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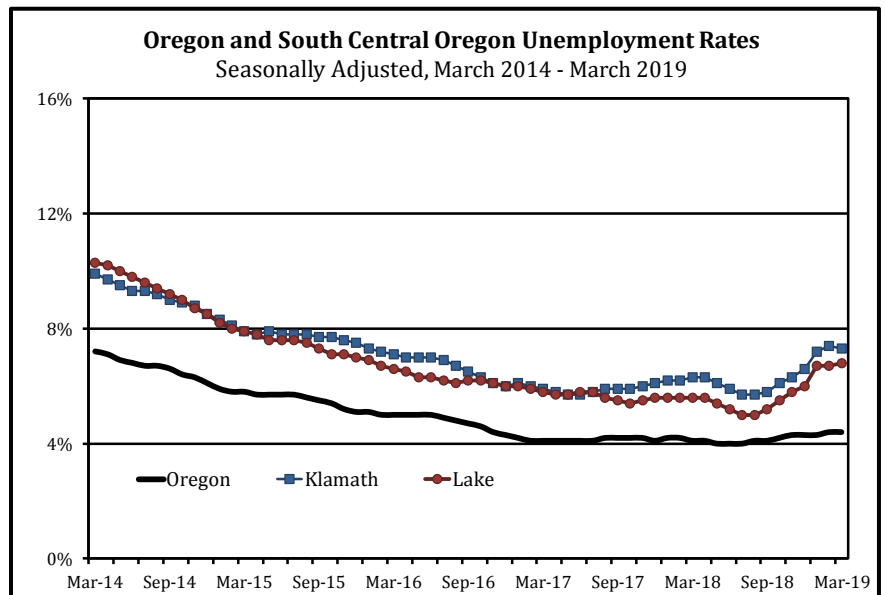
Employment in South Central Oregon: March 2019

The employment situation was little changed in March. Hiring remained consistent with seasonal patterns and the unemployment rates were largely unchanged.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was little changed in the past month. The rate was 7.3 percent in March and 7.4 percent in February. The rate remains up from this time last year when it was 6.3 percent.

Klamath County added 100 jobs in March, typical hiring for this time of year.

Total nonfarm employment was down 350 jobs compared with last March (-1.5%). Job losses were concentrated in professional and business services (-170) and local government (-160). There was relatively strong hiring in health services, and food and beverage stores.



Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was largely unchanged at 6.8 percent in March. The rate was 5.6 percent in March 2018.

Lake County's employment situation was little changed in March, which is not uncommon for this time of year. Over the past year, the county added 20 jobs (+1%). Notable gains were in health services, which added 20 jobs. The only notable job losses were in federal government, with employment levels down by 20 jobs. However, this isn't too concerning as federal land management agencies don't typically begin seasonal hiring until later in spring.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 21st and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Tuesday, May 14th.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2019	February 2019	March 2018	February 2019	March 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	29,027	29,350	29,420	-323	-393
Unemployed	2,293	2,576	2,235	-283	58
Unemployment rate	7.9%	8.8%	7.6%	-0.9	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.3%	7.4%	6.3%	-0.1	1.0
Employed	26,734	26,774	27,185	-40	-451
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,440	22,340	22,790	100	-350
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,850	22,840	23,200	10	-350
Total private	17,540	17,380	17,670	160	-130
Mining, logging, and construction	930	910	930	20	0
Mining and logging	80	80	90	0	-10
Construction	850	830	840	20	10
Manufacturing	1,770	1,770	1,850	0	-80
Durable goods	1,580	1,580	1,640	0	-60
Wood product manufacturing	1,280	1,280	1,310	0	-30
Nondurable goods	190	190	210	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,440	4,380	4,460	60	-20
Wholesale trade	770	760	800	10	-30
Retail trade	2,890	2,840	2,890	50	0
Food and beverage stores	590	580	510	10	80
General merchandise stores	800	790	830	10	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	780	780	770	0	10
Information	130	130	140	0	-10
Financial activities	890	890	880	0	10
Professional and business services	2,040	2,050	2,210	-10	-170
Education and health services	4,200	4,160	4,030	40	170
Leisure and hospitality	2,360	2,330	2,410	30	-50
Other services	780	760	760	20	20
Government	4,900	4,960	5,120	-60	-220
Federal government	720	700	790	20	-70
State government	450	450	440	0	10
Local government	3,730	3,810	3,890	-80	-160
Local education	2,290	2,370	2,460	-80	-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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	March 2019	February 2019	March 2018	February 2019	March 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,460	3,496	3,413	-36	47
Unemployed	281	285	234	-4	47
Unemployment rate	8.1%	8.2%	6.9%	-0.1	1.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.8%	6.7%	5.6%	0.1	1.2
Employed	3,179	3,211	3,179	-32	0
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,160	2,170	2,140	-10	20
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,250	2,250	2,230	0	20
Total private	1,110	1,110	1,080	0	30
Mining, logging, and construction	100	100	110	0	-10
Mining and logging	30	30	40	0	-10
Construction	70	70	70	0	0
Manufacturing	200	200	190	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	330	330	320	0	10
Retail trade	230	240	220	-10	10
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	120	100	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	170	170	180	0	-10
Other services	60	60	50	0	10
Government	1,050	1,060	1,060	-10	-10
Federal government	190	190	210	0	-20
State government	170	160	170	10	0
Local government	690	710	680	-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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