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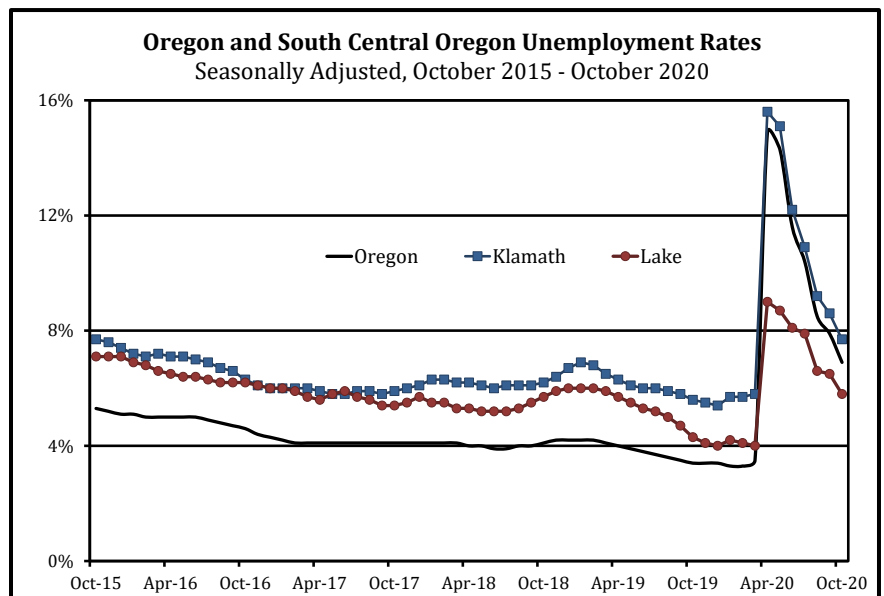
Employment in South Central Oregon: October 2020

The recovery from the COVID-19 employment shock slowed dramatically in October. Despite the slowdown the release of new revised employment figures using payroll tax records through June revealed that the recovery was more robust than initially estimated through the summer months.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 7.7 percent in October, down from a revised rate of 8.6 percent in September. The unemployment rate remains higher than before the COVID-19 crisis; it was 5.8 percent in March 2020.

Klamath County lost 100 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis in October, the first monthly job losses since May when the county began recovering from the COVID-19 shock.

Recent revisions using payroll tax records through June revealed a more severe employment shock, but a faster, more robust recovery from that initial shock. The county lost around 2,740 jobs in April. Through October the county regained over 55 percent of the jobs lost (+1,550). Employment losses over the past year remain concentrated in leisure and hospitality; local government education; and private education and health services.



Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 5.8 percent in October, down from 6.5 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 October, modest gains after more substantial recovery over the summer.

Employment losses from the initial COVID-19 shock in May were revised down. Lake County lost around 260 jobs last spring and roughly 150 of those jobs were recovered as of October (~58%). Employment losses over the past year were largely concentrated in construction and leisure and hospitality.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, December 22nd and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, December 15th.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	September 2020	October 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	30,214	28,723	29,345	1,491	869
Unemployed	1,994	2,103	1,384	-109	610
Unemployment rate	6.6%	7.3%	4.7%	-0.7	1.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.7%	8.6%	5.6%	-0.9	2.1
Employed	28,220	26,620	27,961	1,600	259
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,180	22,210	23,080	-30	-900
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	21,780	21,880	22,660	-100	-880
Total private	17,090	17,150	17,710	-60	-620
Mining, logging, and construction	1,160	1,170	1,120	-10	40
Mining and logging	120	120	100	0	20
Construction	1,040	1,050	1,020	-10	20
Manufacturing	1,680	1,680	1,710	0	-30
Durable goods	1,470	1,470	1,510	0	-40
Wood product manufacturing	1,150	1,150	1,200	0	-50
Nondurable goods	210	210	200	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,560	4,530	4,500	30	60
Wholesale trade	720	710	760	10	-40
Retail trade	3,060	3,060	3,010	0	50
Food and beverage stores	600	600	560	0	40
General merchandise stores	910	920	850	-10	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	780	760	730	20	50
Information	110	110	120	0	-10
Financial activities	860	870	870	-10	-10
Professional and business services	1,650	1,630	1,670	20	-20
Education and health services	3,960	3,950	4,180	10	-220
Leisure and hospitality	2,300	2,390	2,730	-90	-430
Other services	810	820	810	-10	0
Government	5,090	5,060	5,370	30	-280
Federal government	890	990	860	-100	30
State government	460	470	500	-10	-40
Local government	3,740	3,600	4,010	140	-270
Local education	2,300	2,150	2,510	150	-210

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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	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	September 2020	October 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,787	3,682	3,656	105	131
Unemployed	169	171	123	-2	46
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.6%	3.4%	-0.1	1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.8%	6.5%	4.3%	-0.7	1.5
Employed	3,618	3,511	3,533	107	85
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,330	2,360	2,400	-30	-70
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,290	2,280	2,350	10	-60
Total private	1,130	1,160	1,200	-30	-70
Mining, logging, and construction	110	110	150	0	-40
Mining and logging	10	10	50	0	-40
Construction	100	100	100	0	0
Manufacturing	200	200	200	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	330	340	340	-10	-10
Retail trade	240	250	240	-10	0
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	40	0	0
Professional and business services	90	90	80	0	10
Education and health services	120	120	110	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	170	180	190	-10	-20
Other services	50	60	70	-10	-20
Government	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0
Federal government	280	310	270	-30	10
State government	170	180	170	-10	0
Local government	750	710	760	40	-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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