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## Employment in South Central Oregon: April 2023

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates continued to fall in April in both Klamath and Lake County.

**Klamath County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.1% in April, down from 6.5% in March. The unemployment rate in April 2022 was 5.5%.

Klamath County gained 280 jobs in April, job gains that are normal this time of year. Employment levels in Klamath County are up 0.3% (+80 jobs) from levels in February 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.

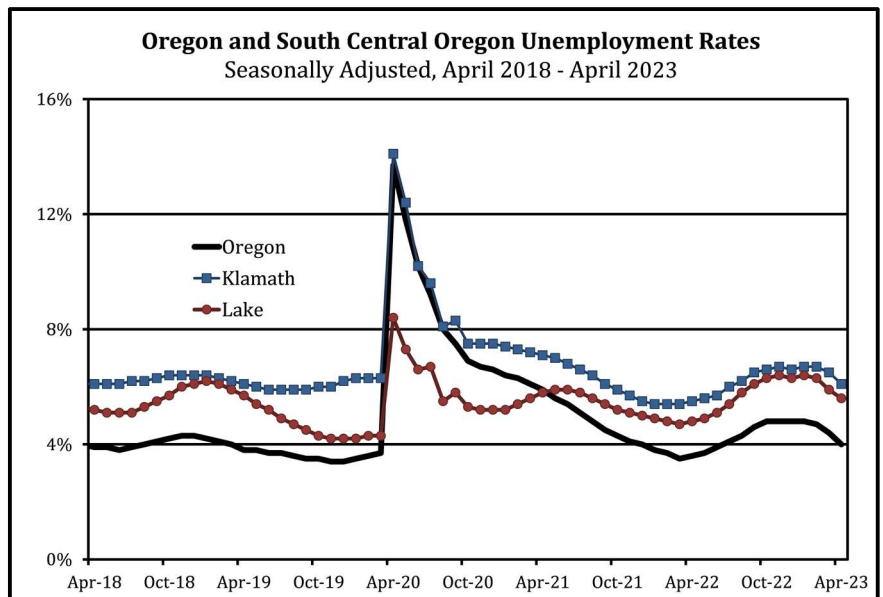
Klamath County added 110 jobs in the past year (+0.5%). Notable private-sector job gains over the

past year were seen in private education and health services (+200); other services (+60); general merchandise retailers (+40); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+20). In the public sector, local government employment was up by 120, while federal and state employment was up by 30 and 40, respectively. Total nonfarm employment growth was moderated by losses in professional and business services (-110 jobs); manufacturing (-70 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-60 jobs); and mining, logging, and construction (-60 jobs).

**Lake County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.6% in April, down from 5.9% in March. The rate was 4.2% in January 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County employment held steady in April, when employment gains are typical for this time of year. As of April 2023, total nonfarm employment levels remain 80 jobs (-3.4%) below the pre-pandemic February 2020 employment levels.

Lake County's total nonfarm employment saw a decline of 30 jobs over the year (-1.3%), with the only notable gains in other services, which added 20 jobs over the year. Both construction and private



education and health services saw declines of 20 jobs over the year, followed by professional and business services (-10 jobs); manufacturing (-10 jobs); and trade, transportation, and utilities (-10 jobs).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Wednesday, June 21, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Wednesday, June 14.



### Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

|   | --Change From-- |               |               |               |               |
|---|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | April<br>2023   | March<br>2023 | April<br>2022 | March<br>2023 | April<br>2022 |
| <b>Labor Force Status</b>                             |                 |               |               |               |               |
| Civilian labor force                                  | 28,979          | 29,281        | 29,973        | -302          | -994          |
| Unemployed  | 1,188           | 1,734         | 1,506         | -546          | -318          |
| Unemployment rate                                     | 4.1%            | 5.9%          | 5.0%          | -1.8          | -0.9          |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>        | 6.1%            | 6.5%          | 5.5%          | -0.4          | 0.6           |
| Employed  | 27,791          | 27,547        | 28,467        | 244           | -676          |
| <b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>                     |                 |               |               |               |               |
| Total nonfarm employment                              | 23,250          | 22,970        | 23,140        | 280           | 110           |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 23,290          | 23,260        | 23,180        | 30            | 110           |
| Total private   | 18,150          | 17,910        | 18,230        | 240           | -80           |
| Mining, logging, and construction                     | 1,110           | 1,050         | 1,170         | 60            | -60           |
| Mining and logging                                    | 80              | 80            | 120           | 0             | -40           |
| Construction  | 1,030           | 970           | 1,050         | 60            | -20           |
| Manufacturing   | 1,830           | 1,840         | 1,900         | -10           | -70           |
| Durable goods   | 1,650           | 1,660         | 1,690         | -10           | -40           |
| Wood product manufacturing                            | 1,350           | 1,360         | 1,370         | -10           | -20           |
| Nondurable goods                                      | 180             | 180           | 210           | 0             | -30           |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities                  | 4,620           | 4,640         | 4,680         | -20           | -60           |
| Wholesale trade                                       | 810             | 810           | 800           | 0             | 10            |
| Retail trade  | 3,140           | 3,160         | 3,230         | -20           | -90           |
| Food and beverage retailers                           | 620             | 620           | 620           | 0             | 0             |
| General merchandise retailers                         | 900             | 900           | 860           | 0             | 40            |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities            | 670             | 670           | 650           | 0             | 20            |
| Information   | 120             | 120           | 120           | 0             | 0             |
| Financial activities                                  | 930             | 930           | 930           | 0             | 0             |
| Professional and business services                    | 1,570           | 1,590         | 1,680         | -20           | -110          |
| Private education and health services                 | 4,520           | 4,460         | 4,320         | 60            | 200           |
| Leisure and hospitality                               | 2,510           | 2,350         | 2,550         | 160           | -40           |
| Other services  | 940             | 930           | 880           | 10            | 60            |
| Government  | 5,100           | 5,060         | 4,910         | 40            | 190           |
| Federal government                                    | 730             | 690           | 700           | 40            | 30            |
| State government                                      | 520             | 530           | 480           | -10           | 40            |
| Local government                                      | 3,850           | 3,840         | 3,730         | 10            | 120           |
| Local education                                       | 2,330           | 2,340         | 2,260         | -10           | 70            |

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| <b>Labor Force Status</b>                             |                 |               |               |               |               |
| Civilian labor force                                  | 3,587           | 3,584         | 3,678         | 3             | -91           |
| Unemployed  | 174             | 191           | 160           | -17           | 14            |
| Unemployment rate                                     | 4.9%            | 5.3%          | 4.4%          | -0.4          | 0.5           |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>        | 5.6%            | 5.9%          | 4.8%          | -0.3          | 0.8           |
| Employed  | 3,413           | 3,393         | 3,518         | 20            | -105          |
| <b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>                     |                 |               |               |               |               |
| Total nonfarm employment                              | 2,300           | 2,300         | 2,330         | 0             | -30           |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 2,310           | 2,350         | 2,340         | -40           | -30           |
| Total private   | 1,170           | 1,170         | 1,210         | 0             | -40           |
| Mining, logging, and construction                     | 80              | 80            | 100           | 0             | -20           |
| Mining and logging                                    | 20              | 20            | 20            | 0             | 0             |
| Construction  | 60              | 60            | 80            | 0             | -20           |
| Manufacturing   | 220             | 220           | 230           | 0             | -10           |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities                  | 340             | 340           | 350           | 0             | -10           |
| Retail trade  | 250             | 240           | 250           | 10            | 0             |
| Information   | 30              | 30            | 20            | 0             | 10            |
| Financial activities                                  | 40              | 40            | 40            | 0             | 0             |
| Professional and business services                    | 80              | 80            | 90            | 0             | -10           |
| Private education and health services                 | 110             | 110           | 130           | 0             | -20           |
| Leisure and hospitality                               | 180             | 180           | 180           | 0             | 0             |
| Other services  | 90              | 90            | 70            | 0             | 20            |
| Government  | 1,130           | 1,130         | 1,120         | 0             | 10            |
| Federal government                                    | 200             | 190           | 200           | 10            | 0             |
| State government                                      | 170             | 170           | 170           | 0             | 0             |
| Local government                                      | 760             | 770           | 750           | -10           | 10            |

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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.

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