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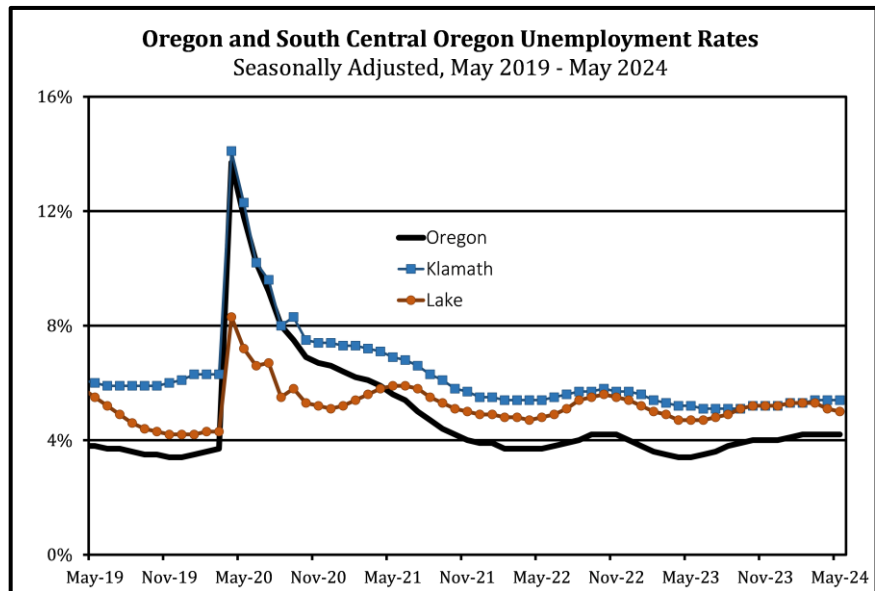
Employment in South Central Oregon: May 2024

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in Klamath County, while in Lake County, the unemployment rate decreased over the month of May. Both counties saw employment gains over the month.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in May was 5.4%, unchanged from April's rate. The unemployment rate in May 2023 was 5.2%.

Klamath County gained 410 jobs (+1.7%) in May, with most gains taking place in leisure and hospitality (+140 jobs) and government (+130 jobs). Seasonally adjusted employment levels in Klamath County are now 2.4% (+550 jobs) above levels in February 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.

Klamath County gained 200 jobs in the past year (+0.8%). Notable private-sector job losses over the past year were seen in trade, transportation, and utilities (-200 jobs); manufacturing (-130 jobs); and mining, logging, and construction (-60 jobs). In the public sector, government employment was up by 280 jobs over the year, with the largest gains taking place in local government (+210 jobs). Total nonfarm employment losses were also offset by gains in private education and health services (+210 jobs), leisure and hospitality (+80 jobs), and other services (+60 jobs).



Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased from 5.1% in April to 5.0% in May—last May it was 4.7%. The unemployment rate was 4.2% in January 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County employment increased by 50 jobs in May (+2.3%), with the only notable monthly gains in the public sector (+20 jobs); other services (+10 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+10 jobs); professional business services (+10 jobs); and manufacturing (+10 jobs). Losses were concentrated in private education and health services (-10 jobs). As of May 2024, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment levels remain 170 jobs (-7.1%) below the pre-pandemic February 2020 employment levels.

Lake County's total nonfarm employment is down by 90 jobs (-3.8%) year-over-year. Gains were marginal and concentrated in private education and health services (+20 jobs). Smaller gains were also seen in professional and business services, other services, and manufacturing, all of which gained 10 jobs over the year. These gains were overshadowed by losses in the public sector (-110 jobs), with most of the losses taking place in local government (-90 jobs). Smaller losses were also seen in leisure and hospitality (-20 jobs), and trade, transportation, and utilities (-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 June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, July 23, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Wednesday, July 17.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024	May 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	30,328	30,163	29,633	165	695
Unemployed	1,393	1,445	1,243	-52	150
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.8%	4.2%	-0.2	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.4%	5.4%	5.2%	0.0	0.2
Employed	28,935	28,718	28,390	217	545
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	24,060	23,650	23,860	410	200
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,760	23,700	23,560	60	200
Total private	18,430	18,150	18,510	280	-80
Mining, logging, and construction	1,190	1,140	1,250	50	-60
Mining and logging	90	90	100	0	-10
Construction	1,100	1,050	1,150	50	-50
Manufacturing	1,640	1,630	1,770	10	-130
Durable goods	1,520	1,520	1,600	0	-80
Wood product manufacturing	1,210	1,210	1,280	0	-70
Nondurable goods	120	110	170	10	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,470	4,400	4,670	70	-200
Wholesale trade	760	760	790	0	-30
Retail trade	3,060	3,000	3,210	60	-150
Food and beverage retailers	640	640	660	0	-20
General merchandise retailers	830	810	870	20	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	650	640	670	10	-20
Information	110	110	120	0	-10
Financial activities	880	880	880	0	0
Professional and business services	1,670	1,670	1,700	0	-30
Private education and health services	4,770	4,760	4,560	10	210
Leisure and hospitality	2,730	2,590	2,650	140	80
Other services	970	970	910	0	60
Government	5,630	5,500	5,350	130	280
Federal government	790	730	760	60	30
State government	610	600	570	10	40
Local government	4,230	4,170	4,020	60	210
Local education	2,600	2,550	2,440	50	160

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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	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024	May 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,536	3,527	3,598	9	-62
Unemployed	147	160	147	-13	0
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.5%	4.1%	-0.3	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.0%	5.1%	4.7%	-0.1	0.3
Employed	3,389	3,367	3,451	22	-62
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,250	2,200	2,340	50	-90
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,220	2,210	2,310	10	-90
Total private	1,170	1,140	1,150	30	20
Mining, logging, and construction	90	90	90	0	0
Mining and logging	20	20	10	0	10
Construction	70	70	80	0	-10
Manufacturing	210	200	200	10	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340	340	350	0	-10
Retail trade	240	240	240	0	0
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	50	50	50	0	0
Professional and business services	90	80	80	10	10
Private education and health services	120	130	100	-10	20
Leisure and hospitality	160	150	180	10	-20
Other services	90	80	80	10	10
Government	1,080	1,060	1,190	20	-110
Federal government	200	180	220	20	-20
State government	190	190	190	0	0
Local government	690	690	780	0	-90

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