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Employment in South Central Oregon: August 2024

Both South Central Oregon counties saw little to no change in their seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in August. Total nonfarm employment is up in Klamath County while down in Lake County over the year ending in August.

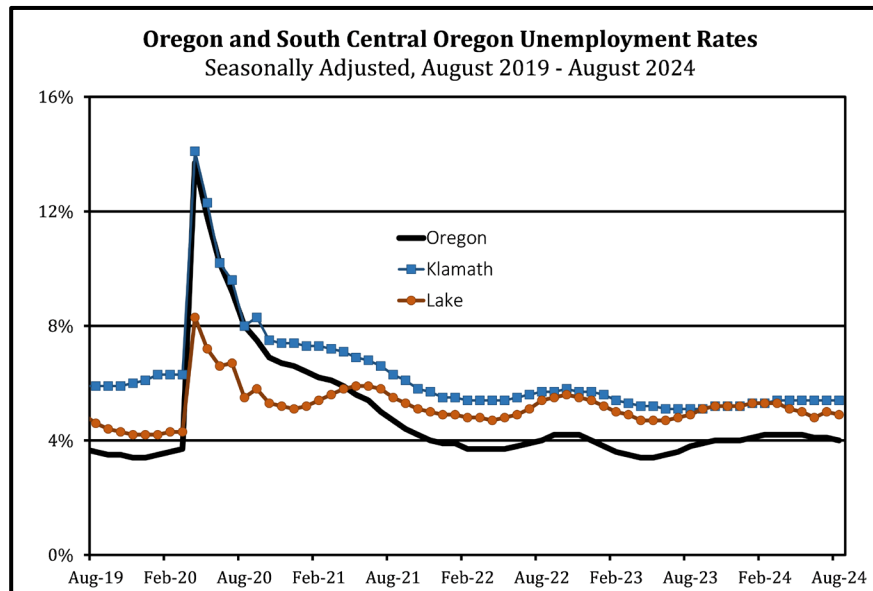
Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in August was 5.4%, unchanged from July's rate. The unemployment rate in August 2023 was 5.1%.

Klamath County gained 100 jobs (+0.4%) in August, with the majority of gains taking place in the public sector (+60 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+40 jobs); and construction (+30 jobs). Seasonally adjusted employment levels in Klamath County are now 3.1% (+730 jobs) above levels in February 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.

Klamath County gained 180 jobs in the past year (+0.8%) with all gains originating in the public sector (+180 jobs), 170 jobs stemming from local government. That is to say, there was no change in private-sector employment over the year ending in August.

Private-sector job gains over the past year were seen in leisure and hospitality (+150 jobs); private education and health services (+130 jobs); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+40 jobs). These gains were cancelled out by losses in other services (-100 jobs); professional and business services (-100 jobs); manufacturing (-80 jobs); and financial activities (-40 jobs).

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 5.0% in July to 4.9% in August—last August it was also 4.9%. The unemployment rate was 4.2% in January 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.



Lake County employment decreased by 10 jobs in August (-0.4%). Small job gains were seen in construction and trade, transportation, and utilities—with an additional 10 jobs each. These gains were slightly offset by losses in leisure and hospitality, other services, and government, all of which lost 10 jobs from July to August. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment levels remain 150 jobs (-6.3%) below the pre-pandemic February 2020 employment levels, as of August.

Lake County's total nonfarm employment is down by 50 jobs (-2.1%) year-over-year, with the only notable gains taking place in other services (+30 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+20 jobs); manufacturing (+10 jobs); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+10 jobs). Losses were concentrated in the public sector (-90 jobs), primarily in local government (-80 jobs). Other lesser, but notable losses occurred in leisure and hospitality (-20 jobs), and professional and business 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 September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Oct. 22, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 16.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2024	July 2024	August 2023	July 2024	August 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	30,847	30,540	30,463	307	384
Unemployed	1,610	1,692	1,468	-82	142
Unemployment rate	5.2%	5.5%	4.8%	-0.3	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.4%	5.4%	5.1%	0.0	0.3
Employed	29,237	28,848	28,995	389	242
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	24,000	23,900	23,820	100	180
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,940	23,890	23,760	50	180
Total private	18,910	18,870	18,910	40	0
Mining, logging, and construction	1,390	1,360	1,390	30	0
Mining and logging	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	1,290	1,260	1,290	30	0
Manufacturing	1,650	1,650	1,730	0	-80
Durable goods	1,550	1,550	1,570	0	-20
Wood product manufacturing	1,240	1,240	1,250	0	-10
Nondurable goods	100	100	160	0	-60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,710	4,670	4,670	40	40
Wholesale trade	770	770	790	0	-20
Retail trade	3,170	3,130	3,150	40	20
Food and beverage retailers	630	630	640	0	-10
General merchandise retailers	910	880	830	30	80
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	770	770	730	0	40
Information	120	120	120	0	0
Financial activities	850	860	890	-10	-40
Professional and business services	1,610	1,620	1,710	-10	-100
Private education and health services	4,640	4,680	4,510	-40	130
Leisure and hospitality	3,040	3,020	2,890	20	150
Other services	900	890	1,000	10	-100
Government	5,090	5,030	4,910	60	180
Federal government	860	890	830	-30	30
State government	630	630	600	0	30
Local government	3,600	3,510	3,480	90	120
Local education	1,930	1,820	1,860	110	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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	August 2024	July 2024	August 2023	July 2024	August 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,708	3,742	3,738	-34	-30
Unemployed	150	202	161	-52	-11
Unemployment rate	4.0%	5.4%	4.3%	-1.4	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	5.0%	4.9%	-0.1	0.0
Employed	3,558	3,540	3,577	18	-19
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,290	2,300	2,340	-10	-50
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,240	2,240	2,290	0	-50
Total private	1,240	1,240	1,200	0	40
Mining, logging, and construction	130	120	110	10	20
Mining and logging	30	30	20	0	10
Construction	100	90	90	10	10
Manufacturing	210	210	200	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	360	350	350	10	10
Retail trade	240	240	240	0	0
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	50	50	50	0	0
Professional and business services	90	90	100	0	-10
Private education and health services	110	110	110	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	150	160	170	-10	-20
Other services	120	130	90	-10	30
Government	1,050	1,060	1,140	-10	-90
Federal government	240	240	250	0	-10
State government	200	200	200	0	0
Local government	610	620	690	-10	-80

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The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly payroll employment and labor force data for Oregon's metropolitan areas and counties. The estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other sources.

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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