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## Employment in South Central Oregon: December 2020

Klamath and Lake Counties largely avoided the significant job losses posted in most parts of the state in December. However, the increase in COVID-19 cases this fall and the public health measures implemented to slow the spread of the virus also slowed the pace of recovery.

**Klamath County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.1% in December, up slightly from 6.9% in November. The unemployment rate remains higher than last year; it was 5.4% in December 2019.

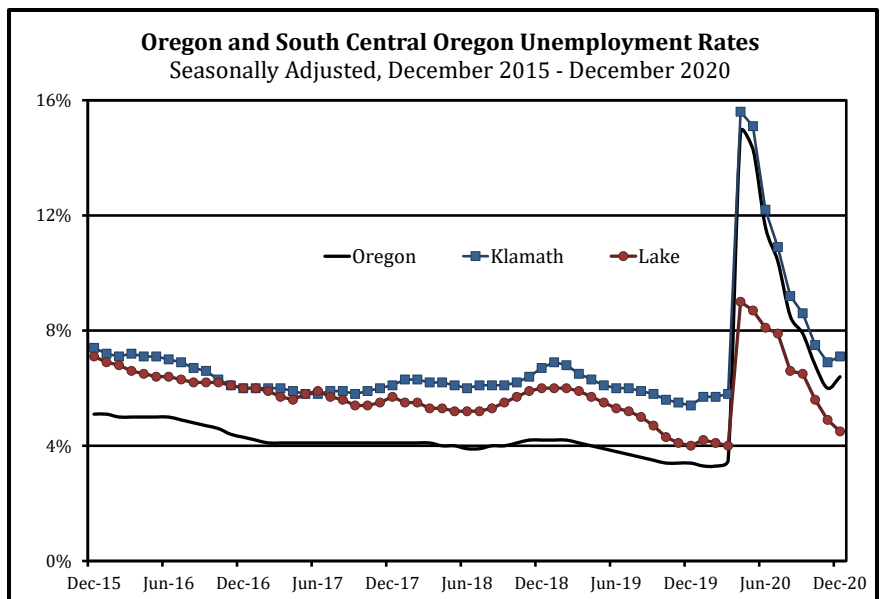
Klamath County lost 30 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis in December, a relatively small loss compared to other counties across the state.

The recovery in Klamath County slowed dramatically this fall. However, employment levels only remain down around 3.2% compared to this time last year. Roughly 1,720 of the 2,740 jobs lost during the initial COVID-19 shock have been added back through December. Job losses over the past

year are almost entirely concentrated leisure and hospitality (-590 jobs); private education and health services (-220); and local government education (-170). Despite these losses, there have been notable gains over the past year in construction (+80 jobs) and manufacturing (+50).

**Lake County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.5% in December, down from 4.9% in November. The rate is nearing levels from last year when it was 4.0% in December 2019.

Lake County added 20 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis in December, a modest gain after more substantial recovery over the summer.



Lake County's recovery continues at a relatively fast pace, with the county adding back roughly 170 of the 220 jobs lost due to the initial COVID-19 shock. Total nonfarm employment levels are down by less than 1% compared to this time last year.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 9 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 2.



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## Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2020	November 2020	December 2019	November 2020	December 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	29,629	29,447	28,501	182	1,128
Unemployed	2,199	1,792	1,649	407	550
Unemployment rate	7.4%	6.1%	5.8%	1.3	1.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.1%	6.9%	5.4%	0.2	1.7
Employed	27,430	27,655	26,852	-225	578
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	21,810	22,070	22,530	-260	-720
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	21,950	21,980	22,680	-30	-730
Total private	16,810	17,010	17,340	-200	-530
Mining, logging, and construction	1,090	1,130	1,000	-40	90
Mining and logging	120	120	110	0	10
Construction	970	1,010	890	-40	80
Manufacturing	1,760	1,760	1,710	0	50
Durable goods	1,550	1,550	1,500	0	50
Wood product manufacturing	1,240	1,240	1,200	0	40
Nondurable goods	210	210	210	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,600	4,610	4,490	-10	110
Wholesale trade	730	730	740	0	-10
Retail trade	3,080	3,100	3,030	-20	50
Food and beverage stores	600	600	560	0	40
General merchandise stores	940	940	880	0	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	790	780	720	10	70
Information	120	110	130	10	-10
Financial activities	860	860	860	0	0
Professional and business services	1,650	1,620	1,620	30	30
Education and health services	3,990	3,950	4,210	40	-220
Leisure and hospitality	1,920	2,150	2,510	-230	-590
Other services	820	820	810	0	10
Government	5,000	5,060	5,190	-60	-190
Federal government	780	810	740	-30	40
State government	460	470	490	-10	-30
Local government	3,760	3,780	3,960	-20	-200
Local education	2,320	2,330	2,490	-10	-170

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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	December 2020	November 2020	December 2019	November 2020	December 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	3,711	3,694	3,547	17	164
Unemployed	174	159	149	15	25
Unemployment rate	4.7%	4.3%	4.2%	0.4	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	4.9%	4.0%	-0.4	0.5
Employed	3,537	3,535	3,398	2	139
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	2,240	2,270	2,260	-30	-20
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,310	2,290	2,330	20	-20
Total private	1,110	1,120	1,150	-10	-40
Mining, logging, and construction	110	110	140	0	-30
Mining and logging	10	10	50	0	-40
Construction	100	100	90	0	10
Manufacturing	210	200	200	10	10
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	140	160	170	-20	-30
Other services	50	50	60	0	-10
Government	1,130	1,150	1,110	-20	20
Federal government	210	240	200	-30	10
State government	170	170	170	0	0
Local government	750	740	740	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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