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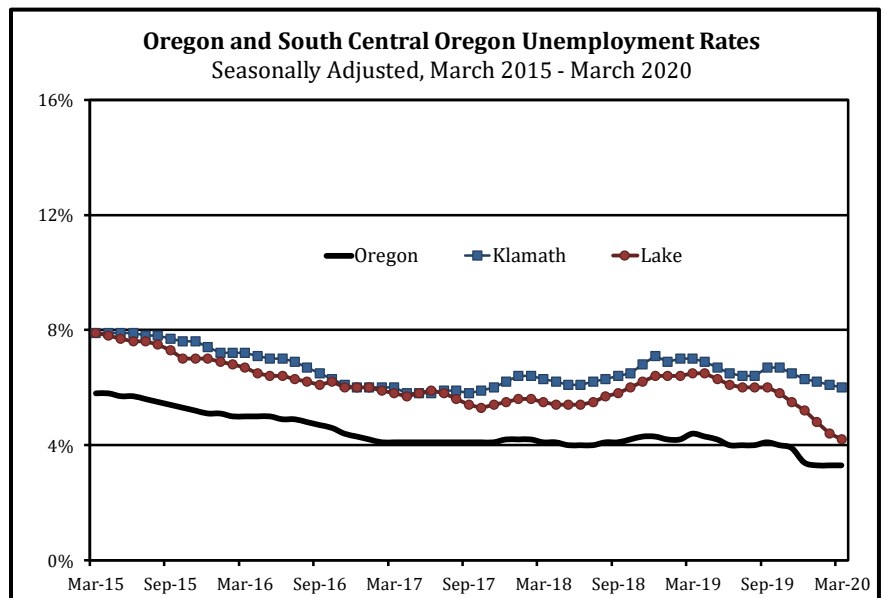
Employment in South Central Oregon: March 2020

The survey reference week for the employment and unemployment estimates is the week that includes the 12th of the month. The reference week for March was one week before the initial workplace and gathering restriction to slow the spread of COVID-19. As a result, these preliminary March estimates show little impact from the virus on the local economy.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained little changed at 6.0 percent in March. The rate was down significantly from March 2019 when it was 7.0 percent.

Klamath County added 10 jobs in March. The county doesn't typically post notable employment changes this time of year.

Total nonfarm payroll employment in March was down by 420 jobs (-1.9%) from a year prior. These losses were primarily concentrated in professional and business services.



Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.2 percent in March. The rate improved significantly from March 2019 when it was 6.5 percent.

Lake County lost 20 jobs in March, typical losses for this time of year. Employment growth from last March was quite strong with the county adding 140 jobs (+6.6%).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Wednesday, May 27th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Tuesday, May 19th.

Record Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims across Oregon

During the week of April 5 to April 11, the Oregon Employment Department received 53,800 initial claims for unemployment benefits. That's in addition to a revised total of 243,000 initial claims filed during the prior three weeks.

Over the past four weeks around 1,940 initial claims for unemployment benefits have been processed for Klamath County residents. Around 110 initial claims were processed for residents of Lake County.

The Employment Department rapidly redeployed its staff, opened additional phone lines, and hired new staff in an attempt to address this unprecedented surge in claims. We are present to help Oregonians who have experienced tremendous disruptions, while also doing our part to follow health and safety guidelines for our communities.

More information on Unemployment Insurance benefits can be found here:

https://govstatus.egov.com/ORUnemployment_COVID19

Data and analysis related to COVID-19 can be found here: <https://www.qualityinfo.org/covid-19>



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2020	February 2020	March 2019	February 2020	March 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	28,495	28,512	29,068	-17	-573
Unemployed	2,031	2,145	2,263	-114	-232
Unemployment rate	7.1%	7.5%	7.8%	-0.4	-0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.0%	6.1%	7.0%	-0.1	-1.0
Employed	26,464	26,367	26,805	97	-341
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,150	22,140	22,570	10	-420
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,600	22,620	23,020	-20	-420
Total private	16,850	16,780	17,260	70	-410
Mining, logging, and construction	930	920	890	10	40
Mining and logging	80	90	90	-10	-10
Construction	850	830	800	20	50
Manufacturing	1,740	1,730	1,770	10	-30
Durable goods	1,530	1,530	1,570	0	-40
Wood product manufacturing	1,230	1,230	1,280	0	-50
Nondurable goods	210	200	200	10	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,220	4,220	4,330	0	-110
Wholesale trade	700	700	730	0	-30
Retail trade	2,870	2,870	2,900	0	-30
Food and beverage stores	550	550	540	0	10
General merchandise stores	810	810	800	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	650	650	700	0	-50
Information	120	130	130	-10	-10
Financial activities	890	900	880	-10	10
Professional and business services	1,520	1,540	1,920	-20	-400
Education and health services	4,220	4,160	4,170	60	50
Leisure and hospitality	2,400	2,380	2,390	20	10
Other services	810	800	780	10	30
Government	5,300	5,360	5,310	-60	-10
Federal government	720	710	750	10	-30
State government	470	480	460	-10	10
Local government	4,110	4,170	4,100	-60	10
Local education	2,620	2,660	2,660	-40	-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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	March 2020	February 2020	March 2019	February 2020	March 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,504	3,519	3,469	-15	35
Unemployed	177	183	276	-6	-99
Unemployment rate	5.1%	5.2%	8.0%	-0.1	-2.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.2%	4.4%	6.5%	-0.2	-2.3
Employed	3,327	3,336	3,193	-9	134
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,250	2,270	2,110	-20	140
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,350	2,360	2,200	-10	150
Total private	1,130	1,150	1,020	-20	110
Mining, logging, and construction	110	110	90	0	20
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	80	80	60	0	20
Manufacturing	200	210	180	-10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	320	330	320	-10	0
Retail trade	240	240	230	0	10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	40	0	0
Professional and business services	70	70	60	0	10
Education and health services	110	110	90	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	190	190	160	0	30
Other services	70	70	60	0	10
Government	1,120	1,120	1,090	0	30
Federal government	210	200	190	10	20
State government	170	170	170	0	0
Local government	740	750	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.

The pdf version of the news release, including tables and graphs, can be found at www.qualityinfo.org/press-release/. To obtain the data in other formats such as in Excel, visit www.QualityInfo.org, select *Economic Data*, and choose *LAUS* or *CES*. To request the press release as a Word document, contact the person shown at the top of this press release.

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