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Employment in South Central Oregon: July 2024

For the fifth month in a row, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in Klamath County. In Lake County, the unemployment rate increased over the month of July. Over-the-month losses are in line with typical seasonal fluctuations.

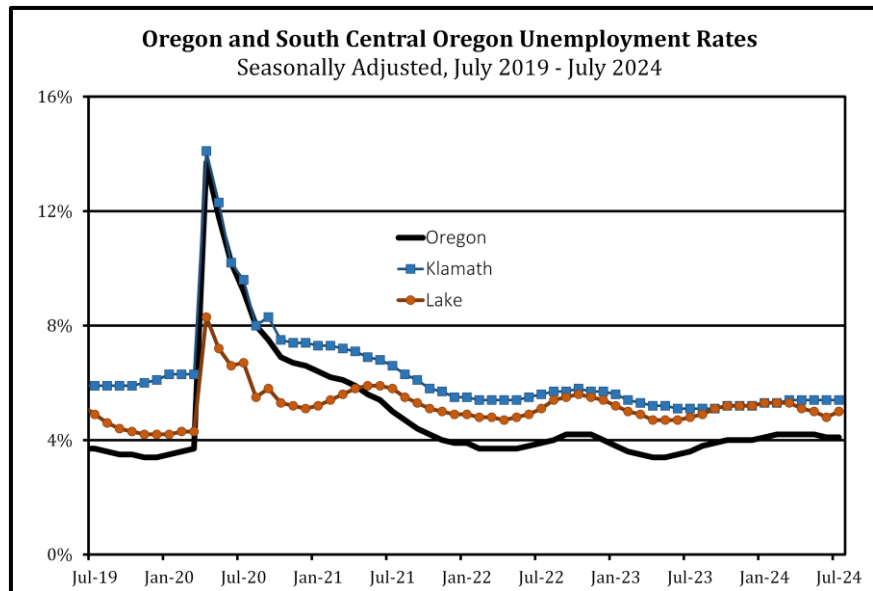
Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in July was 5.4%, unchanged from June’s rate. The unemployment rate in July 2023 was 5.1%.

Klamath County lost 470 jobs (-1.9%) in July, with the majority of losses taking place in local education (-640 jobs). This leaves public sector employment down by 630 jobs over the month. Seasonally adjusted employment levels in Klamath County are now 2.7% (+620 jobs) above levels in February 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.

Klamath County gained 230 jobs in the past year (+1.0%). Notable private-sector job

losses over the past year were seen in professional and business services (-110 jobs); manufacturing (-90 jobs); other services (-80 jobs); and retail trade (-50 jobs). In the public sector, government employment was up by 160 jobs over the year, with the largest gains taking place in local government (+70 jobs). Total nonfarm employment losses were also offset most noticeably by gains in leisure and hospitality (+190 jobs); private education and health services (+180 jobs); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+60 jobs).

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 4.8% in June to 5.0% in July—last July it was 4.8%. The unemployment rate was 4.2% in January 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.



Lake County employment decreased by 30 jobs in July (-1.3%). Marginal job gains were seen in other services; leisure and hospitality; retail trade; and mining, logging, and construction—with an additional 10 jobs each. These gains were slightly overshadowed by losses concentrated in the public sector (-60 jobs), and primarily in local government (-80 jobs). As of July 2024, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment levels remain 150 jobs (-6.3%) below the pre-pandemic February 2020 employment levels.

Lake County's total nonfarm employment is down by 100 jobs (-4.2%) year over year, with the only notable monthly gains taking place in other services (+30 jobs); private education and health services (+10 jobs); manufacturing (+10 jobs); and mining, logging, and construction (+10 jobs). Losses were concentrated in the public sector (-120 jobs), primarily in local government (-100 jobs). Other lesser, but notable losses occurred in leisure and hospitality (-20 jobs); professional and business services (-10 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 August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, September 24, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Wednesday, September 18.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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|---|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | July 2024 | June 2024 | July 2023 | June 2024 | July 2023 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 30,465 | 30,577 | 30,046 | -112 | 419 |
| Unemployed | 1,696 | 1,448 | 1,450 | 248 | 246 |
| Unemployment rate | 5.6% | 4.7% | 4.8% | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 5.4% | 5.4% | 5.1% | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Employed | 28,769 | 29,129 | 28,596 | -360 | 173 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 23,840 | 24,310 | 23,610 | -470 | 230 |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 23,830 | 23,790 | 23,600 | 40 | 230 |
| Total private | 18,860 | 18,700 | 18,790 | 160 | 70 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 1,360 | 1,320 | 1,350 | 40 | 10 |
| Mining and logging | 100 | 90 | 100 | 10 | 0 |
| Construction | 1,260 | 1,230 | 1,250 | 30 | 10 |
| Manufacturing | 1,650 | 1,650 | 1,740 | 0 | -90 |
| Durable goods | 1,550 | 1,550 | 1,580 | 0 | -30 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 1,240 | 1,240 | 1,260 | 0 | -20 |
| Nondurable goods | 100 | 100 | 160 | 0 | -60 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 4,660 | 4,670 | 4,650 | -10 | 10 |
| Wholesale trade | 760 | 780 | 760 | -20 | 0 |
| Retail trade | 3,130 | 3,130 | 3,180 | 0 | -50 |
| Food and beverage retailers | 630 | 630 | 640 | 0 | -10 |
| General merchandise retailers | 880 | 860 | 840 | 20 | 40 |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 770 | 760 | 710 | 10 | 60 |
| Information | 120 | 120 | 120 | 0 | 0 |
| Financial activities | 860 | 850 | 900 | 10 | -40 |
| Professional and business services | 1,620 | 1,590 | 1,730 | 30 | -110 |
| Private education and health services | 4,680 | 4,640 | 4,500 | 40 | 180 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 3,020 | 2,960 | 2,830 | 60 | 190 |
| Other services | 890 | 900 | 970 | -10 | -80 |
| Government | 4,980 | 5,610 | 4,820 | -630 | 160 |
| Federal government | 890 | 840 | 830 | 50 | 60 |
| State government | 630 | 630 | 600 | 0 | 30 |
| Local government | 3,460 | 4,140 | 3,390 | -680 | 70 |
| Local education | 1,820 | 2,460 | 1,790 | -640 | 30 |

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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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| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 3,732 | 3,643 | 3,769 | 89 | -37 |
| Unemployed | 200 | 151 | 163 | 49 | 37 |
| Unemployment rate | 5.4% | 4.1% | 4.3% | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | <i>5.0%</i> | <i>4.8%</i> | <i>4.8%</i> | <i>0.2</i> | <i>0.2</i> |
| Employed | 3,532 | 3,492 | 3,606 | 40 | -74 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 2,300 | 2,330 | 2,400 | -30 | -100 |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | <i>2,240</i> | <i>2,240</i> | <i>2,340</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>-100</i> |
| Total private | 1,240 | 1,210 | 1,220 | 30 | 20 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 120 | 110 | 110 | 10 | 10 |
| Mining and logging | 30 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 10 |
| Construction | 90 | 90 | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| Manufacturing | 210 | 210 | 200 | 0 | 10 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 350 | 350 | 360 | 0 | -10 |
| Retail trade | 250 | 240 | 250 | 10 | 0 |
| Information | 20 | 20 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Financial activities | 50 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Professional and business services | 90 | 90 | 100 | 0 | -10 |
| Private education and health services | 110 | 110 | 100 | 0 | 10 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 160 | 150 | 180 | 10 | -20 |
| Other services | 130 | 120 | 100 | 10 | 30 |
| Government | 1,060 | 1,120 | 1,180 | -60 | -120 |
| Federal government | 240 | 220 | 260 | 20 | -20 |
| State government | 200 | 200 | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Local government | 620 | 700 | 720 | -80 | -100 |

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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.

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