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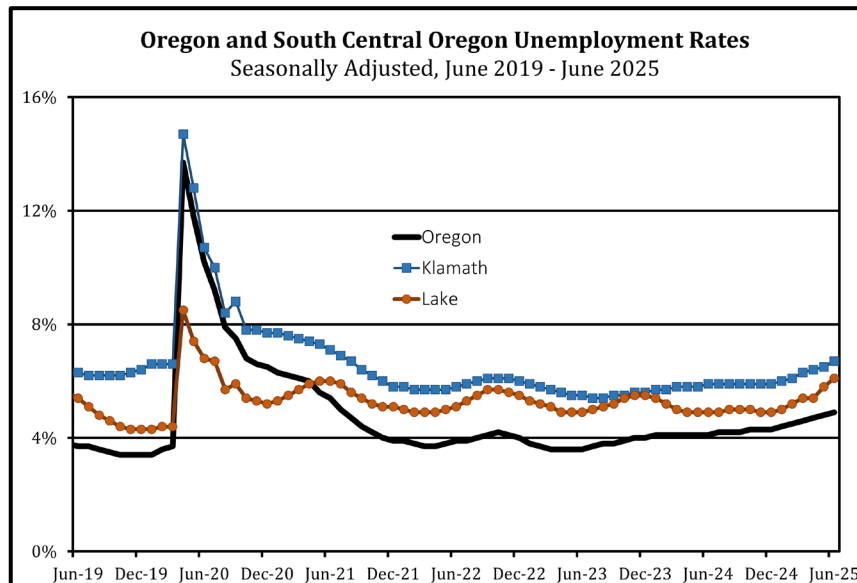
Employment in South Central Oregon: June 2025

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates continued to increase in both South Central counties this June, with a slightly larger percentage point increase in Lake County.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continued to increase over the month of June and is now 6.7%, up from a rate of 6.5% in May. In June 2024, the unemployment rate was 0.8 percentage point lower, at 5.9%.

Klamath County added 60 jobs in June, a +0.2% increase, with the largest gains occurring within leisure and hospitality (+140 jobs); construction (+40 jobs); and government (+30 jobs). Losses were slightly more widespread but not as large taking place within private education and health services (-40 jobs); manufacturing (-40 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-40 jobs); and professional and business services (-30 jobs). All other

industries saw little to no change. As a result, total nonfarm employment for the month is now 24,070.



Klamath County lost 140 jobs in the past year (-0.6%) with private-sector losses concentrated in construction (-110 jobs); professional and business services (-80 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-70 jobs); and private education and health services (-70 jobs). Information also lost 10 jobs over the year. While total public-sector employment grew throughout the year, adding 30 jobs, federal employment declined by 40 and local government employment by 10. Notable private-sector job gains occurred in leisure and hospitality (+110 jobs); other services (+40 jobs); and financial activities (+20 jobs), while all other industries saw little to no change over the year.

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased over the month, going from 5.8% in May to 6.1% in June – last year around this time it was 1.2 percentage points lower, at 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 May to June with an increase of 40 jobs over the month (+1.9%). Small gains were seen within other services (+20 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+10 jobs); and government (+10 jobs). All other major industries saw little to no movement over the month. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment levels are 340 jobs (-14.2%) below the pre-pandemic May 2020 employment levels, as of June.

Lake County's total nonfarm employment has declined by 200 jobs (-8.5%) since June 2024. Over the year, supersector losses were primarily concentrated within the public sector (-130 jobs) but were also more widespread. Smaller yet noticeable declines occurred in leisure and hospitality (-30 jobs); private education and health services (-20 jobs); and manufacturing (-20 jobs). Similarly, professional and business services; financial activities; and construction lost 10 jobs. The only industries to gain jobs over the year ending in June were other services (+20 jobs) and trade, transportation, and utilities (+10 jobs). While public-sector employment is down 11.3% over the year ending in June 2025, losses were concentrated within local government employment (-140 jobs).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, August 19, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Wednesday, August 13.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	May 2025	June 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	29,356	28,968	29,098	388	258
Unemployed	1,943	1,713	1,512	230	431
Unemployment rate	6.6%	5.9%	5.2%	0.7	1.4
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	6.7%	6.5%	5.9%	0.2	0.8
Employed	27,413	27,255	27,586	158	-173
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	24,070	24,010	24,210	60	-140
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	23,590	23,730	23,720	-140	-130
Total private	18,480	18,450	18,650	30	-170
Mining, logging, and construction	1,300	1,260	1,410	40	-110
Mining and logging	90	90	90	0	0
Construction	1,210	1,170	1,320	40	-110
Manufacturing	1,580	1,620	1,580	-40	0
Durable goods	1,480	1,510	1,490	-30	-10
Wood product manufacturing	1,200	1,190	1,190	10	10
Nondurable goods	100	110	90	-10	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,530	4,570	4,600	-40	-70
Wholesale trade	730	730	740	0	-10
Retail trade	3,060	3,100	3,110	-40	-50
Food and beverage retailers	620	620	610	0	10
General merchandise retailers	840	860	850	-20	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	740	740	750	0	-10
Information	110	110	120	0	-10
Financial activities	890	890	870	0	20
Professional and business services	1,540	1,570	1,620	-30	-80
Private education and health services	4,680	4,720	4,750	-40	-70
Leisure and hospitality	2,940	2,800	2,830	140	110
Other services	910	910	870	0	40
Government	5,590	5,560	5,560	30	30
Federal government	780	750	820	30	-40
State government	690	650	610	40	80
Local government	4,120	4,160	4,130	-40	-10
Local education	2,530	2,590	2,460	-60	70

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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	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	May 2025	June 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,487	3,410	3,627	77	-140
Unemployed	211	215	160	-4	51
Unemployment rate	6.1%	6.3%	4.4%	-0.2	1.7
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	6.1%	5.8%	4.9%	0.3	1.2
Employed	3,276	3,195	3,467	81	-191
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,140	2,100	2,340	40	-200
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	2,050	2,070	2,240	-20	-190
Total private	1,120	1,090	1,190	30	-70
Mining, logging, and construction	90	80	100	10	-10
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	70	60	80	10	-10
Manufacturing	190	190	210	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340	340	330	0	10
Retail trade	250	240	230	10	20
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	50	0	-10
Professional and business services	80	80	90	0	-10
Private education and health services	100	100	120	0	-20
Leisure and hospitality	140	140	170	0	-30
Other services	120	100	100	20	20
Government	1,020	1,010	1,150	10	-130
Federal government	220	190	220	30	0
State government	200	200	190	0	10
Local government	600	620	740	-20	-140

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