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Employment in South Central Oregon: June 2026

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rates in South Central Oregon continued to hold steady from May to June with little to no movement in Klamath County and a slight increase in Lake County.

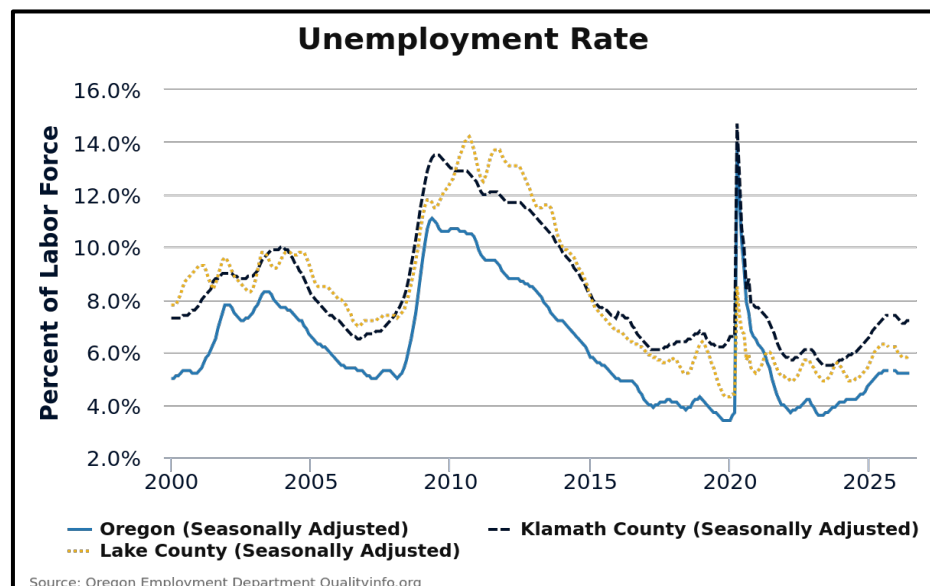
Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.2% in June, unchanged from 7.2% in May. Compared with the previous year, the unemployment rate was also unchanged.

Klamath County's employment gains in June were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment was up 200 (+0.8%) during the month, when an employment increase of 140 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was up 60 jobs (+0.3%) between May and June.

Losses were minimal and occurred in private education and health services (-40 jobs) and manufacturing (-10 jobs). Employment gains were more widespread and concentrated in leisure and hospitality (+120 jobs); the public sector (+40 jobs); construction (+40 jobs); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+30 jobs). Within the public sector, both federal (+60 jobs) and state employment (+20

jobs) grew over the month. Local government was down 40 jobs over the month led by a seasonal decline of 60 jobs in local education. Within the private sector, smaller gains were also seen in professional and business services (+10 jobs) and financial activities (+10 jobs). All other industries saw little to no change over the month.

Over the past year Klamath County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment has shed 550 jobs (-2.3%). Private losses were concentrated in professional and business services (-210 jobs), leisure



and hospitality (-100 jobs), and manufacturing (-100 jobs). Trade, transportation, and utilities dropped 70 jobs with losses in this industry split between wholesale trade (-20 jobs) and retail trade (-70 jobs) but marginally offset by transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+20 jobs). Smaller losses occurred in private education and health services (-30 jobs), other services (-20 jobs), and financial activities (-20 jobs). Gains were minimal and concentrated within the public sector (+40 jobs) and in mining and logging (+10 jobs). Within the public sector, gains in local government (+60 jobs) and state government (+20 jobs) were slightly offset by federal government losses (-40 jobs).

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.9% in June 2026, up from a rate of 5.8% in May. Over the year the unemployment rate is down 0.4 percentage point.

Lake County's employment gains in June were smaller than normal. Total nonfarm employment was up 30 (+1.4%) during the month, when an employment increase of 70 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was down 40 (-1.9%) between May and June with very little movement among industries otherwise.

Industry employment was largely flat in June, but the limited movement that did occur was positive. These gains occurred within the public sector (+20 jobs) and other services (+20 jobs). Within the public sector, both local government (+10 jobs) and federal government (+10 jobs) gained jobs over the month while state government remained unchanged. All other major industries saw little to no change over the month.

Over the past year Lake County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment has declined 70 jobs (-3.3%). Private losses were primarily concentrated within trade, transportation, and utilities (-30 jobs); leisure and hospitality (-30 jobs); financial activities (-10 jobs); and construction (-10 jobs). The public sector was down 30 jobs with federal government losing 70 jobs and local government gaining 40 jobs. Gains were minimal and occurred within other services (+30 jobs). All other major industries saw little to no change over the year.

Next Press Releases

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



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2026	May 2026	June 2025	May 2026	June 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	29,565	29,223	29,930	342	-365
Unemployed	2,017	1,834	1,948	183	69
Unemployment rate	6.8%	6.3%	6.5%	0.5	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>7.2%</i>	<i>7.2%</i>	<i>7.2%</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>
Employed	27,548	27,389	27,982	159	-434
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,760	23,560	24,310	200	-550
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>23,290</i>	<i>23,230</i>	<i>23,830</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>-540</i>
Total private	18,140	17,980	18,730	160	-590
Mining, logging, and construction	1,370	1,330	1,410	40	-40
Mining and logging	100	100	90	0	10
Construction	1,270	1,230	1,320	40	-50
Manufacturing	1,460	1,470	1,560	-10	-100
Durable goods	1,370	1,380	1,450	-10	-80
Wood product manufacturing	1,080	1,090	1,140	-10	-60
Nondurable goods	90	90	110	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,490	4,460	4,560	30	-70
Wholesale trade	690	690	710	0	-20
Retail trade	3,000	2,980	3,070	20	-70
Food and beverage retailers	590	590	630	0	-40
General merchandise retailers	830	840	860	-10	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	800	790	780	10	20
Information	100	100	100	0	0
Financial activities	830	820	850	10	-20
Professional and business services	1,420	1,410	1,630	10	-210
Private education and health services	4,810	4,850	4,840	-40	-30
Leisure and hospitality	2,770	2,650	2,870	120	-100
Other services	890	890	910	0	-20
Government	5,620	5,580	5,580	40	40
Federal government	750	690	790	60	-40
State government	660	640	640	20	20
Local government	4,210	4,250	4,150	-40	60
Local education	2,560	2,620	2,530	-60	30

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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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	June 2026	May 2026	June 2025	May 2026	June 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,536	3,461	3,573	75	-37
Unemployed	210	194	212	16	-2
Unemployment rate	5.9%	5.6%	5.9%	0.3	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.9%</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>6.3%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-0.4</i>
Employed	3,326	3,267	3,361	59	-35
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,130	2,100	2,210	30	-80
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>2,070</i>	<i>2,110</i>	<i>2,140</i>	<i>-40</i>	<i>-70</i>
Total private	1,100	1,090	1,150	10	-50
Mining, logging, and construction	120	120	130	0	-10
Mining and logging	30	30	30	0	0
Construction	90	90	100	0	-10
Manufacturing	200	210	200	-10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	320	320	350	0	-30
Retail trade	240	240	250	0	-10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	30	30	40	0	-10
Professional and business services	60	60	60	0	0
Private education and health services	110	110	110	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	130	130	160	0	-30
Other services	110	90	80	20	30
Government	1,030	1,010	1,060	20	-30
Federal government	150	140	220	10	-70
State government	200	200	200	0	0
Local government	680	670	640	10	40

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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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