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Employment in South Central Oregon: November 2021

The unemployment rate continued to drop in both Klamath and Lake counties where levels are nearing pre-pandemic lows. Employment levels were little changed in November with losses consistent with seasonal expectations.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped significantly to 6.0% in November, down from 6.3% in October. The unemployment rate is fast approaching levels from before the first impacts of COVID-19 when it was 5.8% in February 2020.

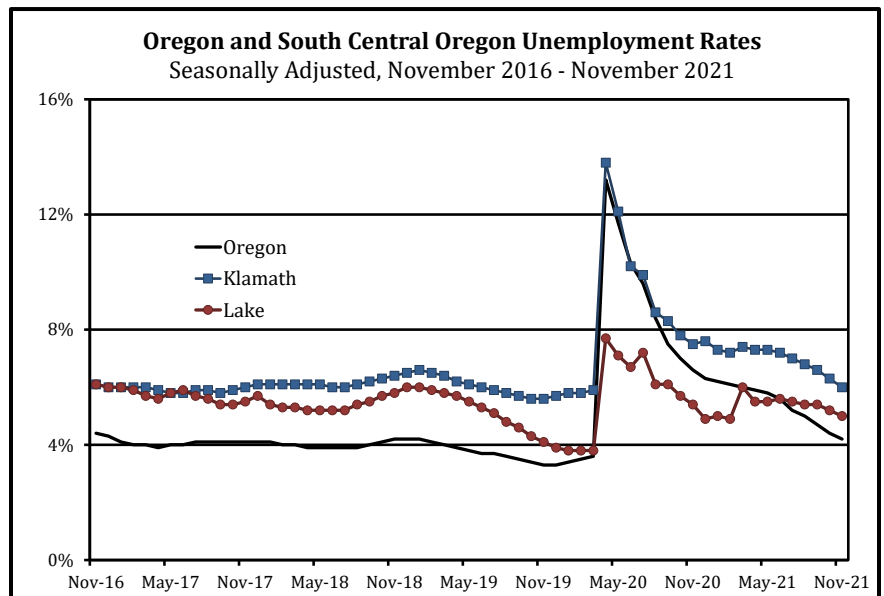
Klamath County posted strong hiring in November on a seasonally adjusted basis. The county only lost 170 jobs compared with a more typical loss of 280 jobs this time of year. Employment levels remain down around 580 jobs (-2.5%) from levels in November 2019 before the onset of the pandemic.

The pace of recovery over the past year has been slow with total nonfarm employment only up 1% (+230 jobs) from last November. The slow pace is partially due to a

decline of 110 federal government jobs compared with November 2020. Private-sector recovery has been more robust with gains in manufacturing (+90 jobs), leisure and hospitality (+100 jobs), retail trade (+50 jobs), and professional and business services (+40 jobs).

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.0% in November, down from 5.2% in October. The rate was 3.8% in February 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County lost 70 jobs in November, fairly typical seasonal losses for this time of year. Lake County is approaching an employment recovery with total nonfarm employment only down 20 jobs (-0.8%) from levels in November 2019 before the pandemic.



Employment levels dropped modestly over the past year (-30 jobs). Job gains in leisure and hospitality (+30 jobs) and manufacturing (+40 jobs) have largely been negated by losses in federal government (-40 jobs) and minor losses in several other private-sector industries.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Jan. 25 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Wednesday, Jan. 19.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	November 2021	October 2021	November 2020	--Change From--	
				October 2021	November 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	29,721	30,226	29,622	-505	99
Unemployed	1,352	1,289	1,989	63	-637
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.3%	6.7%	0.2	-2.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.0%	6.3%	7.5%	-0.3	-1.5
Employed	28,369	28,937	27,633	-568	736
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,620	22,790	22,390	-170	230
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,490	22,380	22,260	110	230
Total private	17,650	17,760	17,340	-110	310
Mining, logging, and construction	1,140	1,160	1,140	-20	0
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Construction	1,000	1,020	1,000	-20	0
Manufacturing	1,730	1,730	1,640	0	90
Durable goods	1,520	1,530	1,430	-10	90
Wood product manufacturing	1,200	1,200	1,120	0	80
Nondurable goods	210	200	210	10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,610	4,550	4,590	60	20
Wholesale trade	760	750	750	10	10
Retail trade	3,200	3,160	3,150	40	50
Food and beverage stores	640	630	610	10	30
General merchandise stores	940	910	930	30	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	650	640	690	10	-40
Information	110	100	110	10	0
Financial activities	890	880	880	10	10
Professional and business services	1,680	1,710	1,640	-30	40
Education and health services	4,180	4,190	4,160	-10	20
Leisure and hospitality	2,480	2,610	2,380	-130	100
Other services	830	830	800	0	30
Government	4,970	5,030	5,050	-60	-80
Federal government	700	780	810	-80	-110
State government	480	490	480	-10	0
Local government	3,790	3,760	3,760	30	30
Local education	2,320	2,290	2,290	30	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

	November 2021	October 2021	November 2020	--Change From--	
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Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,696	3,779	3,670	-83	26
Unemployed	142	132	175	10	-33
Unemployment rate	3.8%	3.5%	4.8%	0.3	-1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.0%</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>-0.4</i>
Employed	3,554	3,647	3,495	-93	59
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,330	2,400	2,360	-70	-30
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>2,350</i>	<i>2,350</i>	<i>2,390</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-40</i>
Total private	1,190	1,210	1,180	-20	10
Mining, logging, and construction	110	110	120	0	-10
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	90	90	100	0	-10
Manufacturing	240	230	200	10	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340	350	360	-10	-20
Retail trade	250	250	240	0	10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	40	0	0
Professional and business services	90	100	100	-10	-10
Education and health services	120	130	130	-10	-10
Leisure and hospitality	180	180	150	0	30
Other services	50	50	60	0	-10
Government	1,140	1,190	1,180	-50	-40
Federal government	200	250	240	-50	-40
State government	160	160	170	0	-10
Local government	780	780	770	0	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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