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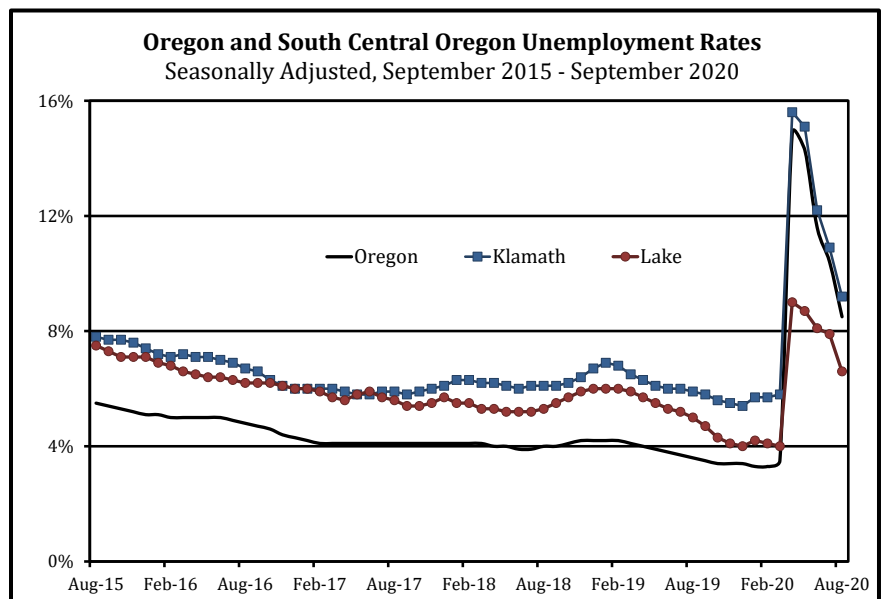
Employment in South Central Oregon: September 2020

This release of the September 2020 employment estimates is the last before a benchmark of the data using payroll records through June 2020, capturing the volatile labor market due to COVID-19. This will be a short release as we know there will be significant revisions for both Klamath and Lake counties.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 8.6 percent in September, down from a revised rate of 9.2 percent in August. Despite the dramatic improvement, the unemployment rate remains higher than before the COVID-19 crisis; it was 5.8 percent in March 2020.

Klamath County continued to recover from the COVID-19 crisis in September, adding 170 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis.

As of September Klamath County added back 830 of the 2,600 (~31%) jobs lost during the COVID-19 crisis. Leisure and hospitality remains the hardest hit industry with employment levels down 830 from this time last year. Roughly 43 percent of the job losses over the past year are concentrated in leisure and hospitality. Other hard hit industries include education and health services, professional and business services, and manufacturing. There have also been notable job losses over the past year in local government, primarily concentrated in local education.



Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.6 percent in September. The rate remains up from before the COVID-19 crisis; it was 4.0 percent in March 2020.

Lake County added 10 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis in September, modest gains after more substantial recovery in August.

Total nonfarm employment remains down significantly since the onset of the COVID-19 crisis. Lake County lost around 300 jobs during the peak of the crisis and has regained around 80 jobs. As of September total nonfarm employment is down 9 percent from before the crisis.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, November 24th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Tuesday, November 17th.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	September 2020	August 2020	September 2019	--Change From--	
				August 2020	September 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	28,406	28,412	29,479	-6	-1,073
Unemployed	2,079	2,426	1,422	-347	657
Unemployment rate	7.3%	8.5%	4.8%	-1.2	2.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	8.6%	9.2%	5.8%	-0.6	2.8
Employed	26,327	25,986	28,057	341	-1,730
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	21,470	21,110	23,240	360	-1,770
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>21,150</i>	<i>20,980</i>	<i>22,900</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>-1,750</i>
Total private	16,260	16,380	17,860	-120	-1,600
Mining, logging, and construction	1,080	1,080	1,090	0	-10
Mining and logging	110	110	100	0	10
Construction	970	970	990	0	-20
Manufacturing	1,580	1,600	1,730	-20	-150
Durable goods	1,400	1,410	1,530	-10	-130
Wood product manufacturing	1,120	1,120	1,210	0	-90
Nondurable goods	180	190	200	-10	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,340	4,370	4,500	-30	-160
Wholesale trade	700	710	750	-10	-50
Retail trade	2,960	2,970	3,030	-10	-70
Food and beverage stores	570	570	580	0	-10
General merchandise stores	870	890	840	-20	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	680	690	720	-10	-40
Information	110	110	130	0	-20
Financial activities	840	850	880	-10	-40
Professional and business services	1,540	1,600	1,710	-60	-170
Education and health services	3,950	3,930	4,190	20	-240
Leisure and hospitality	2,060	2,080	2,820	-20	-760
Other services	760	760	810	0	-50
Government	5,210	4,730	5,380	480	-170
Federal government	1,000	1,030	930	-30	70
State government	490	500	500	-10	-10
Local government	3,720	3,200	3,950	520	-230
Local education	2,150	1,660	2,410	490	-260

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

	September 2020	August 2020	September 2019	--Change From--	
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Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,632	3,739	3,770	-107	-138
Unemployed	168	199	125	-31	43
Unemployment rate	4.6%	5.3%	3.3%	-0.7	1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.6%	6.6%	4.7%	0.0	1.9
Employed	3,464	3,540	3,645	-76	-181
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,260	2,270	2,440	-10	-180
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,180	2,170	2,360	10	-180
Total private	1,090	1,100	1,220	-10	-130
Mining, logging, and construction	130	130	130	0	0
Mining and logging	30	30	40	0	-10
Construction	100	100	90	0	10
Manufacturing	190	190	200	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	320	320	340	0	-20
Retail trade	220	220	240	0	-20
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	40	0	0
Professional and business services	80	80	90	0	-10
Education and health services	90	90	110	0	-20
Leisure and hospitality	160	160	210	0	-50
Other services	60	70	80	-10	-20
Government	1,170	1,170	1,220	0	-50
Federal government	300	320	310	-20	-10
State government	170	180	190	-10	-20
Local government	700	670	720	30	-20

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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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