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## Employment in South Central Oregon: November 2024

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates saw little to no change in South Central Oregon this November, with a slight decrease in Lake County. Total nonfarm employment increased year-over-year in Klamath County by 20 jobs and increased in Lake County by 30 jobs.

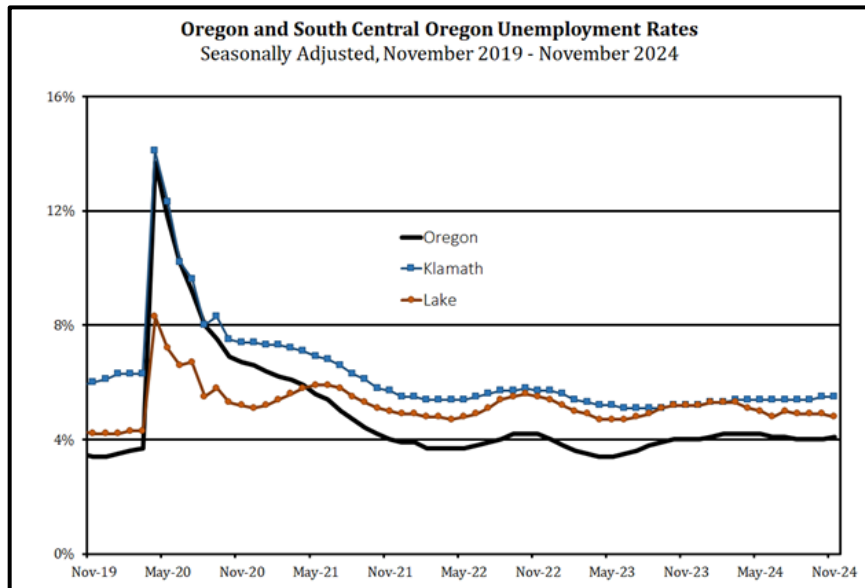
**Klamath County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in November remained steady at 5.5%. The unemployment rate in November 2023 was 5.2%.

Klamath County lost 260 jobs (-1.1%) in November, with the majority of losses taking place in leisure and hospitality (-120 jobs) and the public sector (-70 jobs). Gains occurred in trade, transportation, and utilities (+10 jobs). Seasonally adjusted employment levels in Klamath County are now 1.8% (+410 jobs) above levels in February 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.

Klamath County gained 20 jobs in the private sector in the past year (+0.1%) with gains concentrated in private education and health services (+180 jobs) and construction (+50 jobs). Notable private-sector job losses over the past year were seen in professional and business services (-50 jobs); other services (-50 jobs); and manufacturing (-40 jobs).

**Lake County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased marginally from 4.9% in October to 4.8% in November – last November it was 5.2%. 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 November (-1.3%). Small job losses were seen in leisure and hospitality (-10 jobs), other services (-10 jobs), professional and business services (-10 jobs), and the public sector (-10 jobs). Retail trade saw a small gain of 10 jobs. All other industries saw



little to no gains in November. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment levels remain 130 jobs (-5.4%) below the pre-pandemic February 2020 employment levels, as of November.

Lake County's total nonfarm employment rose by 30 jobs since November 2023. Small gains were seen in manufacturing (+20 jobs), while mining and logging, leisure and hospitality, and the public sector each gained 10 jobs. Losses were seen in trade, transportation, and utilities, and other services (-10 jobs each). All other major industries saw little to no change over the year.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Jan. 28, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Thursday, Jan. 23.



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### Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	November 2024	October 2024	November 2023	October 2024	November 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	30,031	30,559	30,255	-528	-224
Unemployed	1,482	1,432	1,466	50	16
Unemployment rate	4.9%	4.7%	4.8%	0.2	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	28,549	29,127	28,789	-578	-240
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	23,770	24,030	23,770	-260	0
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,620	23,790	23,620	-170	0
Total private	18,370	18,560	18,350	-190	20
Mining, logging, and construction	1,360	1,400	1,320	-40	40
Mining and logging	90	90	100	0	-10
Construction	1,270	1,310	1,220	-40	50
Manufacturing	1,580	1,590	1,620	-10	-40
Durable goods	1,490	1,500	1,510	-10	-20
Wood product manufacturing	1,190	1,190	1,210	0	-20
Nondurable goods	90	90	110	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,630	4,620	4,640	10	-10
Wholesale trade	740	740	770	0	-30
Retail trade	3,090	3,070	3,140	20	-50
Food and beverage retailers	630	620	660	10	-30
General merchandise retailers	870	880	850	-10	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	800	810	730	-10	70
Information	110	110	120	0	-10
Financial activities	870	860	880	10	-10
Professional and business services	1,570	1,590	1,620	-20	-50
Private education and health services	4,820	4,830	4,640	-10	180
Leisure and hospitality	2,550	2,670	2,580	-120	-30
Other services	880	890	930	-10	-50
Government	5,400	5,470	5,420	-70	-20
Federal government	670	770	710	-100	-40
State government	560	570	590	-10	-30
Local government	4,170	4,130	4,120	40	50
Local education	2,570	2,520	2,520	50	50

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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## Lake County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	November 2024	October 2024	November 2023	October 2024	November 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	3,504	3,545	3,539	-41	-35
Unemployed	143	135	176	8	-33
Unemployment rate	4.1%	3.8%	5.0%	0.3	-0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	3,361	3,410	3,363	-49	-2
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	2,240	2,270	2,210	-30	30
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>2,260</i>	<i>2,250</i>	<i>2,220</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>40</i>
Total private	1,160	1,180	1,140	-20	20
Mining, logging, and construction	110	110	100	0	10
Mining and logging	30	30	20	0	10
Construction	80	80	80	0	0
Manufacturing	210	210	190	0	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	330	330	340	0	-10
Retail trade	240	230	230	10	10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	50	50	50	0	0
Professional and business services	80	90	80	-10	0
Private education and health services	130	120	130	10	0
Leisure and hospitality	160	170	150	-10	10
Other services	70	80	80	-10	-10
Government	1,080	1,090	1,070	-10	10
Federal government	180	220	190	-40	-10
State government	180	180	180	0	0
Local government	720	690	700	30	20

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