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Employment in South Central Oregon: December 2022

Hiring patterns in December were largely consistent with seasonal norms for the month in both Klamath and Lake counties. Unemployment levels increased in both counties.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.4% in December, up from a revised 6.1% in November. The unemployment rate is slightly above levels from before the first impacts of COVID-19 when it was 5.8% in February 2020.

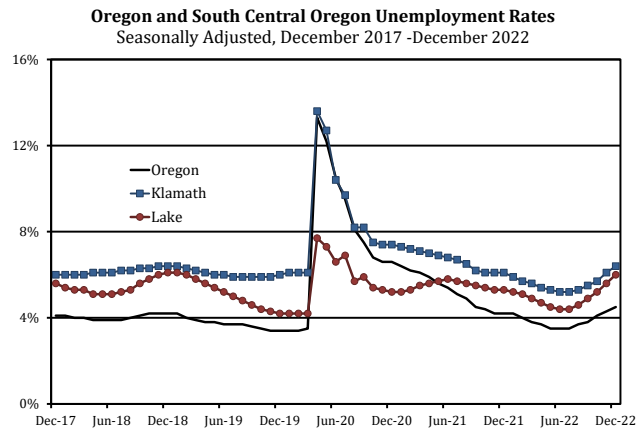
Klamath County shed 350 jobs in December, slightly larger job losses than are typical this time of year. Employment levels in Klamath County remain down 0.1% (-30 jobs) from levels in February 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.

Klamath County added 270 jobs in the past year (+1.2%). Job gains continue to be widespread with notable gains over the past year in private education and health services (+220 jobs), construction (+80), and leisure and hospitality (+50). In the public sector, local government is up 80 jobs. Total nonfarm employment growth was moderated by losses in professional and business services (-90 jobs) and manufacturing (-20).

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.0% in December, up from its revised rate of 5.6% in November. The rate was 3.8% in February 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County lost 60 jobs in December, slightly larger losses than are typical this time of year. As of December 2022, total nonfarm employment levels remain down 120 jobs (-5.0%) from levels before the onset of the pandemic in February 2020.

Lake County's total nonfarm employment is down by 10 jobs (-0.4%) from last year. The only notable gains were in retail trade and federal and state government which each added 10 jobs. The notable job loss was a decrease of 10 jobs in construction.



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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 7 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data will also be released on Tuesday, March 7.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2022	November 2022	December 2021	November 2022	December 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	29,664	30,162	29,249	-498	415
Unemployed	2,195	2,078	1,550	117	645
Unemployment rate	7.4%	6.9%	5.3%	0.5	2.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.4%	6.1%	6.1%	0.3	0.3
Employed	27,469	28,084	27,699	-615	-230
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,000	23,350	22,730	-350	270
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,180	23,220	22,920	-40	260
Total private	18,010	18,200	17,810	-190	200
Mining, logging, and construction	1,190	1,250	1,100	-60	90
Mining and logging	140	140	130	0	10
Construction	1,050	1,110	970	-60	80
Manufacturing	1,800	1,810	1,820	-10	-20
Durable goods	1,600	1,600	1,620	0	-20
Wood product manufacturing	1,290	1,290	1,290	0	0
Nondurable goods	200	210	200	-10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,730	4,750	4,750	-20	-20
Wholesale trade	770	770	780	0	-10
Retail trade	3,240	3,280	3,230	-40	10
Food and beverage stores	630	640	620	-10	10
General merchandise stores	920	910	920	10	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	720	700	740	20	-20
Information	110	110	120	0	-10
Financial activities	900	910	920	-10	-20
Professional and business services	1,540	1,550	1,630	-10	-90
Education and health services	4,390	4,390	4,170	0	220
Leisure and hospitality	2,470	2,540	2,420	-70	50
Other services	880	890	880	-10	0
Government	4,990	5,150	4,920	-160	70
Federal government	610	700	660	-90	-50
State government	530	530	490	0	40
Local government	3,850	3,920	3,770	-70	80
Local education	2,340	2,430	2,300	-90	40

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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	December 2022	November 2022	December 2021	November 2022	December 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,540	3,590	3,573	-50	-33
Unemployed	232	214	169	18	63
Unemployment rate	6.6%	6.0%	4.7%	0.6	1.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.0%	5.6%	5.3%	0.4	0.7
Employed	3,308	3,376	3,404	-68	-96
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,220	2,280	2,230	-60	-10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,270	2,280	2,280	-10	-10
Total private	1,130	1,160	1,140	-30	-10
Mining, logging, and construction	110	110	120	0	-10
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	90	90	100	0	-10
Manufacturing	220	220	220	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	330	340	330	-10	0
Retail trade	250	260	240	-10	10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	40	0	0
Professional and business services	70	70	70	0	0
Education and health services	120	120	120	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	160	180	160	-20	0
Other services	60	60	60	0	0
Government	1,090	1,120	1,090	-30	0
Federal government	180	210	190	-30	-10
State government	160	160	150	0	10
Local government	750	750	750	0	0

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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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