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Employment in South Central Oregon: November 2020

The employment recovery from the COVID-19 shock continued in both Klamath and Lake counties in November. However, it is important to note that these slowing rates of job growth do not capture the two-week COVID freeze at the end of the November, which occurred after the reference week for these estimates.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 6.7% in November, down from a revised rate of 7.5% in October. The unemployment rate remains higher than last year; it was 5.5% in November 2019.

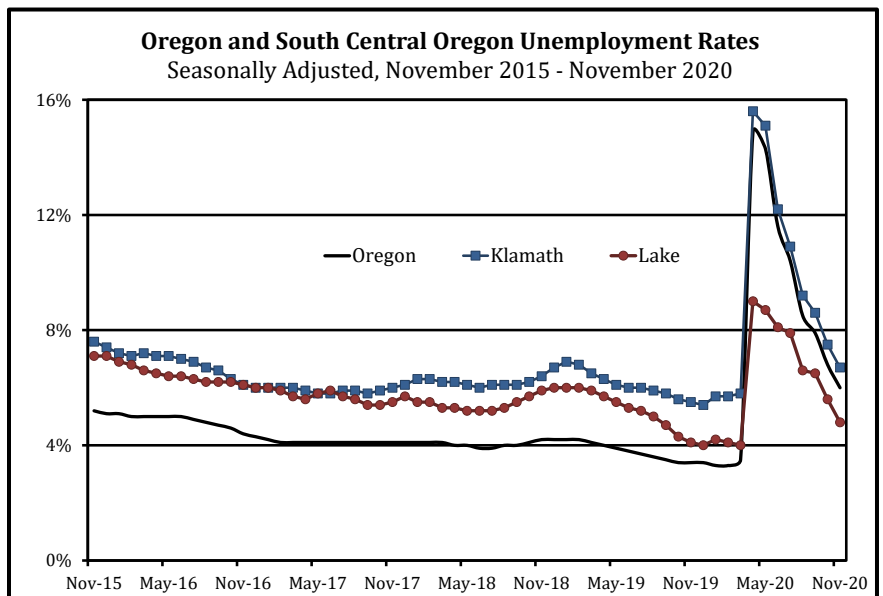
Klamath County added 120 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis in November, bouncing back from a loss of 50 jobs in October.

The recovery from the COVID-19 shock continued in November. The county has added back 1,720 of the 2,740 jobs lost in April, roughly 63% of the jobs lost. Job losses over the past year remain concentrated in leisure and hospitality (-450 jobs), private education and health services (-240), and local government education (-220).

Several notable industries posted modest job gains over the past year, including manufacturing, construction, and retail trade.

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.8% in November, down from 5.6% in October. The rate is nearing levels from last year when it was 4.1% in November 2019.

Lake County added 10 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis in November, modest gains after more substantial recovery over the summer.



Lake County's recovery continues at a relatively fast pace with the county adding back roughly 68% of the jobs lost due to the initial COVID-19 shock. Total nonfarm employment levels remain down by around 70 jobs compared with March.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Jan. 26 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Wednesday, Jan. 20.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	November 2020	October 2020	November 2019	--Change From--	
				October 2020	November 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	29,263	30,289	28,736	-1,026	527
Unemployed	1,758	1,995	1,433	-237	325
Unemployment rate	6.0%	6.6%	5.0%	-0.6	1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.7%	7.5%	5.5%	-0.8	1.2
Employed	27,505	28,294	27,303	-789	202
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,040	22,230	22,940	-190	-900
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	21,950	21,830	22,850	120	-900
Total private	17,020	17,120	17,610	-100	-590
Mining, logging, and construction	1,130	1,160	1,090	-30	40
Mining and logging	120	120	110	0	10
Construction	1,010	1,040	980	-30	30
Manufacturing	1,760	1,680	1,730	80	30
Durable goods	1,550	1,470	1,510	80	40
Wood product manufacturing	1,250	1,150	1,200	100	50
Nondurable goods	210	210	220	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,600	4,560	4,510	40	90
Wholesale trade	730	720	750	10	-20
Retail trade	3,090	3,060	3,060	30	30
Food and beverage stores	600	600	560	0	40
General merchandise stores	940	910	880	30	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	780	780	700	0	80
Information	110	110	130	0	-20
Financial activities	860	860	880	0	-20
Professional and business services	1,620	1,650	1,630	-30	-10
Education and health services	3,970	3,970	4,210	0	-240
Leisure and hospitality	2,150	2,320	2,600	-170	-450
Other services	820	810	830	10	-10
Government	5,020	5,110	5,330	-90	-310
Federal government	770	890	780	-120	-10
State government	470	480	520	-10	-50
Local government	3,780	3,740	4,030	40	-250
Local education	2,330	2,300	2,550	30	-220

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

	November 2020	October 2020	November 2019	--Change From--	
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Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,669	3,790	3,566	-121	103
Unemployed	153	168	125	-15	28
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.4%	3.5%	-0.2	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	5.6%	4.1%	-0.8	0.7
Employed	3,516	3,622	3,441	-106	75
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,270	2,320	2,310	-50	-40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,290	2,280	2,340	10	-50
Total private	1,120	1,120	1,170	0	-50
Mining, logging, and construction	110	100	140	10	-30
Mining and logging	10	10	50	0	-40
Construction	100	90	90	10	10
Manufacturing	200	200	200	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	330	330	330	0	0
Retail trade	240	240	240	0	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	160	170	190	-10	-30
Other services	50	50	60	0	-10
Government	1,150	1,200	1,140	-50	10
Federal government	240	280	220	-40	20
State government	170	170	190	0	-20
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.

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