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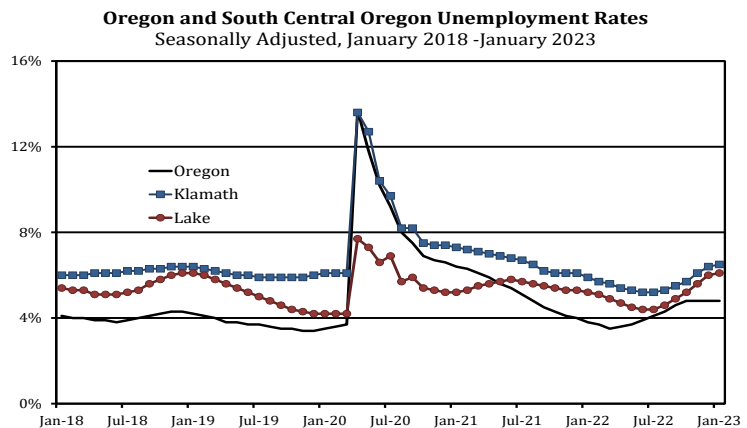
## Employment in South Central Oregon: January 2023

Hiring patterns in January 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 6.5% in January, up from a revised 6.4% in December. The unemployment rate is slightly above levels from before the first impacts of COVID-19 when it was 6.1% in February 2020.

Klamath County shed 460 jobs in January, job losses that are typical this time of year. Employment levels in Klamath County are up 0.9% (+210 jobs) from levels in February 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.

Klamath County added 350 jobs in the past year (+1.6%). Job gains continue to be widespread with notable gains over the past year in private education and health services (+110 jobs), leisure and hospitality (+30), and manufacturing (+20). In the public sector, local government is up 100 jobs. Total nonfarm employment growth was moderated by losses in mining and logging (-40 jobs) and food and beverage retailers (-20).



**Lake County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.1% in January, up slightly from its revised rate of 6.0% in December. The rate was 4.2% in February 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County lost 40 jobs in January, larger losses than are typical this time of year. As of January 2023, total nonfarm employment levels remain down 80 jobs (-3.3%) from levels before the onset of the pandemic in February 2020.

Lake County's total nonfarm employment is at the same level as last year. The only notable gains were in local and federal government which each added 20 jobs. The notable job loss was a decrease of 30 jobs in private education and health services.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 28 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data will be released on Tuesday, March 21.



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## Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	January 2023	December 2022	January 2022	December 2022	January 2022
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	29,910	30,210	29,883	-300	27
Unemployed	2,490	2,203	2,084	287	406
Unemployment rate	8.3%	7.3%	7.0%	1.0	1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.5%	6.4%	5.9%	0.1	0.6
Employed	27,420	28,007	27,799	-587	-379
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	22,820	23,280	22,470	-460	350
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,420	23,410	23,060	10	360
Total private	17,850	18,280	17,660	-430	190
Mining, logging, and construction	1,050	1,140	1,080	-90	-30
Mining and logging	80	90	120	-10	-40
Construction	970	1,050	960	-80	10
Manufacturing	1,870	1,880	1,850	-10	20
Durable goods	1,680	1,690	1,650	-10	30
Wood product manufacturing	1,350	1,360	1,330	-10	20
Nondurable goods	190	190	200	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,560	4,710	4,560	-150	0
Wholesale trade	770	780	770	-10	0
Retail trade	3,130	3,230	3,130	-100	0
Food and beverage retailers	590	600	610	-10	-20
General merchandise retailers	920	930	870	-10	50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	660	700	660	-40	0
Information	120	120	110	0	10
Financial activities	890	890	900	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,630	1,670	1,610	-40	20
Private education and health services	4,450	4,490	4,340	-40	110
Leisure and hospitality	2,370	2,460	2,340	-90	30
Other services	910	920	870	-10	40
Government	4,970	5,000	4,810	-30	160
Federal government	660	690	610	-30	50
State government	500	500	490	0	10
Local government	3,810	3,810	3,710	0	100
Local education	2,320	2,300	2,230	20	90

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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	January 2023	December 2022	January 2022	December 2022	January 2022
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	3,605	3,630	3,646	-25	-41
Unemployed	292	239	234	53	58
Unemployment rate	8.1%	6.6%	6.4%	1.5	1.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.1%	6.0%	5.2%	0.1	0.9
Employed	3,313	3,391	3,412	-78	-99
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	2,230	2,270	2,230	-40	0
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,310	2,340	2,310	-30	0
Total private	1,120	1,140	1,160	-20	-40
Mining, logging, and construction	90	100	90	-10	0
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	70	80	70	-10	0
Manufacturing	220	220	220	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340	340	340	0	0
Retail trade	250	250	250	0	0
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	40	0	0
Professional and business services	80	90	80	-10	0
Private education and health services	100	110	130	-10	-30
Leisure and hospitality	160	150	170	10	-10
Other services	70	70	70	0	0
Government	1,110	1,130	1,070	-20	40
Federal government	190	200	170	-10	20
State government	160	160	160	0	0
Local government	760	770	740	-10	20

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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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