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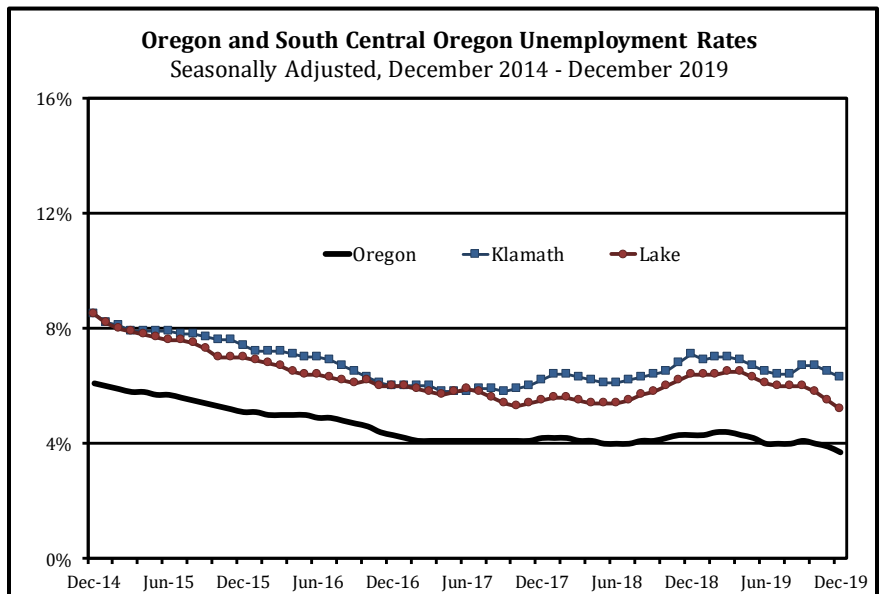
Employment in South Central Oregon: December 2019

The region ended the year with employment levels down significantly from this time last year. These job losses were largely concentrated in Klamath County's professional and business services sector where 450 jobs were lost over the past year. The employment situation remains largely unchanged over the past year in Lake County.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 6.3 percent in December from 6.5 percent in November. The rate was 7.1 percent this time last year, not a statistically significant drop over the past year.

Klamath County shed 240 jobs in December, fewer losses than typically expected for this time of year.

The county lost 500 jobs over the past year (-2.2%). These losses were largely concentrated in professional and business services, which lost 450 jobs from this time last year. Manufacturing continues to post losses with employment levels down by 80 jobs from last December. Health care and other services each posted strong job growth, but these gains were not enough to overcome the large layoff event in professional and business services.



Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.2 percent in December, down from 5.5 percent in November. The rate was 6.4 percent in December 2018.

Lake County lost 40 jobs in December, larger losses than typically expected this time of year. The employment situation is largely unchanged over the past year gaining 30 jobs (+1.4%).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 10th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 3rd.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2019	November 2019	December 2018	November 2019	December 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	28,000	28,269	29,114	-269	-1,114
Unemployed	1,614	1,514	2,205	100	-591
Unemployment rate	5.8%	5.4%	7.6%	0.4	-1.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.3%	6.5%	7.1%	-0.2	-0.8
Employed	26,386	26,755	26,909	-369	-523
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,370	22,610	22,870	-240	-500
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,490	22,420	22,990	70	-500
Total private	17,220	17,340	17,650	-120	-430
Mining, logging, and construction	1,000	1,050	990	-50	10
Mining and logging	90	90	90	0	0
Construction	910	960	900	-50	10
Manufacturing	1,700	1,720	1,780	-20	-80
Durable goods	1,490	1,500	1,580	-10	-90
Wood product manufacturing	1,210	1,200	1,270	10	-60
Nondurable goods	210	220	200	-10	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,530	4,560	4,530	-30	0
Wholesale trade	740	740	750	0	-10
Retail trade	3,010	3,050	2,970	-40	40
Food and beverage stores	560	570	560	-10	0
General merchandise stores	840	850	830	-10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	780	770	810	10	-30
Information	140	130	130	10	10
Financial activities	860	860	860	0	0
Professional and business services	1,540	1,530	1,990	10	-450
Education and health services	4,200	4,200	4,130	0	70
Leisure and hospitality	2,440	2,470	2,480	-30	-40
Other services	810	820	760	-10	50
Government	5,150	5,270	5,220	-120	-70
Federal government	690	750	760	-60	-70
State government	490	490	460	0	30
Local government	3,970	4,030	4,000	-60	-30
Local education	2,500	2,550	2,540	-50	-40

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 2019	November 2019	December 2018	November 2019	December 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,279	3,318	3,377	-39	-98
Unemployed	143	130	239	13	-96
Unemployment rate	4.4%	3.9%	7.1%	0.5	-2.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.2%	5.5%	6.4%	-0.3	-1.2
Employed	3,136	3,188	3,138	-52	-2
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,210	2,250	2,180	-40	30
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,260	2,280	2,230	-20	30
Total private	1,100	1,130	1,080	-30	20
Mining, logging, and construction	110	120	120	-10	-10
Mining and logging	40	50	40	-10	0
Construction	70	70	80	0	-10
Manufacturing	200	200	190	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340	340	340	0	0
Retail trade	250	250	240	0	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	110	110	100	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	160	180	150	-20	10
Other services	50	50	50	0	0
Government	1,110	1,120	1,100	-10	10
Federal government	200	220	200	-20	0
State government	170	170	170	0	0
Local government	740	730	730	10	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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