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Employment in South Central Oregon: October 2018

The employment and unemployment situation in both Klamath and Lake counties is essentially unchanged from this time last year. Hiring tapered off and the unemployment rate flattened over the past 12 months.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6 percent in October, a slight increase from 5.8 percent in September. The unemployment rate is essentially unchanged from this time last year when it was 5.9 percent.

Klamath County added 30 jobs in October, smaller gains than typically expected this time of year.

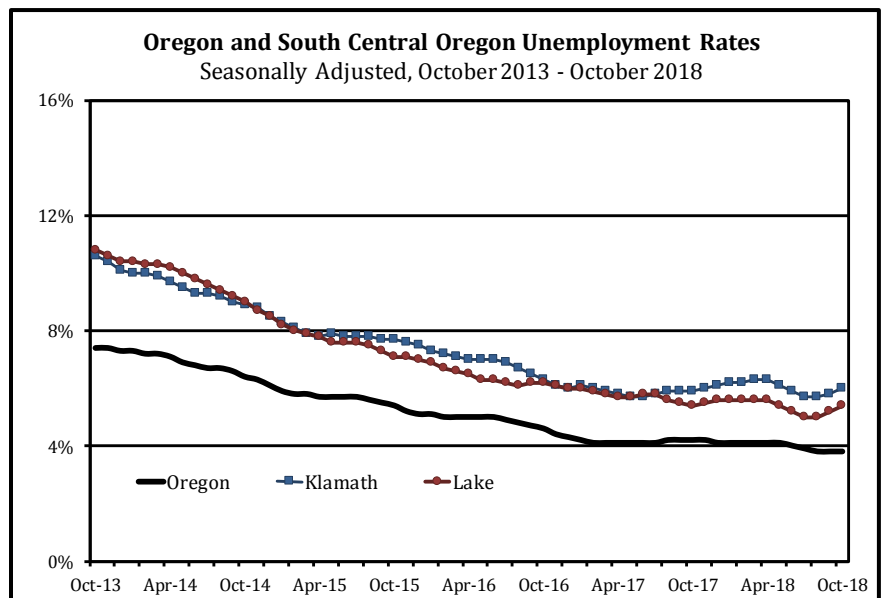
Employment levels are essentially unchanged from this time last year with nonfarm payroll down around 20 jobs from October 2017 (-0.1%). There were relatively strong job gains in retail trade, construction, and health care. However, these gains were negated by job losses in local education, manufacturing, professional and business services, and leisure and hospitality.

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.4 percent in October, up from 5.2 percent in September. The rate is unchanged from this time last year.

Lake County added 10 jobs in October, typically the county posts seasonal job losses this time of year. Over the past year employment levels are essentially unchanged.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Thursday, December 27th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, December 18th.





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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2018	September 2018	October 2017	September 2018	October 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	29,998	29,859	30,693	139	-695
Unemployed	1,677	1,545	1,604	132	73
Unemployment rate	5.6%	5.2%	5.2%	0.4	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.0%	5.8%	5.9%	0.2	0.1
Employed	28,321	28,314	29,089	7	-768
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,460	23,430	23,480	30	-20
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,030	23,120	23,050	-90	-20
Total private	18,260	18,330	17,780	-70	480
Mining, logging, and construction	1,070	1,060	1,010	10	60
Mining and logging	90	90	90	0	0
Construction	980	970	920	10	60
Manufacturing	1,780	1,780	1,860	0	-80
Durable goods	1,590	1,590	1,650	0	-60
Wood product manufacturing	1,270	1,280	1,330	-10	-60
Nondurable goods	190	190	210	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,640	4,650	4,450	-10	190
Wholesale trade	820	840	780	-20	40
Retail trade	3,000	2,990	2,880	10	120
Food and beverage stores	580	580	500	0	80
General merchandise stores	780	780	800	0	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	820	820	790	0	30
Information	130	130	150	0	-20
Financial activities	880	890	870	-10	10
Professional and business services	2,220	2,210	2,280	10	-60
Education and health services	4,130	4,080	3,690	50	440
Leisure and hospitality	2,650	2,780	2,710	-130	-60
Other services	760	750	760	10	0
Government	5,200	5,100	5,700	100	-500
Federal government	890	960	960	-70	-70
State government	470	480	760	-10	-290
Local government	3,840	3,660	3,980	180	-140
Local education	2,380	2,180	2,530	200	-150

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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	October 2018	September 2018	October 2017	September 2018	October 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,512	3,606	3,553	-94	-41
Unemployed	174	150	159	24	15
Unemployment rate	5.0%	4.2%	4.5%	0.8	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.0</i>
Employed	3,338	3,456	3,394	-118	-56
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,280	2,270	2,270	10	10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>2,250</i>	<i>2,190</i>	<i>2,240</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>10</i>
Total private	1,120	1,110	1,110	10	10
Mining, logging, and construction	110	110	110	0	0
Mining and logging	40	40	50	0	-10
Construction	70	70	60	0	10
Manufacturing	190	180	200	10	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	330	330	350	0	-20
Retail trade	220	230	230	-10	-10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	50	0	-10
Professional and business services	70	70	70	0	0
Education and health services	100	90	70	10	30
Leisure and hospitality	200	210	190	-10	10
Other services	60	60	50	0	10
Government	1,160	1,160	1,160	0	0
Federal government	270	300	270	-30	0
State government	180	180	210	0	-30
Local government	710	680	680	30	30

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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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