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Employment in South Central Oregon: May 2020

Klamath and Lake counties entered Phase 1 of reopening during the reference week for these May estimates. The result was modest improvement to the employment situation with unemployment rates down and hiring up.

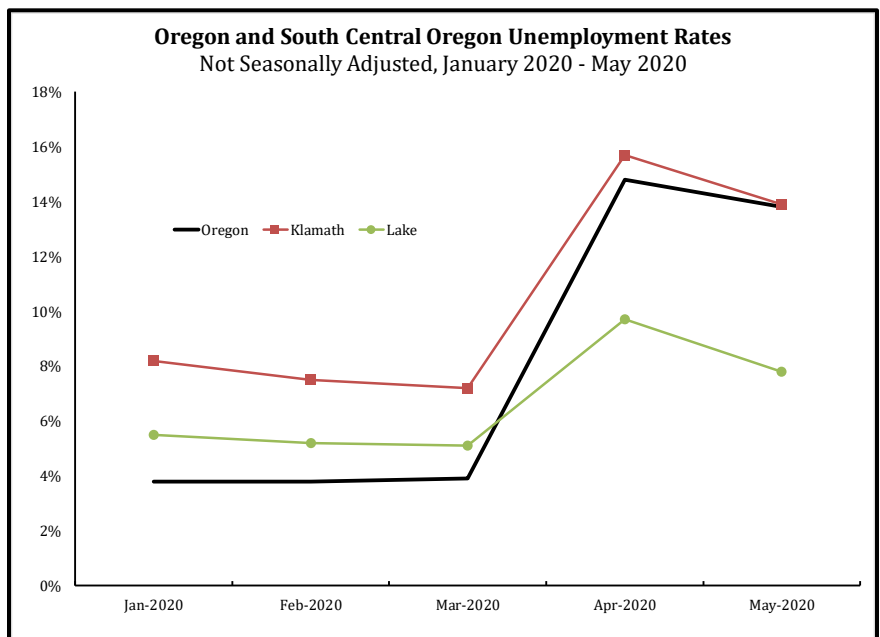
Klamath County: The *non-seasonally adjusted* unemployment rate fell to 13.9 percent in May, down from 15.7 percent in April. The number of employed workers rose by 488 from April. The unemployment rate remains down significantly from this time last year when it was 5.1 percent.

The county added 340 jobs in May; however, those gains were largely in line with seasonal expectations. As a result only around 1 percent of the jobs lost in April were recovered in May on a seasonally adjusted basis.

Employment levels remain down by 3,170 jobs from this time last year (-13.4%). Employment levels were down over the past year for every major industry sector. The largest job losses were in leisure and hospitality (-1,040); professional and business services (-540); local government (-440); retail trade (-270); and education and health services (-240).

Lake County: The *non-seasonally adjusted* unemployment rate was 7.8 percent percent in May, down from 9.7 percent in April. The unemployment rate in May was amongst the lowest across Oregon's 36 counties. The rate remains up from this time last year when it was 4.7 percent.

Lake County added 80 nonfarm jobs in May, slightly better than seasonal expectations.



Total nonfarm employment is down 150 jobs (-6.6%) from this time last year. Losses are nearly split evenly between private businesses and the public sector. Local government is down 80 jobs from this time last year. The largest private-sector losses remain in leisure and hospitality, down 50 jobs (-26.3%).

Next Press Releases

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



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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| | May 2020 | April 2020 | May 2019 | April 2020 | May 2019 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 29,047 | 29,071 | 29,449 | -24 | -402 |
| Unemployed | 4,042 | 4,554 | 1,494 | -512 | 2,548 |
| Unemployment rate | 13.9% | 15.7% | 5.1% | -1.8 | 8.8 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | | | | | |
| Employed | 25,005 | 24,517 | 27,955 | 488 | -2,950 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 20,340 | 20,000 | 23,510 | 340 | -3,170 |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | <i>20,080</i> | <i>20,070</i> | <i>23,200</i> | <i>10</i> | <i>-3,120</i> |
| Total private | 15,230 | 14,910 | 17,920 | 320 | -2,690 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 910 | 840 | 1,010 | 70 | -100 |
| Mining and logging | 90 | 80 | 90 | 10 | 0 |
| Construction | 820 | 760 | 920 | 60 | -100 |
| Manufacturing | 1,580 | 1,570 | 1,780 | 10 | -200 |
| Durable goods | 1,400 | 1,390 | 1,570 | 10 | -170 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 1,120 | 1,110 | 1,270 | 10 | -150 |
| Nondurable goods | 180 | 180 | 210 | 0 | -30 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 4,040 | 3,990 | 4,430 | 50 | -390 |
| Wholesale trade | 660 | 660 | 720 | 0 | -60 |
| Retail trade | 2,750 | 2,700 | 3,020 | 50 | -270 |
| Food and beverage stores | 560 | 550 | 570 | 10 | -10 |
| General merchandise stores | 800 | 800 | 810 | 0 | -10 |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 630 | 630 | 690 | 0 | -60 |
| Information | 110 | 110 | 130 | 0 | -20 |
| Financial activities | 850 | 850 | 880 | 0 | -30 |
| Professional and business services | 1,440 | 1,410 | 1,980 | 30 | -540 |
| Education and health services | 3,950 | 3,950 | 4,190 | 0 | -240 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 1,650 | 1,500 | 2,690 | 150 | -1,040 |
| Other services | 700 | 690 | 830 | 10 | -130 |
| Government | 5,110 | 5,090 | 5,590 | 20 | -480 |
| Federal government | 800 | 770 | 840 | 30 | -40 |
| State government | 480 | 480 | 480 | 0 | 0 |
| Local government | 3,830 | 3,840 | 4,270 | -10 | -440 |
| Local education | 2,360 | 2,370 | 2,780 | -10 | -420 |

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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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| | May 2020 | April 2020 | May 2019 | April 2020 | May 2019 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 3,563 | 3,505 | 3,587 | 58 | -24 |
| Unemployed | 279 | 340 | 170 | -61 | 109 |
| Unemployment rate | 7.8% | 9.7% | 4.7% | -1.9 | 3.1 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | | | | | |
| Employed | 3,284 | 3,165 | 3,417 | 119 | -133 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 2,140 | 2,060 | 2,290 | 80 | -150 |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | <i>2,120</i> | <i>2,100</i> | <i>2,270</i> | <i>20</i> | <i>-150</i> |
| Total private | 1,030 | 990 | 1,100 | 40 | -70 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 110 | 90 | 100 | 20 | 10 |
| Mining and logging | 30 | 20 | 30 | 10 | 0 |
| Construction | 80 | 70 | 70 | 10 | 10 |
| Manufacturing | 190 | 190 | 190 | 0 | 0 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 310 | 310 | 330 | 0 | -20 |
| Retail trade | 220 | 220 | 230 | 0 | -10 |
| Information | 20 | 20 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Financial activities | 40 | 40 | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Professional and business services | 70 | 70 | 80 | 0 | -10 |
| Education and health services | 90 | 90 | 100 | 0 | -10 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 140 | 120 | 190 | 20 | -50 |
| Other services | 60 | 60 | 50 | 0 | 10 |
| Government | 1,110 | 1,070 | 1,190 | 40 | -80 |
| Federal government | 240 | 210 | 240 | 30 | 0 |
| State government | 180 | 180 | 180 | 0 | 0 |
| Local government | 690 | 680 | 770 | 10 | -80 |

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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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