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Employment in South Central Oregon: March 2022

Hiring in March was largely consistent with seasonal expectations in Klamath County with continued improvement to the unemployment rate. Lake County posted seasonally adjusted job losses in March.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 5.3% in March, down from 5.5% in February. The unemployment rate remains below levels from before the first impacts of COVID-19 when it was 5.8% in March 2020.

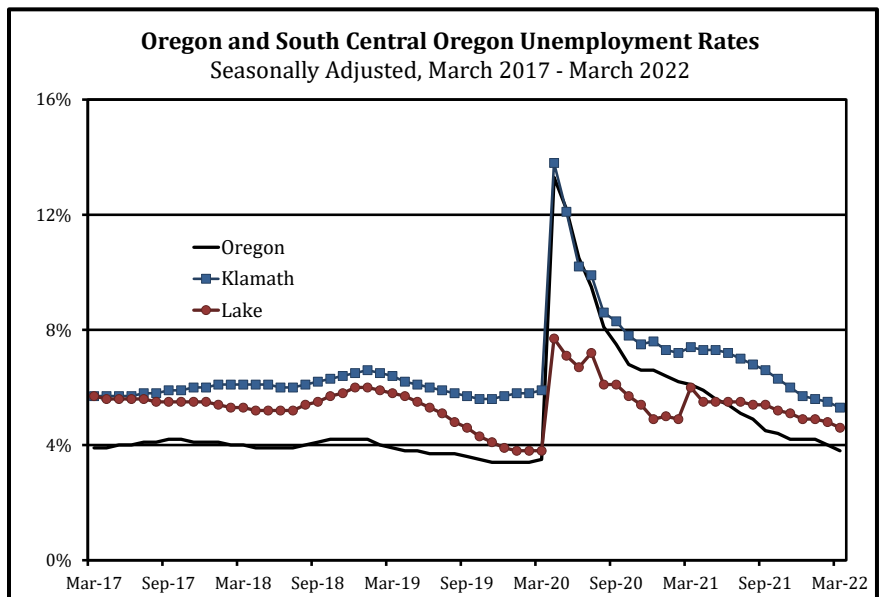
Klamath County added 120 jobs in March, fairly consistent changes for this time of year. Employment levels remain down around 3% (-710 jobs) from levels in March 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.

Klamath County added 190 jobs in the past year (+0.9%). There were notable job gains in local government education (+90 jobs); other services (+80); leisure and hospitality (+50); and wood product manufacturing (+50).

However, there were also noteworthy federal government losses (-90 jobs) and a large drop in professional and businesses services employment over the past year (-80).

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.6% in March compared with 4.8% in February. The rate was 3.8% in March 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County lost 40 jobs in March. These losses were not consistent with seasonal expectations, as the county typically posts modest job gains this time of year. As of March 2022 total nonfarm employment levels remain down around 150 jobs (-6.2%) from levels before the onset of the pandemic in February 2020.



Employment levels are down 5.6% over the past year (-130 jobs). These losses were due to a decline of 50 jobs in the broad trade, transportation, and utilities sector and a loss of 20 jobs in leisure and hospitality. Several other industries posted modest losses, such as construction, mining and logging, and private education and health services. No industry sector added jobs over the past year in Lake County.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 18 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Wednesday, May 24.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2022	February 2022	March 2021	February 2022	March 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	29,741	29,602	29,836	139	-95
Unemployed	1,800	1,875	2,521	-75	-721
Unemployment rate	6.1%	6.3%	8.4%	-0.2	-2.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.5%	7.4%	-0.2	-2.1
Employed	27,941	27,727	27,315	214	626
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,130	22,010	21,940	120	190
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,500	22,520	22,310	-20	190
Total private	17,220	17,140	17,050	80	170
Mining, logging, and construction	1,030	980	1,030	50	0
Mining and logging	130	130	110	0	20
Construction	900	850	920	50	-20
Manufacturing	1,720	1,730	1,700	-10	20
Durable goods	1,530	1,540	1,500	-10	30
Wood product manufacturing	1,250	1,250	1,200	0	50
Nondurable goods	190	190	200	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,460	4,400	4,410	60	50
Wholesale trade	720	710	720	10	0
Retail trade	3,070	3,030	3,050	40	20
Food and beverage stores	620	610	610	10	10
General merchandise stores	880	880	880	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	670	660	640	10	30
Information	120	120	110	0	10
Financial activities	840	850	850	-10	-10
Professional and business services	1,620	1,630	1,700	-10	-80
Education and health services	4,260	4,240	4,210	20	50
Leisure and hospitality	2,290	2,300	2,240	-10	50
Other services	880	890	800	-10	80
Government	4,910	4,870	4,890	40	20
Federal government	650	610	740	40	-90
State government	500	500	490	0	10
Local government	3,760	3,760	3,660	0	100
Local education	2,310	2,310	2,220	0	90

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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	March 2022	February 2022	March 2021	February 2022	March 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,612	3,613	3,764	-1	-152
Unemployed	214	213	283	1	-69
Unemployment rate	5.9%	5.9%	7.5%	0.0	-1.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.7%	6.0%	-0.1	-1.4
Employed	3,398	3,400	3,481	-2	-83
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,180	2,220	2,310	-40	-130
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,240	2,290	2,380	-50	-140
Total private	1,090	1,110	1,200	-20	-110
Mining, logging, and construction	80	80	100	0	-20
Mining and logging	10	10	20	0	-10
Construction	70	70	80	0	-10
Manufacturing	210	210	210	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	330	330	380	0	-50
Retail trade	240	240	250	0	-10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	40	0	0
Professional and business services	80	90	90	-10	-10
Education and health services	110	110	120	0	-10
Leisure and hospitality	160	160	180	0	-20
Other services	60	70	60	-10	0
Government	1,090	1,110	1,110	-20	-20
Federal government	180	180	190	0	-10
State government	160	160	160	0	0
Local government	750	770	760	-20	-10

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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.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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