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Employment in South Central Oregon: July 2023

Hiring patterns in July were largely consistent with seasonal norms for July in both Klamath and Lake counties. Unemployment levels were lower year-over-year.

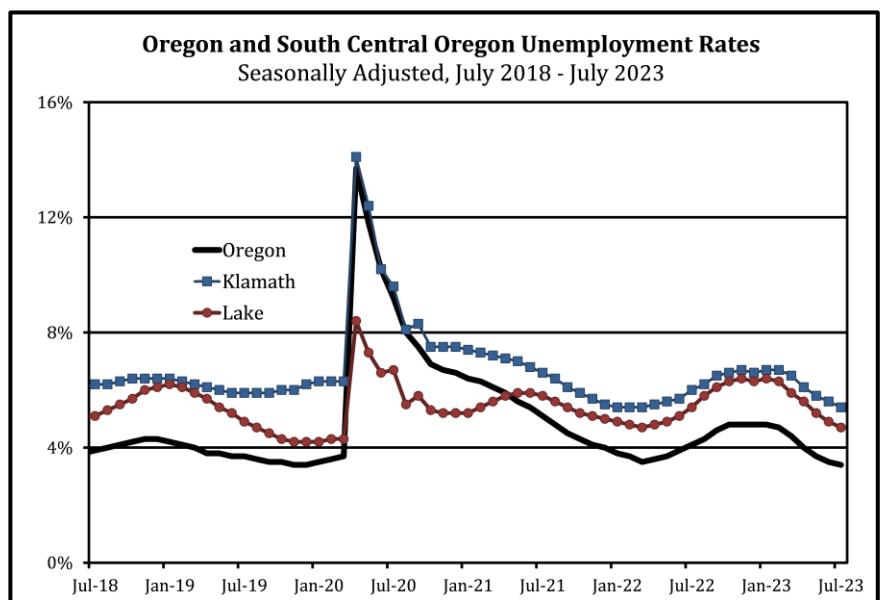
Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.4% in July, down from 5.6% in June. The unemployment rate in July 2022 was 6.0%.

Klamath County shed 260 jobs in July, smaller losses than typically expected this time of year as schools close for summer. Seasonally adjusted employment levels in Klamath County are 1.2% (+280 jobs) above levels in February 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.

Klamath County added 310 jobs in the past year (+1.3%). Notable private-sector job gains over the past year were seen in private education and health services (+120); leisure and hospitality (+80); other services (+80); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+50). In the public sector, local government employment was up by 330 jobs, while federal and state job counts were up by 50 and 60, respectively. Total nonfarm employment growth was moderated by losses in professional and business services (-200 jobs); retail trade (-130 jobs); and manufacturing (-120 jobs).

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.7% in July, down from 4.9% in June. The rate was 4.2% in January 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County employment decreased by 40 jobs in July, slightly larger than normal losses for this time of year with the only notable monthly gains in leisure and hospitality (+10 jobs) and mining and logging (+10 jobs). As of July 2023, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment levels remain 120 jobs (-5.0%) below the pre-pandemic February 2020 employment levels.



Lake County's total nonfarm employment is down by 20 jobs over the year with the only notable gains in private education and health services (+10 jobs), construction (+10 jobs), and government (+10). These gains were offset by losses in retail trade (-20 jobs), manufacturing (-20 jobs), and professional and business services (-10 jobs).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Sep. 19, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Wednesday, Sep. 13.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2023	June 2023	July 2022	June 2023	July 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	29,339	29,338	30,276	1	-937
Unemployed	1,448	1,329	1,783	119	-335
Unemployment rate	4.9%	4.5%	5.9%	0.4	-1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.4%	5.6%	6.0%	-0.2	-0.6
Employed	27,891	28,009	28,493	-118	-602
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,450	23,710	23,140	-260	310
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	23,490	23,200	23,170	290	320
Total private	18,520	18,330	18,650	190	-130
Mining and logging	100	100	110	0	-10
Mining, logging, and construction	1,260	1,230	1,270	30	-10
Construction	1,160	1,130	1,160	30	0
Manufacturing	1,780	1,780	1,900	0	-120
Durable goods	1,600	1,600	1,700	0	-100
Wood product manufacturing	1,280	1,280	1,370	0	-90
Nondurable goods	180	180	200	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,520	4,510	4,610	10	-90
Wholesale trade	750	760	760	-10	-10
Retail trade	3,070	3,070	3,200	0	-130
Food and beverage retailers	640	640	610	0	30
General merchandise retailers	840	850	830	-10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	700	680	650	20	50
Information	120	110	130	10	-10
Financial activities	950	950	930	0	20
Professional and business services	1,560	1,540	1,760	20	-200
Private education and health services	4,510	4,430	4,390	80	120
Leisure and hospitality	2,860	2,810	2,780	50	80
Other services	960	970	880	-10	80
Government	4,930	5,380	4,490	-450	440
Federal government	860	810	810	50	50
State government	610	610	550	0	60
Local government	3,460	3,960	3,130	-500	330
Local education	1,840	2,390	1,690	-550	150

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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	July 2023	June 2023	July 2022	June 2023	July 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,683	3,630	3,802	53	-119
Unemployed	160	148	198	12	-38
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.1%	5.2%	0.2	-0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.9%	5.4%	-0.2	-0.7
Employed	3,523	3,482	3,604	41	-81
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,310	2,350	2,330	-40	-20
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	2,270	2,280	2,290	-10	-20
Total private	1,160	1,160	1,190	0	-30
Mining and logging	20	10	20	10	0
Mining, logging, and construction	110	100	100	10	10
Construction	90	90	80	0	10
Manufacturing	190	190	210	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	330	340	350	-10	-20
Retail trade	230	240	250	-10	-20
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	40	0	0
Professional and business services	80	80	90	0	-10
Private education and health services	100	110	90	-10	10
Leisure and hospitality	190	180	190	10	0
Other services	100	100	100	0	0
Government	1,150	1,190	1,140	-40	10
Federal government	260	230	270	30	-10
State government	200	190	180	10	20
Local government	690	770	690	-80	0

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