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Employment in South Central Oregon: March 2024

Similar to last month, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased in Klamath County but remained unchanged in Lake County over the month of March.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 5.2% in March from 5.1% in February. The unemployment rate in March 2023 was 6.5%.

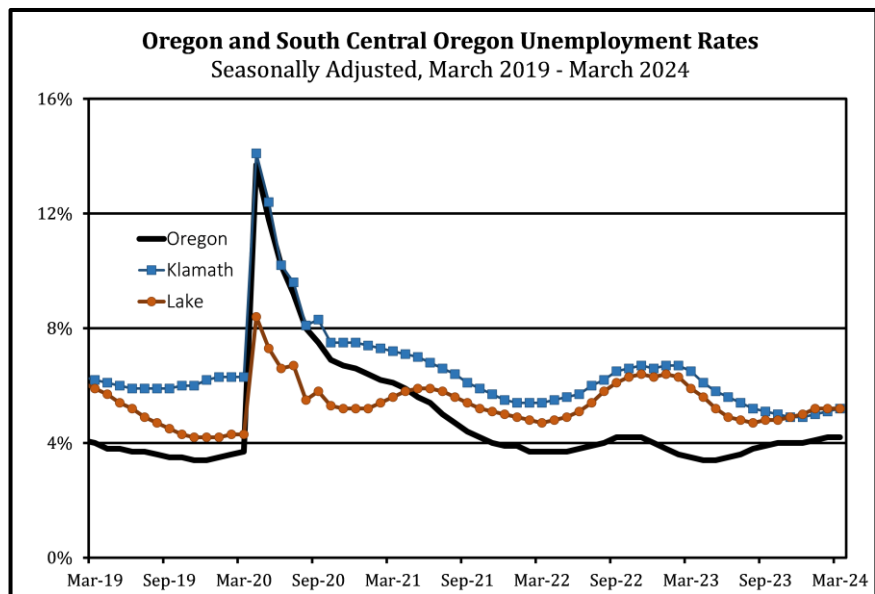
Klamath County gained 80 jobs (+0.3%) in March, with the majority of gains taking place in construction (+30 jobs). Seasonally adjusted employment levels in Klamath County are now 3.1% (+730 jobs) above levels in February 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.

Klamath County gained 370 jobs in the past year (1.6%). Notable private-sector job losses over the past year were seen in trade, transportation, and utilities (-80 jobs);

manufacturing (-70 jobs); construction (-40 jobs); and financial activities (-40 jobs). In the public sector, government employment was up by 230 jobs over the year, with the largest gains taking place in local government (+220 jobs). Total nonfarm employment losses were offset by gains in private education and health services (+120 jobs); other services (+120 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+80 jobs); and professional and business services (+60 jobs).

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate saw little to no movement in Lake County and remained unchanged at 5.2%—last March it was 5.9%. The unemployment rate was 4.2% in January 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County employment decreased by 10 jobs in March, with the only notable monthly gains in professional and business services (+10 jobs). As of March 2024, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm



employment levels remain 110 jobs (-4.6%) below the pre-pandemic February 2020 employment levels.

Lake County's total nonfarm employment is down by 50 jobs year-over-year. Gains were marginal with a gain of 10 jobs in each of the following industries: mining, logging, and construction; trade, transportation, and utilities; and professional and business services. These gains were overshadowed by losses in the public sector (-40 jobs), leisure and hospitality (-30 jobs), and manufacturing (-10 jobs). All other major industries saw little to no change over the year.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 21, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Wednesday, May 15.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2024	February 2024	March 2023	February 2024	March 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	30,453	30,499	29,515	-46	938
Unemployed	1,950	2,168	1,778	-218	172
Unemployment rate	6.4%	7.1%	6.0%	-0.7	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.2%	5.1%	6.5%	0.1	-1.3
Employed	28,503	28,331	27,737	172	766
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,570	23,490	23,200	80	370
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,860	23,940	23,490	-80	370
Total private	18,160	18,070	18,020	90	140
Mining, logging, and construction	1,060	1,030	1,100	30	-40
Mining and logging	90	90	90	0	0
Construction	970	940	1,010	30	-40
Manufacturing	1,730	1,730	1,800	0	-70
Durable goods	1,570	1,570	1,610	0	-40
Wood product manufacturing	1,250	1,250	1,290	0	-40
Nondurable goods	160	160	190	0	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,560	4,560	4,640	0	-80
Wholesale trade	760	760	770	0	-10
Retail trade	3,140	3,140	3,200	0	-60
Food and beverage retailers	650	650	640	0	10
General merchandise retailers	840	840	890	0	-50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	660	660	670	0	-10
Information	110	110	120	0	-10
Financial activities	900	900	940	0	-40
Professional and business services	1,630	1,620	1,570	10	60
Private education and health services	4,640	4,620	4,520	20	120
Leisure and hospitality	2,510	2,490	2,430	20	80
Other services	1,020	1,010	900	10	120
Government	5,410	5,420	5,180	-10	230
Federal government	670	640	670	30	0
State government	570	570	560	0	10
Local government	4,170	4,210	3,950	-40	220
Local education	2,550	2,600	2,410	-50	140

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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	March 2024	February 2024	March 2023	February 2024	March 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,540	3,545	3,529	-5	11
Unemployed	212	226	196	-14	16
Unemployment rate	6.0%	6.4%	5.6%	-0.4	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.2%	5.2%	5.9%	0.0	-0.7
Employed	3,328	3,319	3,333	9	-5
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,210	2,220	2,260	-10	-50
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,260	2,280	2,310	-20	-50
Total private	1,110	1,120	1,120	-10	-10
Mining, logging, and construction	100	100	90	0	10
Mining and logging	20	20	10	0	10
Construction	80	80	80	0	0
Manufacturing	190	190	200	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340	340	330	0	10
Retail trade	220	230	230	-10	-10
Information	20	30	20	-10	0
Financial activities	50	50	50	0	0
Professional and business services	90	80	80	10	10
Private education and health services	120	120	120	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	140	150	170	-10	-30
Other services	60	60	60	0	0
Government	1,100	1,100	1,140	0	-40
Federal government	180	180	190	0	-10
State government	190	180	180	10	10
Local government	730	740	770	-10	-40

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