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Employment in South Central Oregon: July 2021

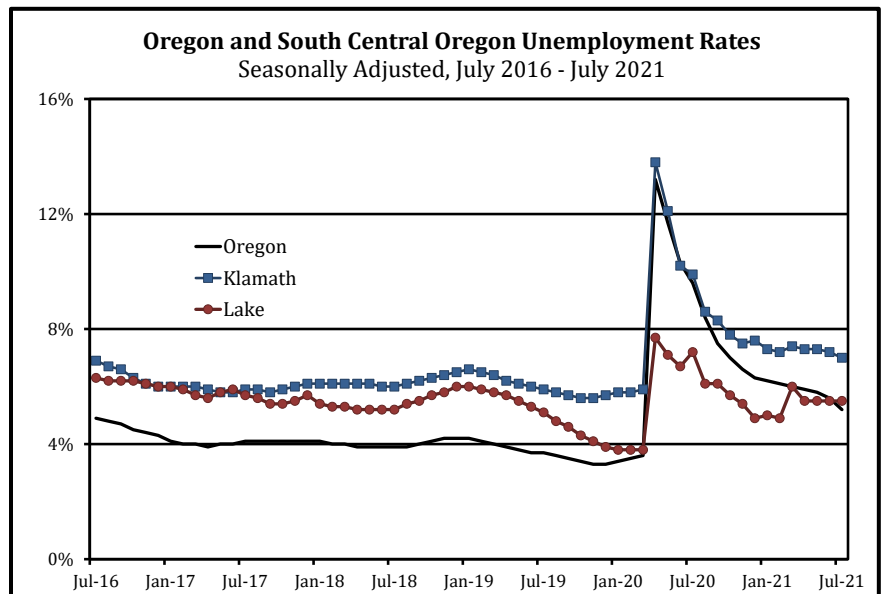
The region posted strong monthly employment gains in July, exceeding seasonal expectations. Despite these gains unemployment levels were little changed. Recent revisions using payroll tax records through first quarter 2021 were mixed. Employment levels were revised down marginally in Klamath County, meanwhile the employment situation is nearing a recovery from the pandemic in Lake County after upward revisions.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate posted a modest drop to 7.0% in July, down from 7.2% in June. The unemployment rate remains higher than before the first impacts of COVID-19 when it was 5.8% in February 2020.

Klamath County lost 480 jobs in July, fewer losses than typically expected this time of year. Employment levels remain down around 870 jobs (-3.7%) from the pre-COVID peak in March 2020. Recent revisions revealed that the employment recovery through the first quarter of 2021 was marginally slower than initially estimated.

Monthly job losses were concentrated in local education as schools largely closed for the summer months. However, the county continued to see job gains in leisure and hospitality and construction.

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.5% in July. The rate was 3.8% in February 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.



Lake County added 50 jobs in July, stronger gains than are typical for this time of year. The seasonally adjusted job gains in July combined with recent revisions revealed that a recovery from COVID job losses is within reach. Employment levels in July were only down 30 jobs (-1.2%) from the pre-COVID peak.

There were normal seasonal job losses in local education due to summer break; however, these losses were overcome by gains in a variety of industry sectors. Notable gains were posted in federal government, manufacturing, construction, and leisure and hospitality.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Sep. 21 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Tuesday, Sep. 14.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2021	July 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	30,510	30,739	28,635	-229	1,875
Unemployed	1,900	1,952	2,770	-52	-870
Unemployment rate	6.2%	6.4%	9.7%	-0.2	-3.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.0%	7.2%	9.9%	-0.2	-2.9
Employed	28,610	28,787	25,865	-177	2,745
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,380	22,860	21,840	-480	540
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,390	22,350	21,850	40	540
Total private	17,840	17,720	17,270	120	570
Mining, logging, and construction	1,240	1,180	1,210	60	30
Mining and logging	130	120	140	10	-10
Construction	1,110	1,060	1,070	50	40
Manufacturing	1,690	1,690	1,580	0	110
Durable goods	1,500	1,500	1,370	0	130
Wood product manufacturing	1,180	1,180	1,060	0	120
Nondurable goods	190	190	210	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,480	4,490	4,490	-10	-10
Wholesale trade	720	730	720	-10	0
Retail trade	3,120	3,140	3,050	-20	70
Food and beverage stores	600	600	600	0	0
General merchandise stores	890	900	920	-10	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	640	620	720	20	-80
Information	120	110	120	10	0
Financial activities	900	890	910	10	-10
Professional and business services	1,810	1,800	1,620	10	190
Education and health services	4,160	4,180	4,070	-20	90
Leisure and hospitality	2,630	2,570	2,510	60	120
Other services	810	810	760	0	50
Government	4,540	5,140	4,570	-600	-30
Federal government	910	880	940	30	-30
State government	520	530	500	-10	20
Local government	3,110	3,730	3,130	-620	-20
Local education	1,630	2,240	1,660	-610	-30

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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	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2021	July 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	4,009	3,915	3,666	94	343
Unemployed	185	208	236	-23	-51
Unemployment rate	4.6%	5.3%	6.4%	-0.7	-1.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.5%	5.5%	7.2%	0.0	-1.7
Employed	3,824	3,707	3,430	117	394
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,490	2,440	2,370	50	120
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,380	2,360	2,260	20	120
Total private	1,340	1,240	1,210	100	130
Mining, logging, and construction	130	110	140	20	-10
Mining and logging	30	20	20	10	10
Construction	100	90	120	10	-20
Manufacturing	240	220	200	20	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	390	380	340	10	50
Retail trade	250	250	230	0	20
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	50	0	-10
Professional and business services	100	90	100	10	0
Education and health services	110	110	110	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	210	190	180	20	30
Other services	100	80	70	20	30
Government	1,150	1,200	1,160	-50	-10
Federal government	280	260	310	20	-30
State government	180	180	180	0	0
Local government	690	760	670	-70	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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