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## Employment in South Central Oregon: April 2024

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

**Klamath County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in April was 5.4%, unchanged from March’s revised rate. The unemployment rate in April 2023 was 5.2%.

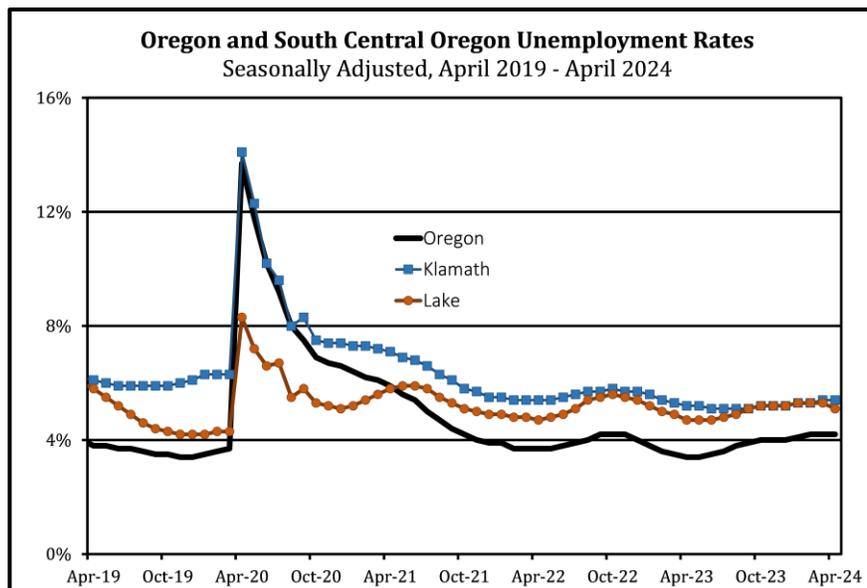
Klamath County gained 250 jobs (+1.1%) in April, with the majority of gains taking place in leisure and hospitality (+130 jobs). Seasonally adjusted employment levels in Klamath County are now 2.1% (+480 jobs) above levels in February 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.

Klamath County gained 170 jobs in the past year (+0.7%). Notable private-sector job losses over the past year were seen in trade, transportation, and utilities (-240 jobs);

manufacturing (-140 jobs); and mining, logging, and construction (-40 jobs). In the public sector, government employment was up by 260 jobs over the year, with the largest gains taking place in local government (+210 jobs). Total nonfarm employment losses were offset by gains in private education and health services (+230 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+70 jobs); other services (+50 jobs); and professional and business services (+20 jobs).

**Lake County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased from 5.3% in March to 5.1% in April—last April it was 4.7%. The unemployment rate was 4.2% in January 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County employment increased by 10 jobs in April, with the only notable monthly gains in other services (+10 jobs) and construction (+10 jobs). Losses were concentrated in local government (-10



jobs). As of April 2024, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment levels remain 180 jobs (-7.5%) below the pre-pandemic February 2020 employment levels.

Lake County's total nonfarm employment is down by 100 jobs year-over-year. Gains were marginal with a gain of 10 jobs in each of the following industries: mining and logging; private education and health services; and other services. These gains were overshadowed by losses in the public sector (-110 jobs), with the majority of losses taking place in local government (-80 jobs). All other major industries saw little to no change over the year.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 25, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Thursday, June 20.



## Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024	April 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	30,188	30,227	29,349	-39	839
Unemployed	1,453	1,953	1,279	-500	174
Unemployment rate	4.8%	6.5%	4.4%	-1.7	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.4%	5.4%	5.2%	0.0	0.2
Employed	28,735	28,274	28,070	461	665
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	23,640	23,390	23,470	250	170
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,690	23,680	23,520	10	170
Total private	18,140	17,930	18,230	210	-90
Mining, logging, and construction	1,140	1,090	1,180	50	-40
Mining and logging	90	90	100	0	-10
Construction	1,050	1,000	1,080	50	-30
Manufacturing	1,630	1,650	1,770	-20	-140
Durable goods	1,520	1,530	1,590	-10	-70
Wood product manufacturing	1,210	1,220	1,270	-10	-60
Nondurable goods	110	120	180	-10	-70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,390	4,410	4,630	-20	-240
Wholesale trade	750	750	770	0	-20
Retail trade	3,000	3,020	3,200	-20	-200
Food and beverage retailers	640	640	650	0	-10
General merchandise retailers	810	820	880	-10	-70
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	640	640	660	0	-20
Information	110	110	120	0	-10
Financial activities	880	880	910	0	-30
Professional and business services	1,670	1,640	1,650	30	20
Private education and health services	4,760	4,730	4,530	30	230
Leisure and hospitality	2,590	2,460	2,520	130	70
Other services	970	960	920	10	50
Government	5,500	5,460	5,240	40	260
Federal government	730	700	710	30	20
State government	600	610	570	-10	30
Local government	4,170	4,150	3,960	20	210
Local education	2,550	2,550	2,400	0	150

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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	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024	April 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	3,534	3,528	3,601	6	-67
Unemployed	162	209	186	-47	-24
Unemployment rate	4.6%	5.9%	5.2%	-1.3	-0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.3%	4.7%	-0.2	0.4
Employed	3,372	3,319	3,415	53	-43
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	2,200	2,190	2,300	10	-100
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,210	2,240	2,310	-30	-100
Total private	1,140	1,120	1,130	20	10
Mining, logging, and construction	90	80	80	10	10
Mining and logging	20	20	10	0	10
Construction	70	60	70	10	0
Manufacturing	200	200	200	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340	340	340	0	0
Retail trade	240	240	230	0	10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	50	50	50	0	0
Professional and business services	80	80	80	0	0
Private education and health services	130	130	120	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	150	150	170	0	-20
Other services	80	70	70	10	10
Government	1,060	1,070	1,170	-10	-110
Federal government	180	180	200	0	-20
State government	190	190	200	0	-10
Local government	690	700	770	-10	-80

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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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