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Employment in South Central Oregon: January 2019

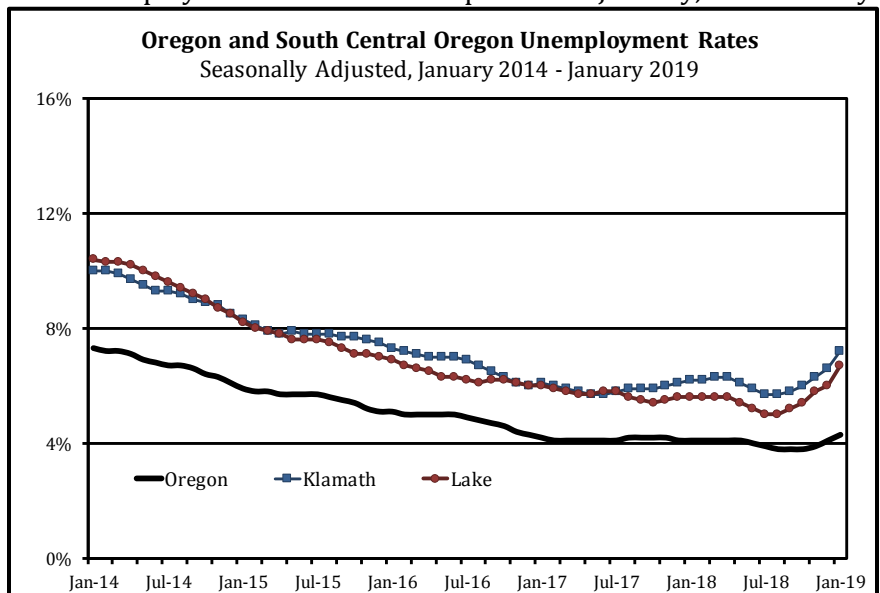
Recent revisions from payroll tax records confirmed that employment levels remain down from this time last year for both Klamath and Lake counties. Additionally, levels of unemployment continue to trend up across the region.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 7.2 percent in January, a statistically significant increase from 6.6 percent in December. The unemployment rate is up from this time last year when it was 6.2 percent.

Klamath County lost 390 jobs in January, significantly fewer than typically expected this time of year.

Employment levels remain down over the past year by 1.4 percent (-320 jobs). The most notable job losses over the past year were in professional and business services,

federal government, local government, and manufacturing. Despite the net loss in employment a few industries posted job gains, including health care, retail trade, and construction.



Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.7 percent in January, up from 6.0 percent in December. The rate was 5.6 percent in January 2018.

Lake County shed 50 jobs in January, fewer than typically expected this time of year. Over the past year employment levels are largely unchanged (-0.5%). Retail and health services both added around 20 jobs over the past year. The only significant losses were in federal government (-30 jobs).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 26th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Tuesday, March 19th.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	January 2019	December 2018	January 2018	December 2018	January 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	29,426	29,114	29,639	312	-213
Unemployed	2,817	2,205	2,490	612	327
Unemployment rate	9.6%	7.6%	8.4%	2.0	1.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.2%	6.6%	6.2%	0.6	1.0
Employed	26,609	26,909	27,149	-300	-540
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,260	22,650	22,580	-390	-320
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,930	22,770	23,260	160	-330
Total private	17,400	17,730	17,450	-330	-50
Mining, logging, and construction	930	1,010	900	-80	30
Mining and logging	90	90	90	0	0
Construction	840	920	810	-80	30
Manufacturing	1,760	1,770	1,850	-10	-90
Durable goods	1,570	1,580	1,640	-10	-70
Wood product manufacturing	1,260	1,260	1,320	0	-60
Nondurable goods	190	190	210	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,430	4,530	4,400	-100	30
Wholesale trade	760	760	790	0	-30
Retail trade	2,870	2,940	2,830	-70	40
Food and beverage stores	580	590	500	-10	80
General merchandise stores	790	810	830	-20	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	800	830	780	-30	20
Information	130	130	140	0	-10
Financial activities	890	890	890	0	0
Professional and business services	2,030	2,130	2,210	-100	-180
Education and health services	4,120	4,150	3,940	-30	180
Leisure and hospitality	2,350	2,370	2,390	-20	-40
Other services	760	750	730	10	30
Government	4,860	4,920	5,130	-60	-270
Federal government	630	700	800	-70	-170
State government	450	460	430	-10	20
Local government	3,780	3,760	3,900	20	-120
Local education	2,340	2,300	2,470	40	-130

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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	January 2019	December 2018	January 2018	December 2018	January 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,511	3,377	3,438	134	73
Unemployed	369	239	271	130	98
Unemployment rate	10.5%	7.1%	7.9%	3.4	2.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.7%	6.0%	5.6%	0.7	1.1
Employed	3,142	3,138	3,167	4	-25
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,150	2,200	2,160	-50	-10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,270	2,250	2,280	20	-10
Total private	1,120	1,120	1,100	0	20
Mining, logging, and construction	110	110	130	0	-20
Mining and logging	40	40	50	0	-10
Construction	70	70	80	0	-10
Manufacturing	190	200	200	-10	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340	340	330	0	10
Retail trade	240	240	220	0	20
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	40	0	0
Professional and business services	70	70	70	0	0
Education and health services	120	110	100	10	20
Leisure and hospitality	170	170	160	0	10
Other services	60	60	50	0	10
Government	1,030	1,080	1,060	-50	-30
Federal government	170	200	200	-30	-30
State government	170	180	170	-10	0
Local government	690	700	690	-10	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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