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Employment in South Central Oregon: October 2021

Despite job gains slowing, both Klamath and Lake counties are nearing an employment recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Levels of unemployment are also improving quickly and beginning to approach pre-pandemic levels.

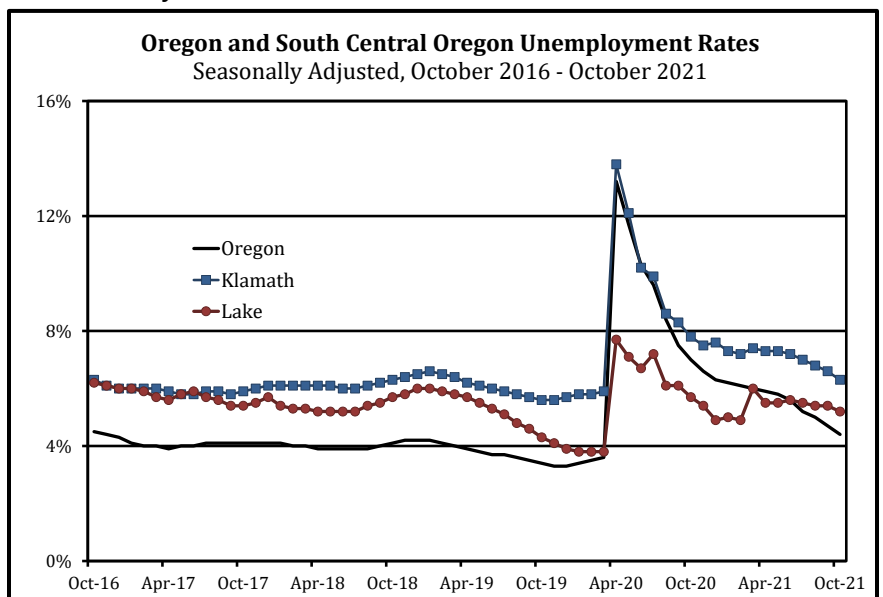
Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped significantly to 6.3% in October, down from 6.6% in September. The unemployment rate is fast approaching levels from before the first impacts of COVID-19 when it was 5.8% in February 2020.

Klamath County shed 40 jobs in October on a seasonally adjusted basis. There were few changes to the overall employment situation in Klamath County after recent revisions from payroll records through June 2021. Employment levels remain down around 550 jobs (-2.4%) from levels in October 2019 before the onset of the pandemic.

The pace of recovery over the past year has been slow with total nonfarm employment only up 1.1% (+250 jobs) from last October. The slow pace is partially due to a decline of 130 federal government jobs compared with October 2020. Private-sector recovery has been more robust with strong gains in manufacturing (+180 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (+140 jobs). Most other private-sector industries were little changed or posted modest gains from last year.

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.2% in October, down from 5.4% in September. The rate was 3.8% in February 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County added 20 jobs in October on a seasonally adjusted basis. Recent revisions using payroll tax records revealed that the recovery has been marginally slower than initially estimated. Despite the



downward revisions, Lake County is approaching an employment recovery with total nonfarm employment only down 20 jobs (-0.8%) from levels in October 2019 before the pandemic.

Employment levels over the past year are largely unchanged. Job gains in leisure and hospitality (+20 jobs) and manufacturing (+30 jobs) have largely been negated by losses in construction (-20 jobs) and federal government (-30 jobs).

Next Press Releases

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



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2021	October 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	30,221	30,445	29,943	-224	278
Unemployed	1,286	1,556	2,030	-270	-744
Unemployment rate	4.3%	5.1%	6.8%	-0.8	-2.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.3%	6.6%	7.8%	-0.3	-1.5
Employed	28,935	28,889	27,913	46	1,022
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,810	22,760	22,560	50	250
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,400	22,440	22,150	-40	250
Total private	17,760	17,840	17,410	-80	350
Mining, logging, and construction	1,160	1,180	1,190	-20	-30
Mining and logging	140	140	140	0	0
Construction	1,020	1,040	1,050	-20	-30
Manufacturing	1,730	1,730	1,550	0	180
Durable goods	1,530	1,530	1,340	0	190
Wood product manufacturing	1,200	1,210	1,030	-10	170
Nondurable goods	200	200	210	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,540	4,480	4,550	60	-10
Wholesale trade	750	750	740	0	10
Retail trade	3,150	3,090	3,090	60	60
Food and beverage stores	630	620	610	10	20
General merchandise stores	910	840	900	70	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	640	640	720	0	-80
Information	100	100	110	0	-10
Financial activities	880	900	890	-20	-10
Professional and business services	1,710	1,690	1,640	20	70
Education and health services	4,200	4,220	4,200	-20	0
Leisure and hospitality	2,610	2,710	2,470	-100	140
Other services	830	830	810	0	20
Government	5,050	4,920	5,150	130	-100
Federal government	780	840	910	-60	-130
State government	510	520	490	-10	20
Local government	3,760	3,560	3,750	200	10
Local education	2,290	2,080	2,270	210	20

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 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2021	October 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,779	3,879	3,727	-100	52
Unemployed	128	161	170	-33	-42
Unemployment rate	3.4%	4.2%	4.6%	-0.8	-1.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.2%	5.4%	5.7%	-0.2	-0.5
Employed	3,651	3,718	3,557	-67	94
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,400	2,410	2,410	-10	-10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,350	2,330	2,360	20	-10
Total private	1,210	1,240	1,190	-30	20
Mining, logging, and construction	110	120	130	-10	-20
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	90	100	110	-10	-20
Manufacturing	230	230	200	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	350	350	350	0	0
Retail trade	250	250	240	0	10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	40	0	0
Professional and business services	100	100	110	0	-10
Education and health services	130	130	120	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	180	190	160	-10	20
Other services	50	60	60	-10	-10
Government	1,190	1,170	1,220	20	-30
Federal government	250	250	280	0	-30
State government	160	170	170	-10	-10
Local government	780	750	770	30	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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