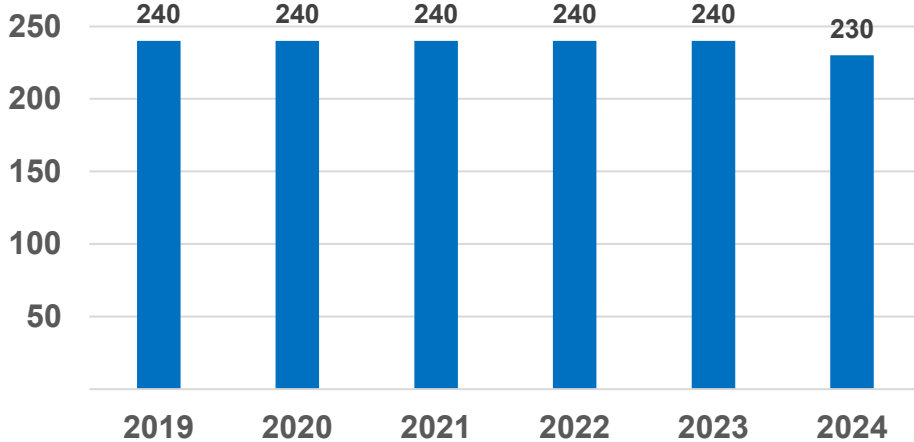
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**Lake County Retail Employment
 December**



This graph depicts a six year snapshot of retail employment in Lake County during the month of December when retail employment is typically at its highest. This past December retail employment decreased by 10 jobs compared to December 2023, a modest loss. In December 2024 the retail sector accounted for 10.2% of all nonfarm employment in Lake County.

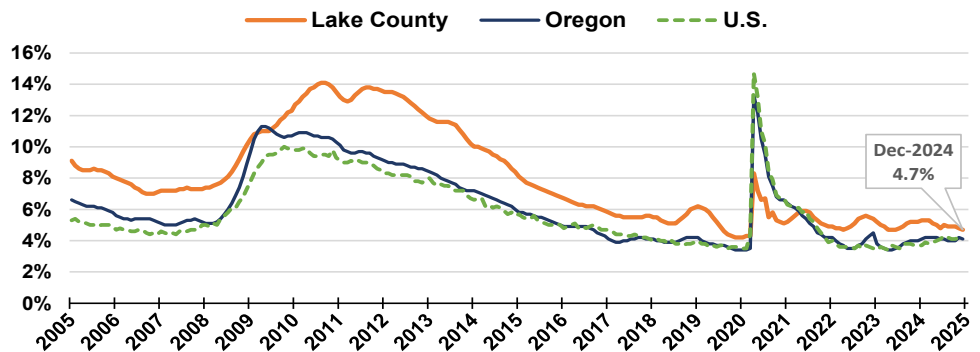
During this time period retail employment has been remarkably stable. Employment levels were relatively unaffected during the COVID-19 pandemic. Statewide the sector reached a new high in April 2022 but has since been declining.

Source: Oregon Employment Department, CES

Unemployment Rate at 4.7%

- Unemployment rate was 5.2% in December 2023
- Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has decreased by 0.6% from 5.3% to 4.7% over the year

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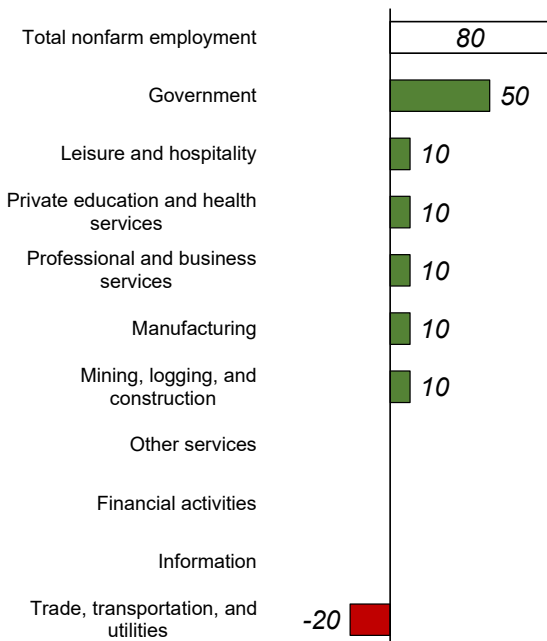


Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS

Industry Employment Change: Nov 2023 to Nov 2024

Lake County employment gained 80 jobs over the year.

- Payroll employment up 3.7% over the year
- [Detailed December Employment Press Release](#)



Source: Oregon Employment Department, CES

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