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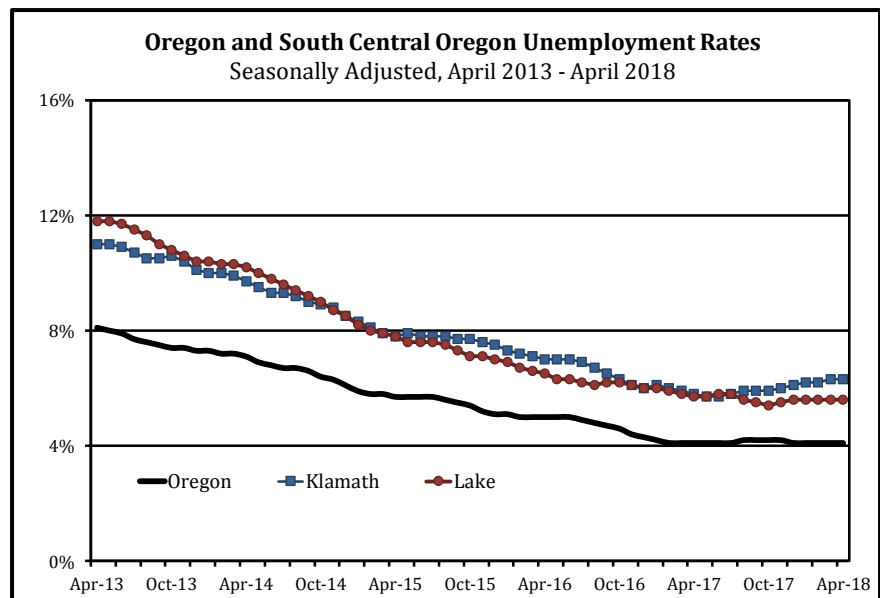
Employment in South Central Oregon: April 2018

Unemployment levels remained unchanged over the past year in both Klamath and Lake counties. Although the rate of hiring has slowed, Klamath County still maintains a modest rate of job growth over the past year.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.3 percent in April. The unemployment rate is up slightly from 5.8 percent seen in April 2017, however this is not a statistically significant change.

Klamath County added 140 jobs in April, which is significantly fewer than typically expected this time of year. Monthly hiring was restrained by small losses in manufacturing and retail trade.

Recent revisions revealed that job growth over the past year was slower than initially estimated. The county added 490 jobs from last April (+2.2%). Industry trends were mixed with relatively strong job gains from construction; transportation, warehousing, and utilities; leisure and hospitality; and local government. However, there were notable job losses in manufacturing and professional and business services. Health care also posted notable gains, although the 440 jobs added largely reflected home care workers being counted in private health care this year, rather than state government.



Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.6 percent in April, and similar to the 5.7 percent recorded in April 2017.

The county added 10 jobs in April. The employment situation changed little over the year, dropping by 20 jobs. There was a notable gain of 30 construction jobs over the past year. As with Klamath County,

education and health services appeared to post large employment gains over the past year. This actually reflected the change of home care workers being reported in the private sector rather than state government.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 19th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 12th.



Workforce and Economic Research
2017 Benchmark
May 21, 2018

Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017	Change From Mar. 2018	Change From Apr. 2017
Labor Force Status (Household Data)					
Civilian labor force	29,843	30,113	29,498	-270	345
Unemployed	1,779	2,157	1,651	-378	128
Unemployment rate	6.0%	7.2%	5.6%	XX	XX
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	6.3%	6.3%	5.8%	XX	XX
Employed	28,064	27,956	27,847	108	217
Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Establishment Data)					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	23,280	23,140	22,790	140	490
Total private	17,910	17,800	17,260	110	650
Mining and logging	70	80	70	-10	0
Construction	870	830	830	40	40
Manufacturing	1,810	1,840	1,850	-30	-40
Durable goods	1,610	1,630	1,660	-20	-50
Wood product manufacturing	1,300	1,320	1,340	-20	-40
Nondurable goods	200	210	190	-10	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,450	4,460	4,380	-10	70
Wholesale trade	810	810	790	0	20
Retail trade	2,860	2,880	2,870	-20	-10
Food and beverage stores	500	490	490	10	10
General merchandise stores	760	790	800	-30	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	780	770	720	10	60
Information	140	140	150	0	-10
Financial activities	870	860	840	10	30
Professional and business services	2,310	2,290	2,370	20	-60
Education and health services	4,080	4,060	3,640	20	440
Leisure and hospitality	2,530	2,460	2,400	70	130
Other services	780	780	730	0	50
Government	5,370	5,340	5,530	30	-160
Federal government	830	790	820	40	10
State government	380	380	760	0	-380
Local government	4,160	4,170	3,950	-10	210
Local education	2,670	2,700	2,550	-30	120
Labor-management disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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.

Labor Force Status: Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm 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. "Natural resources" includes only Logging (NAICS 1133).



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2017 Benchmark
May 21, 2018

Lake County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017	Change From Mar. 2018	Change From Apr. 2017
Labor Force Status (Household Data)					
Civilian labor force	3,466	3,430	3,478	36	-12
Unemployed	198	226	204	-28	-6
Unemployment rate	5.7%	6.6%	5.9%	XX	XX
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	5.6%	5.6%	5.7%	XX	XX
Employed	3,268	3,204	3,274	64	-6
Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Establishment Data)					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	2,160	2,150	2,180	10	-20
Total private	1,120	1,110	1,090	10	30
Mining and logging	40	40	30	0	10
Construction	110	100	80	10	30
Manufacturing	190	200	210	-10	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340	340	340	0	0
Retail trade	220	220	220	0	0
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	50	50	60	0	-10
Professional and business services	70	70	70	0	0
Education and health services	100	90	70	10	30
Leisure and hospitality	160	160	150	0	10
Other services	40	40	60	0	-20
Government	1,040	1,040	1,090	0	-50
Federal government	220	210	230	10	-10
State government	170	170	190	0	-20
Local government	650	660	670	-10	-20
Labor-management disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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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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