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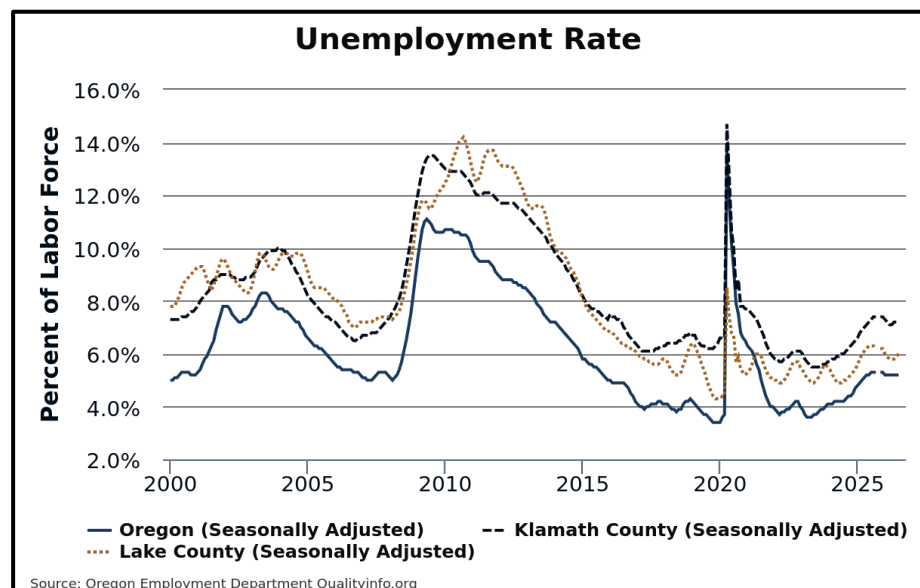
Employment in South Central Oregon: July 2026

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rates in South Central Oregon saw very little movement from June to July, holding steady in Klamath County and increasing in Lake County.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged in July, holding at 7.2%. Compared with the previous year, the unemployment rate is down 0.1 percentage point.

Klamath County's employment losses in July were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment was down 570 (-2.4%) during the month, when an employment decrease of 490 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was down 80 jobs (-0.3%) between June and July.

Losses were primarily coincentred within the public sector (-650 jobs) at the local level (-650 jobs) mostly in local education (-640 jobs). Private-sector losses were concentrated in private education and health services (-30 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-20 jobs); and financial activities (-10 jobs). Employment gains were more widespread and concentrated within the private sector with gains in leisure and hospitality (+50 jobs); construction (+40 jobs); professional and business services (+20 jobs); other services (+20 jobs); and mining and logging (+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 280 jobs (-1.2%); while no change was expected, nonfarm employment declined by 280 jobs. The majority of losses occurred within the private sector with losses seen in manufacturing (-110 jobs), primarily

within durable goods (-80 jobs); professional and business services (-60 jobs); private education and health services (-60 jobs); other services (-60 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-30 jobs); and mining and logging (-10 jobs). Private-sector gains were not as widespread and occurred in construction (+30 jobs), financial activities (+30 jobs), and leisure and hospitality (+20 jobs). Within the public sector (-30 jobs), gains in local government (+30 jobs) slightly offset losses at the federal (-40 jobs) and state (-20 jobs) levels.

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.0% in July 2026, up from a rate of 5.9% in June. Over the year the unemployment rate is down 0.3 percentage point.

Lake County's employment losses were larger than normal this July. Total nonfarm employment was down 50 (-2.2%) during the month, when an employment decrease of 10 jobs was expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was down 40 (-1.8%) between June and July.

Losses were concentrated within the public sector (-70 jobs) primarily at the local level (-90 jobs) with small gains at the federal level (+20 jobs) offsetting some of those losses. Private-sector employment was largely flat in July, but the limited movement that did occur was positive. Gains were minimal and occurred within leisure and hospitality (+10 jobs) and other services (+10 jobs). There was very little movement among industries otherwise.

Over the past year Lake County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment has declined by 30 jobs (-1.4%); while no change was expected, total nonfarm employment has declined by 30 jobs. The public sector was down 70 jobs with local government losing 40 jobs, federal government losing 20 jobs, and state government down 10 jobs. Private-sector losses were minimal and occurred in trade, transportation, and utilities (-10 jobs) and financial activities (-10 jobs). Gains occurred in other services (+30 jobs), mining and logging (+20 jobs), and private education and health services (+10 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 August on Wednesday, Sep. 16 and county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Sep. 22.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2026	June 2026	July 2025	June 2026	July 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	29,481	29,746	29,899	-265	-418
Unemployed	2,080	2,013	2,214	67	-134
Unemployment rate	7.1%	6.8%	7.4%	0.3	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>7.2%</i>	<i>7.2%</i>	<i>7.3%</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>-0.1</i>
Employed	27,401	27,733	27,685	-332	-284
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,390	23,960	23,670	-570	-280
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>23,400</i>	<i>23,480</i>	<i>23,680</i>	<i>-80</i>	<i>-280</i>
Total private	18,420	18,340	18,670	80	-250
Mining, logging, and construction	1,470	1,420	1,450	50	20
Mining and logging	100	90	110	10	-10
Construction	1,370	1,330	1,340	40	30
Manufacturing	1,450	1,450	1,560	0	-110
Durable goods	1,370	1,370	1,450	0	-80
Wood product manufacturing	1,070	1,070	1,140	0	-70
Nondurable goods	80	80	110	0	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,560	4,580	4,590	-20	-30
Wholesale trade	670	680	710	-10	-40
Retail trade	3,100	3,130	3,050	-30	50
Food and beverage retailers	710	720	620	-10	90
General merchandise retailers	820	820	860	0	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	790	770	830	20	-40
Information	100	100	100	0	0
Financial activities	840	850	810	-10	30
Professional and business services	1,550	1,530	1,610	20	-60
Private education and health services	4,740	4,770	4,800	-30	-60
Leisure and hospitality	2,830	2,780	2,810	50	20
Other services	880	860	940	20	-60
Government	4,970	5,620	5,000	-650	-30
Federal government	780	780	820	0	-40
State government	650	650	670	0	-20
Local government	3,540	4,190	3,510	-650	30
Local education	1,910	2,550	1,880	-640	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

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	July 2026	June 2026	July 2025	June 2026	July 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,679	3,636	3,702	43	-23
Unemployed	211	208	208	3	3
Unemployment rate	5.7%	5.7%	5.6%	0.0	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6.0%</i>	<i>5.9%</i>	<i>6.3%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-0.3</i>
Employed	3,468	3,428	3,494	40	-26
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,190	2,240	2,220	-50	-30
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>2,130</i>	<i>2,170</i>	<i>2,160</i>	<i>-40</i>	<i>-30</i>
Total private	1,210	1,190	1,170	20	40
Mining, logging, and construction	160	160	140	0	20
Mining and logging	50	50	30	0	20
Construction	110	110	110	0	0
Manufacturing	200	200	200	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340	340	350	0	-10
Retail trade	240	240	250	0	-10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	30	30	40	0	-10
Professional and business services	70	70	70	0	0
Private education and health services	110	110	100	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	160	150	160	10	0
Other services	120	110	90	10	30
Government	980	1,050	1,050	-70	-70
Federal government	210	190	230	20	-20
State government	210	210	220	0	-10
Local government	560	650	600	-90	-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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