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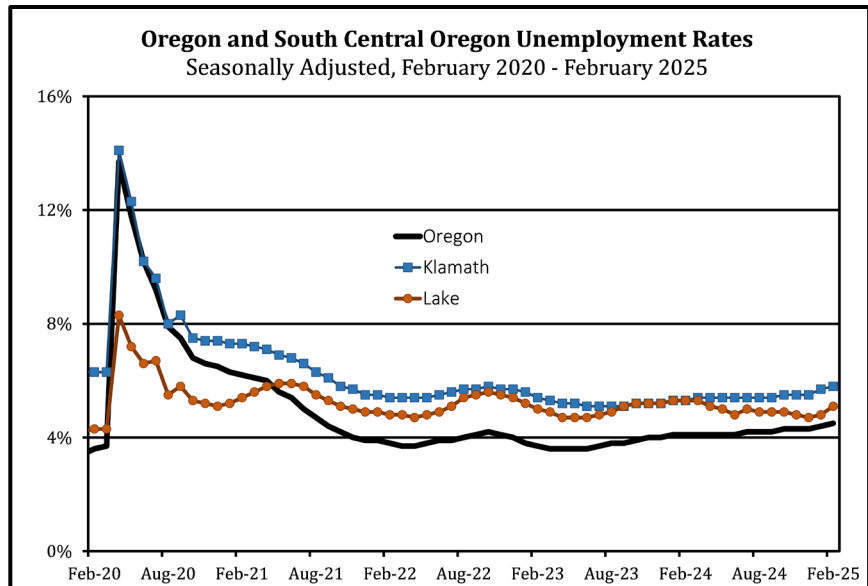
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Employment in South Central Oregon: February 2025

Total nonfarm employment increased in Klamath County while decreasing in Lake County over the year. Over the month, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly in South Central Oregon, with marginal increases in both counties this February.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased in February and is now 5.8%, up from 5.7% in January. In February 2024 the unemployment rate was lower at 5.3%.

Klamath County gained 190 jobs (+0.8%) in February, with the majority of gains taking place within trade, transportation, and utilities (+50 jobs), government (+50 jobs), and professional and business services (+30 jobs). While employment within both the information industry and the mining and logging sector was unchanged over the month, all other major industries gained 10 jobs with no job losses recorded. Seasonally adjusted employment levels in Klamath County are now 2.2% (+510 jobs) above levels in February 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.



Klamath County gained 40 jobs in the past year (+0.2%) with gains concentrated in private education and health services (+180 jobs); construction (+40 jobs); and financial activities (+30 jobs). Notable private-sector job losses over the past year were seen in leisure and hospitality (-110 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-30 jobs); manufacturing (-30 jobs); other services (-20 jobs); mining and logging (-10 jobs); and information (-10 jobs). All other industries saw little to no change over the month.

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from a revised rate of 4.8% in January to 5.1% in February – last February it was 5.3%. The unemployment rate was 4.2% in February 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

The employment situation in Lake County was little changed in February. Total nonfarm employment increased from January to February by 10 jobs (+0.5%). Small job gains were seen within leisure and hospitality (+10 jobs) and the public sector (+10 jobs). However, private-sector gains were offset by job losses within other services (-10 jobs), leading to no change in private employment over the month, as all other industries saw little to no gains in February. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment levels remain 190 jobs (-7.9%) below the pre-pandemic February 2020 employment levels, as of February.

Lake County's total nonfarm employment declined by 40 jobs (-1.8%) since February 2024. Supersector gains were minimal and concentrated in financial activities (+10 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (+10 jobs). Losses were larger and concentrated within the public sector (-30 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-20 jobs); and other services. All other major industries saw little to no growth over the year.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, April 22, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Wednesday, April 16.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2025	January 2025	February 2024	January 2025	February 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	28,860	28,694	28,708	166	152
Unemployed	2,362	2,432	2,114	-70	248
Unemployment rate	8.2%	8.5%	7.4%	-0.3	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.8%	5.7%	5.3%	0.1	0.5
Employed	26,498	26,262	26,594	236	-96
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,270	23,080	23,230	190	40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,720	23,660	23,680	60	40
Total private	17,900	17,760	17,860	140	40
Mining, logging, and construction	1,160	1,150	1,130	10	30
Mining and logging	80	80	90	0	-10
Construction	1,080	1,070	1,040	10	40
Manufacturing	1,620	1,610	1,650	10	-30
Durable goods	1,520	1,510	1,530	10	-10
Wood product manufacturing	1,210	1,210	1,230	0	-20
Nondurable goods	100	100	120	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,480	4,430	4,510	50	-30
Wholesale trade	720	700	750	20	-30
Retail trade	3,010	2,980	3,040	30	-30
Food and beverage retailers	620	620	620	0	0
General merchandise retailers	890	860	820	30	70
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	750	750	720	0	30
Information	110	110	120	0	-10
Financial activities	870	860	840	10	30
Professional and business services	1,560	1,530	1,560	30	0
Private education and health services	4,840	4,830	4,660	10	180
Leisure and hospitality	2,390	2,380	2,500	10	-110
Other services	870	860	890	10	-20
Government	5,370	5,320	5,370	50	0
Federal government	620	610	670	10	-50
State government	600	600	590	0	10
Local government	4,150	4,110	4,110	40	40
Local education	2,580	2,530	2,530	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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	February 2025	January 2025	February 2024	January 2025	February 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,447	3,409	3,484	38	-37
Unemployed	270	242	224	28	46
Unemployment rate	7.8%	7.1%	6.4%	0.7	1.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	4.8%	5.3%	0.3	-0.2
Employed	3,177	3,167	3,260	10	-83
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,160	2,150	2,200	10	-40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,200	2,230	2,250	-30	-50
Total private	1,120	1,120	1,130	0	-10
Mining, logging, and construction	100	100	100	0	0
Mining and logging	30	30	20	0	10
Construction	70	70	80	0	-10
Manufacturing	200	200	200	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	330	330	350	0	-20
Retail trade	230	230	240	0	-10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	50	50	40	0	10
Professional and business services	80	80	80	0	0
Private education and health services	120	120	120	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	150	140	140	10	10
Other services	70	80	80	-10	-10
Government	1,040	1,030	1,070	10	-30
Federal government	170	170	180	0	-10
State government	200	200	180	0	20
Local government	670	660	710	10	-40

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