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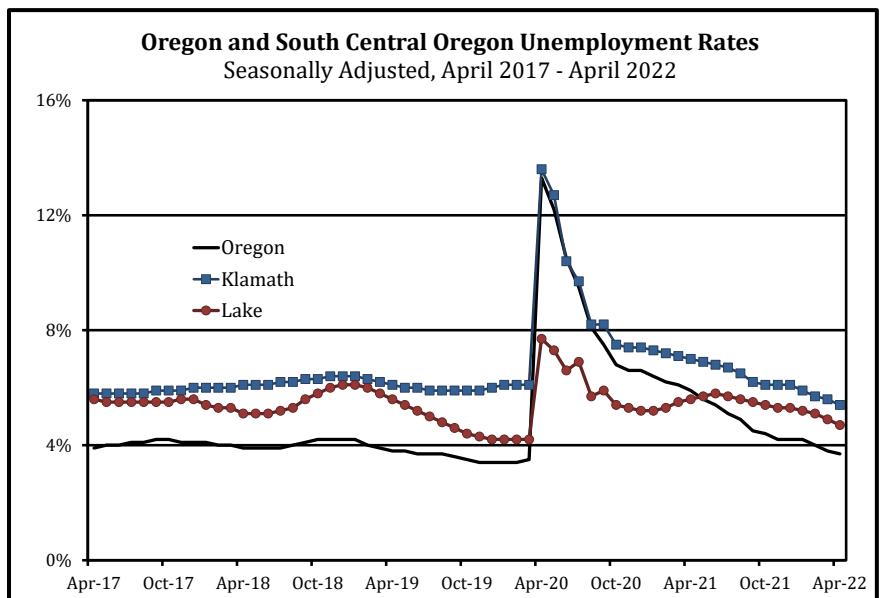
Employment in South Central Oregon: April 2022

Recent revisions to the employment situation revealed that recent job growth was stronger than initially estimated in both Klamath and Lake counties. Strong job gains led to continued declines in local area unemployment rates in April.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 5.4% in April, down from a revised rate of 5.6% in March. The unemployment rate remains below levels from before the first impacts of COVID-19 when it was 5.8% in April 2020.

Klamath County added 220 jobs in April, slower growth than typically expected this time of year. Recent revisions using payroll tax records revealed faster recovery through the end of 2021 than initially estimated. Employment levels in Klamath County are now down just 1.7% (-410 jobs) from levels in February 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.

Klamath County added 450 jobs in the past year (+2%). Job gains were widespread with the largest gains in retail trade (+140 jobs) and wood product manufacturing (+120 jobs). The only job losses were in professional and business services and federal government agencies, each down 90 jobs over the past year.



Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.7% in April compared with 4.9% in March. The rate was 3.8% in April 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County added 40 jobs in April, stronger gains than typically expected this time of year. As of April 2022 total nonfarm employment levels remain down around 110 jobs (-4.6%) from levels before the onset

of the pandemic in February 2020. The county saw a modest upward revision to total nonfarm employment levels after recent revisions.

Despite the upward revision to employment estimates, Lake County's total nonfarm employment remains down 80 jobs (-3.4%) from last year. These losses are primarily due to declines in federal and local governments and professional and business services, each losing around 20 jobs. There were no notable industry job gains over the past year.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Wednesday, June 22 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Wednesday, June 15.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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|---|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | April 2022 | March 2022 | April 2021 | March 2022 | April 2021 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 30,242 | 30,098 | 29,905 | 144 | 337 |
| Unemployed | 1,562 | 1,791 | 2,168 | -229 | -606 |
| Unemployment rate | 5.2% | 6.0% | 7.2% | -0.8 | -2.0 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 5.4% | 5.6% | 7.0% | -0.2 | -1.6 |
| Employed | 28,680 | 28,307 | 27,737 | 373 | 943 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 22,730 | 22,510 | 22,280 | 220 | 450 |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 22,800 | 22,890 | 22,350 | -90 | 450 |
| Total private | 17,820 | 17,600 | 17,330 | 220 | 490 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 1,140 | 1,080 | 1,090 | 60 | 50 |
| Mining and logging | 120 | 120 | 120 | 0 | 0 |
| Construction | 1,020 | 960 | 970 | 60 | 50 |
| Manufacturing | 1,810 | 1,800 | 1,710 | 10 | 100 |
| Durable goods | 1,610 | 1,600 | 1,510 | 10 | 100 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 1,310 | 1,320 | 1,190 | -10 | 120 |
| Nondurable goods | 200 | 200 | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 4,630 | 4,610 | 4,400 | 20 | 230 |
| Wholesale trade | 770 | 770 | 730 | 0 | 40 |
| Retail trade | 3,170 | 3,150 | 3,030 | 20 | 140 |
| Food and beverage stores | 610 | 610 | 610 | 0 | 0 |
| General merchandise stores | 860 | 870 | 840 | -10 | 20 |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 690 | 690 | 640 | 0 | 50 |
| Information | 120 | 120 | 110 | 0 | 10 |
| Financial activities | 910 | 920 | 880 | -10 | 30 |
| Professional and business services | 1,620 | 1,590 | 1,710 | 30 | -90 |
| Education and health services | 4,240 | 4,250 | 4,160 | -10 | 80 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 2,460 | 2,350 | 2,440 | 110 | 20 |
| Other services | 890 | 880 | 830 | 10 | 60 |
| Government | 4,910 | 4,910 | 4,950 | 0 | -40 |
| Federal government | 660 | 650 | 750 | 10 | -90 |
| State government | 490 | 500 | 490 | -10 | 0 |
| Local government | 3,760 | 3,760 | 3,710 | 0 | 50 |
| Local education | 2,300 | 2,310 | 2,260 | -10 | 40 |

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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| | April 2022 | March 2022 | April 2021 | March 2022 | April 2021 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 3,652 | 3,623 | 3,734 | 29 | -82 |
| Unemployed | 160 | 215 | 222 | -55 | -62 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.4% | 5.9% | 5.9% | -1.5 | -1.5 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 4.7% | 4.9% | 5.6% | -0.2 | -0.9 |
| Employed | 3,492 | 3,408 | 3,512 | 84 | -20 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 2,240 | 2,200 | 2,320 | 40 | -80 |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 2,280 | 2,260 | 2,360 | 20 | -80 |
| Total private | 1,150 | 1,130 | 1,190 | 20 | -40 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 110 | 100 | 100 | 10 | 10 |
| Mining and logging | 20 | 20 | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Construction | 90 | 80 | 90 | 10 | 0 |
| Manufacturing | 220 | 220 | 220 | 0 | 0 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 330 | 320 | 340 | 10 | -10 |
| Retail trade | 240 | 240 | 240 | 0 | 0 |
| Information | 20 | 20 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Financial activities | 40 | 40 | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Professional and business services | 70 | 70 | 90 | 0 | -20 |
| Education and health services | 110 | 120 | 120 | -10 | -10 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 180 | 170 | 190 | 10 | -10 |
| Other services | 70 | 70 | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| Government | 1,090 | 1,070 | 1,130 | 20 | -40 |
| Federal government | 200 | 180 | 220 | 20 | -20 |
| State government | 160 | 160 | 160 | 0 | 0 |
| Local government | 730 | 730 | 750 | 0 | -20 |

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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.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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