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Employment in South Central Oregon: September 2024

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates saw no change in South Central Oregon this September as county unemployment rates held steady.

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

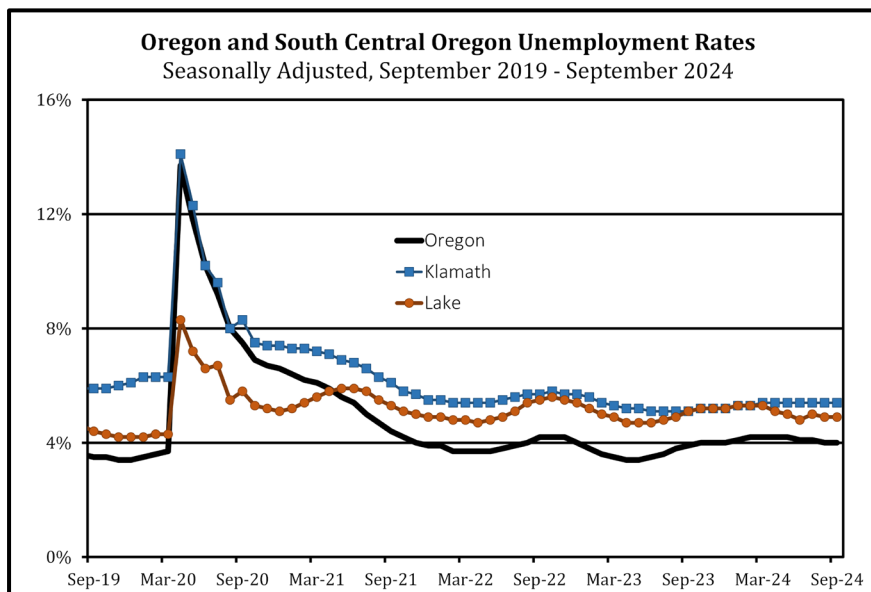
Klamath County gained 300 jobs (+1.2%) in September, with the majority of gains taking place in the public sector (+460 jobs), and most losses occurring in leisure and hospitality (-110 jobs). Seasonally adjusted employment levels in Klamath County are now 3.5% (+820 jobs) above levels in February 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.

Klamath County gained 110 jobs in the past year (+0.5%) with gains concentrated in

leisure and hospitality (+170 jobs) and private education and health services (+140 jobs). Private-sector job losses over the past year were seen in other services (-90 jobs); professional and business services (-90 jobs); manufacturing (-60 jobs); and financial activities (-50 jobs).

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged from August to September at 4.9%—last September it was 5.1%. The unemployment rate was 4.2% in January 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County employment decreased by 20 jobs in September (-0.9%). Small job gains were seen in manufacturing (+20 jobs) and retail trade (+10 jobs). These gains were offset by losses in the public sector (-50 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (-20 jobs). Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment levels remain 140 jobs (-5.9%) below the pre-pandemic February 2020 employment levels, as of September.



Lake County's total nonfarm employment is down by 10 jobs (-0.4%) year-over-year, with the only notable gains taking place in other services (+30 jobs); manufacturing (+20 jobs); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+10 jobs). Losses were concentrated in the public sector (-50 jobs), primarily in local government (-50 jobs). Other lesser, but notable losses occurred in leisure and hospitality (-20 jobs). All other major industries saw little to no change over the year.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Nov. 19, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Thursday, Nov. 14.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

				--Change From--	
	September 2024	August 2024	September 2023	August 2024	September 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	30,844	30,870	30,652	-26	192
Unemployed	1,399	1,598	1,266	-199	133
Unemployment rate	4.5%	5.2%	4.1%	-0.7	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>5.1%</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Employed	29,445	29,272	29,386	173	59
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	24,320	24,020	24,210	300	110
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>24,030</i>	<i>23,960</i>	<i>23,930</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>100</i>
Total private	18,760	18,920	18,670	-160	90
Mining, logging, and construction	1,370	1,390	1,340	-20	30
Mining and logging	100	100	90	0	10
Construction	1,270	1,290	1,250	-20	20
Manufacturing	1,650	1,650	1,710	0	-60
Durable goods	1,550	1,550	1,560	0	-10
Wood product manufacturing	1,240	1,240	1,250	0	-10
Nondurable goods	100	100	150	0	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,680	4,700	4,640	-20	40
Wholesale trade	760	770	770	-10	-10
Retail trade	3,140	3,160	3,130	-20	10
Food and beverage retailers	630	630	650	0	-20
General merchandise retailers	890	910	830	-20	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	780	770	740	10	40
Information	120	120	120	0	0
Financial activities	840	850	890	-10	-50
Professional and business services	1,560	1,610	1,650	-50	-90
Private education and health services	4,710	4,660	4,570	50	140
Leisure and hospitality	2,930	3,040	2,760	-110	170
Other services	900	900	990	0	-90
Government	5,560	5,100	5,540	460	20
Federal government	850	860	820	-10	30
State government	610	630	600	-20	10
Local government	4,100	3,610	4,120	490	-20
Local education	2,450	1,930	2,460	520	-10

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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	September 2024	August 2024	September 2023	August 2024	September 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,639	3,710	3,635	-71	4
Unemployed	146	150	150	-4	-4
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.0%	4.1%	0.0	-0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	4.9%	5.1%	0.0	-0.2
Employed	3,493	3,560	3,485	-67	8
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,270	2,290	2,280	-20	-10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,250	2,240	2,260	10	-10
Total private	1,200	1,240	1,160	-40	40
Mining, logging, and construction	110	130	110	-20	0
Mining and logging	20	30	20	-10	0
Construction	90	100	90	-10	0
Manufacturing	210	210	190	0	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	350	360	340	-10	10
Retail trade	240	240	230	0	10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	50	50	50	0	0
Professional and business services	90	90	90	0	0
Private education and health services	120	110	120	10	0
Leisure and hospitality	150	150	170	0	-20
Other services	100	120	70	-20	30
Government	1,070	1,050	1,120	20	-50
Federal government	230	240	230	-10	0
State government	190	200	190	-10	0
Local government	650	610	700	40	-50

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