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## Employment in South Central Oregon: December 2018

After several years of modest growth, both Klamath and Lake counties wrapped up 2018 with the employment situation little changed from the prior year.

*Note: The ongoing partial shutdown of the Federal Government is currently affecting the employment situation of Central Oregon. However, we will not see any effect in these December figures as the shutdown began after the reference week we use for the employment and unemployment estimates.*

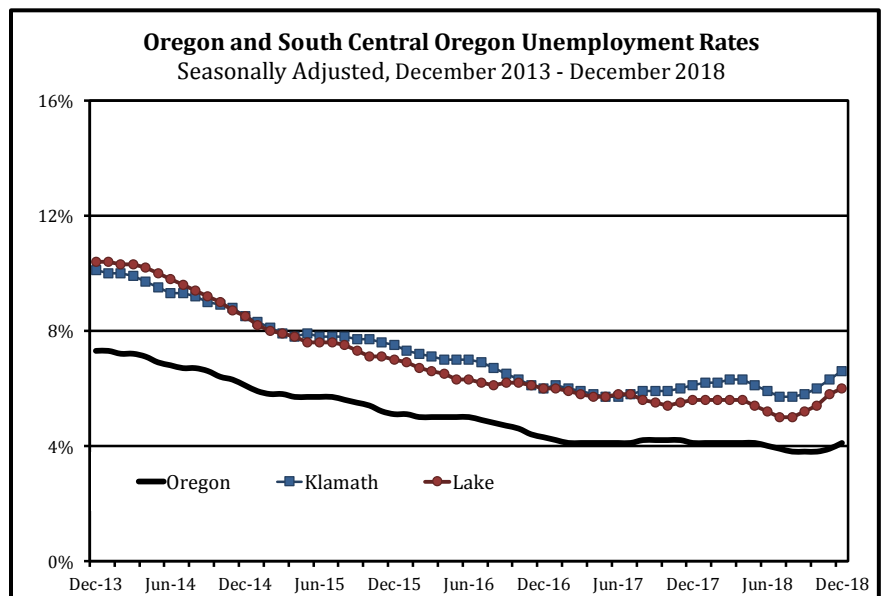
**Klamath County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.6 percent in December, a statistically significant increase from 6.3 percent in November. The unemployment rate is up from this time last year when it was 6.1 percent.

Klamath County lost 230 jobs in December, typical losses for this time of year.

Employment levels remain down over the past year by 280 jobs (-1.2%). Retail trade and health care posted job growth, but those gains were not enough to make up for losses in manufacturing; leisure and hospitality; and local education.

**Lake County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.0 percent in December, up from 5.8 percent in November. The rate was also 5.6 percent in December 2017.

Lake County lost 20 jobs in December, fairly typical for this time of year. Over the past year employment levels remain unchanged.



**Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.



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## Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2018	November 2018	December 2017	November 2018	December 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	29,062	29,304	30,051	-242	-989
Unemployed	2,104	1,839	1,923	265	181
Unemployment rate	7.2%	6.3%	6.4%	0.9	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.6%	6.3%	6.1%	0.3	0.5
Employed	26,958	27,465	28,128	-507	-1,170
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	22,730	22,960	23,010	-230	-280
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,770	22,780	23,060	-10	-290
Total private	17,800	17,900	17,470	-100	330
Mining, logging, and construction	990	1,040	970	-50	20
Mining and logging	90	90	90	0	0
Construction	900	950	880	-50	20
Manufacturing	1,760	1,750	1,850	10	-90
Durable goods	1,580	1,560	1,640	20	-60
Wood product manufacturing	1,260	1,260	1,320	0	-60
Nondurable goods	180	190	210	-10	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,610	4,640	4,460	-30	150
Wholesale trade	830	830	800	0	30
Retail trade	2,960	2,990	2,860	-30	100
Food and beverage stores	560	570	500	-10	60
General merchandise stores	770	790	820	-20	-50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	820	820	800	0	20
Information	130	130	150	0	-20
Financial activities	870	880	860	-10	10
Professional and business services	2,200	2,190	2,270	10	-70
Education and health services	4,160	4,130	3,680	30	480
Leisure and hospitality	2,340	2,380	2,480	-40	-140
Other services	740	760	750	-20	-10
Government	4,930	5,060	5,540	-130	-610
Federal government	690	740	840	-50	-150
State government	450	450	750	0	-300
Local government	3,790	3,870	3,950	-80	-160
Local education	2,340	2,400	2,510	-60	-170

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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	December 2018	November 2018	December 2017	November 2018	December 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	3,431	3,446	3,463	-15	-32
Unemployed	226	203	207	23	19
Unemployment rate	6.6%	5.9%	6.0%	0.7	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6.0%</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.4</i>
Employed	3,205	3,243	3,256	-38	-51
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	2,180	2,200	2,180	-20	0
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>2,230</i>	<i>2,220</i>	<i>2,230</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>
Total private	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0
Mining, logging, and construction	110	110	140	0	-30
Mining and logging	40	40	60	0	-20
Construction	70	70	80	0	-10
Manufacturing	190	190	200	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	330	330	340	0	-10
Retail trade	230	230	230	0	0
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	100	70	0	30
Leisure and hospitality	180	190	160	-10	20
Other services	60	50	50	10	10
Government	1,080	1,100	1,080	-20	0
Federal government	200	210	220	-10	-20
State government	180	180	200	0	-20
Local government	700	710	660	-10	40

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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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