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Employment in South Central Oregon: June 2020

Phase 2 of COVID-19 reopening led to a notable increase in employment and drop in unemployment for both Klamath and Lake counties. Despite the improving employment situation the region has only added back roughly 18 percent of the jobs lost in March and April.

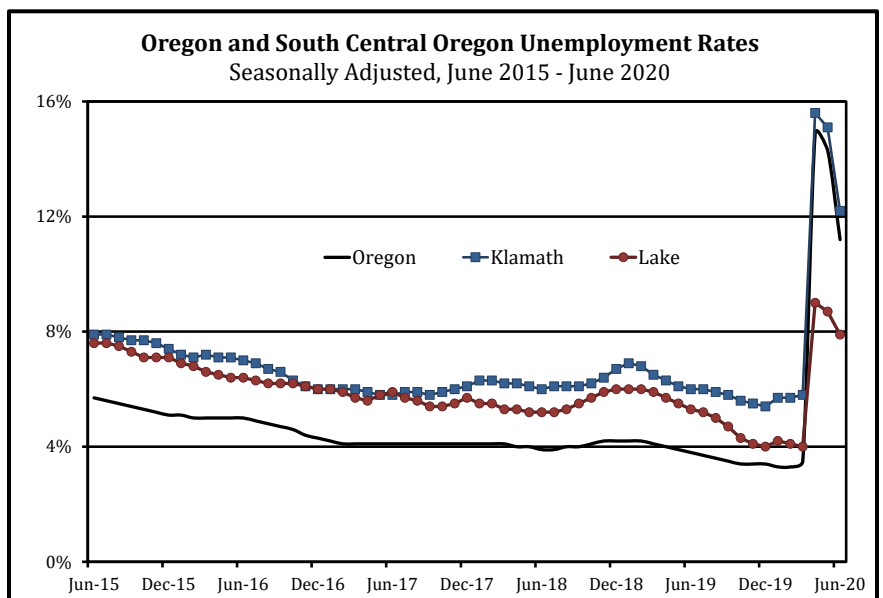
Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 12.2 percent in June, down from 15.1 percent in May. The over-the-month change was the sharpest monthly drop since comparable records began. The unemployment rate remains down significantly from this time last year when it was 6 percent.

Klamath County posted the first meaningful improvement to the employment situation in June since the onset of the COVID-19 crisis. The county added 620 jobs in June, significantly more hiring than would typically be expected based on seasonal expectations. Roughly 16 percent of the jobs lost in April were regained in June.

Despite improvement in June the employment situation remains down significantly from this time last year with total nonfarm

employment down 2,610 (-11.1%). The hardest-hit industry remains leisure and hospitality with employment down 26.5 percent from this time last year. However, over-the-year employment losses were also notable in professional and business services (-22%); other services (+15.7%); construction (-9.4%); and manufacturing (-7.5%).

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.9 percent in June, down from 8.7 percent in May. The unemployment rate in June was the fourth lowest of Oregon's 36 counties. The rate remains up from this time last year when it was 5.3 percent.



Lake County added 130 jobs in June, significantly better than seasonal expectations. Nearly 40 percent of the jobs lost during the COVID-19 crisis were added back in June.

Total nonfarm employment is down by only 3 percent (-70 jobs) from this time last year. Lake County remains one of the least impacted counties in the state by COVID-related layoffs. Retail trade and leisure and hospitality are the only two industry sectors to see employment down significantly over the past year.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, August 25th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Tuesday, August 18th.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	May 2020	June 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	29,372	28,988	29,637	384	-265
Unemployed	3,364	4,060	1,631	-696	1,733
Unemployment rate	11.5%	14.0%	5.5%	-2.5	6.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	12.2%	15.1%	6.0%	-2.9	6.2
Employed	26,008	24,928	28,006	1,080	-1,998
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	20,950	20,330	23,560	620	-2,610
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	20,480	20,070	23,030	410	-2,550
Total private	15,750	15,220	17,920	530	-2,170
Mining, logging, and construction	960	920	1,050	40	-90
Mining and logging	90	90	90	0	0
Construction	870	830	960	40	-90
Manufacturing	1,610	1,580	1,740	30	-130
Durable goods	1,430	1,400	1,540	30	-110
Wood product manufacturing	1,140	1,120	1,240	20	-100
Nondurable goods	180	180	200	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,100	4,030	4,430	70	-330
Wholesale trade	680	660	730	20	-50
Retail trade	2,780	2,740	3,010	40	-230
Food and beverage stores	570	560	570	10	0
General merchandise stores	800	800	830	0	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	640	630	690	10	-50
Information	110	110	130	0	-20
Financial activities	840	850	890	-10	-50
Professional and business services	1,460	1,430	1,880	30	-420
Education and health services	3,890	3,950	4,140	-60	-250
Leisure and hospitality	2,080	1,650	2,830	430	-750
Other services	700	700	830	0	-130
Government	5,200	5,110	5,640	90	-440
Federal government	890	790	900	100	-10
State government	520	480	510	40	10
Local government	3,790	3,840	4,230	-50	-440
Local education	2,290	2,360	2,720	-70	-430

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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	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	May 2020	June 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,758	3,568	3,656	190	102
Unemployed	272	292	176	-20	96
Unemployment rate	7.2%	8.2%	4.8%	-1.0	2.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.9%	8.7%	5.3%	-0.8	2.6
Employed	3,486	3,276	3,480	210	6
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,270	2,140	2,340	130	-70
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,200	2,120	2,260	80	-60
Total private	1,070	1,030	1,140	40	-70
Mining, logging, and construction	110	110	110	0	0
Mining and logging	30	30	40	0	-10
Construction	80	80	70	0	10
Manufacturing	190	190	200	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	310	310	340	0	-30
Retail trade	220	220	240	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	80	90	90	-10	-10
Leisure and hospitality	170	140	190	30	-20
Other services	80	60	80	20	0
Government	1,200	1,110	1,200	90	0
Federal government	300	240	280	60	20
State government	200	180	190	20	10
Local government	700	690	730	10	-30

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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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