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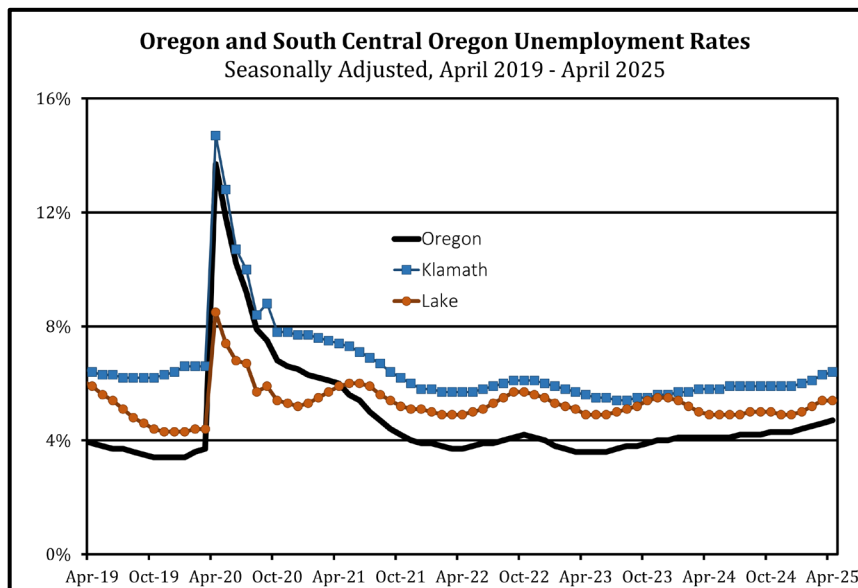
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Employment in South Central Oregon: April 2025

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continued to rise in Klamath County over the month of April but remained unchanged in Lake County.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continued to increase slightly in April and is now 6.4%, up from a rate of 6.3% in March. In April 2024 the unemployment rate was lower at 5.8%.

Klamath County gained 190 jobs (+0.8%) in April, with the majority of gains taking place within leisure and hospitality (+130 jobs). Notable job growth also occurred in mining, logging, and construction (+50 jobs), specifically in construction (+50 jobs); professional and business services (+40 jobs); the public sector (+20 jobs); and other services (+10 jobs). Employment losses were seen in private education and health services (-40 jobs) and in trade, transportation, and utilities (-20 jobs), while all other supersectors saw little to no change over the month of April.



Klamath County gained 30 jobs in the past year (+0.1%) with private-sector gains concentrated in financial activities (+60 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+50 jobs); manufacturing (+40 jobs); and other services (+40 jobs). While public-sector employment grew overall throughout the year, adding 30 jobs, federal employment declined by 20. Notable private-sector job losses over the past year were also seen in construction (-100 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-50 jobs); professional and business services (-30 jobs); and information (-10 jobs). All other industries saw little to no change over the year.

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged over the month of March at 5.4% – last April it was 4.9%. The unemployment rate was 4.2% in February 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Total nonfarm employment was little changed from March to April with an increase of 20 jobs over the month. Marginal gains were seen across manufacturing; other services; and trade, transportation, and utilities, with each sector adding 10 jobs over the month. The only supersector losing jobs over the month was the public sector (-10 jobs). All other industries saw little to no gains over the month. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment levels remain 320 jobs (-13.4%) below the pre-pandemic March 2020 employment levels, as of April.

Lake County's total nonfarm employment has declined by 170 jobs (-7.6%) since April 2024. Over the year, supersector losses were primarily concentrated within the public sector (-80 jobs) but were also more widespread. Smaller yet noticeable declines occurred in leisure and hospitality; professional and business services; manufacturing; and mining, logging, and construction, with each losing 20 jobs over the year. Similarly, private education and health services lost 10 jobs over the year. While no supersector saw overall gains year-over-year, both retail trade and state government experienced an employment increase of 10 jobs.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 24, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Wednesday, June 18.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2025	March 2025	April 2024	March 2025	April 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	28,755	29,082	28,607	-327	148
Unemployed	1,710	2,382	1,483	-672	227
Unemployment rate	5.9%	8.2%	5.2%	-2.3	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6.4%</i>	<i>6.3%</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Employed	27,045	26,700	27,124	345	-79
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,620	23,430	23,590	190	30
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>23,690</i>	<i>23,730</i>	<i>23,660</i>	<i>-40</i>	<i>30</i>
Total private	18,160	17,990	18,160	170	0
Mining, logging, and construction	1,200	1,150	1,300	50	-100
Mining and logging	90	90	90	0	0
Construction	1,110	1,060	1,210	50	-100
Manufacturing	1,620	1,620	1,580	0	40
Durable goods	1,510	1,510	1,490	0	20
Wood product manufacturing	1,190	1,200	1,180	-10	10
Nondurable goods	110	110	90	0	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,510	4,530	4,560	-20	-50
Wholesale trade	720	720	760	0	-40
Retail trade	3,060	3,080	3,050	-20	10
Food and beverage retailers	620	620	620	0	0
General merchandise retailers	870	890	820	-20	50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	730	730	750	0	-20
Information	110	110	120	0	-10
Financial activities	890	890	830	0	60
Professional and business services	1,560	1,520	1,590	40	-30
Private education and health services	4,710	4,750	4,710	-40	0
Leisure and hospitality	2,650	2,520	2,600	130	50
Other services	910	900	870	10	40
Government	5,460	5,440	5,430	20	30
Federal government	700	680	720	20	-20
State government	640	650	590	-10	50
Local government	4,120	4,110	4,120	10	0
Local education	2,530	2,530	2,470	0	60

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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Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,340	3,357	3,520	-17	-180
Unemployed	167	243	164	-76	3
Unemployment rate	5.0%	7.2%	4.7%	-2.2	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>4.9%</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Employed	3,173	3,114	3,356	59	-183
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,070	2,050	2,240	20	-170
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>2,070</i>	<i>2,090</i>	<i>2,240</i>	<i>-20</i>	<i>-170</i>
Total private	1,080	1,050	1,170	30	-90
Mining, logging, and construction	80	80	100	0	-20
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	60	60	80	0	-20
Manufacturing	200	190	220	10	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340	330	340	10	0
Retail trade	240	250	230	-10	10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	40	0	0
Professional and business services	70	70	90	0	-20
Private education and health services	110	110	120	0	-10
Leisure and hospitality	130	130	150	0	-20
Other services	90	80	90	10	0
Government	990	1,000	1,070	-10	-80
Federal government	180	180	180	0	0
State government	200	200	190	0	10
Local government	610	620	700	-10	-90

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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.

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