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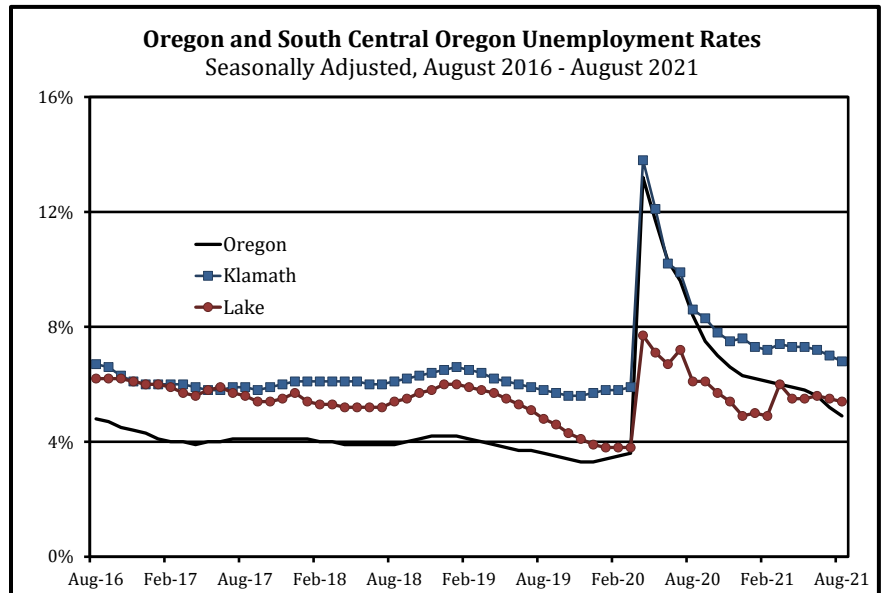
Employment in South Central Oregon: August 2021

There was modest improvement to unemployment rates in both Klamath and Lake counties in August. Meanwhile, hiring was consistent with normal seasonal expectations.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 6.8% in August, down from 7.0% in July. The unemployment rate remains higher than before the first impacts of COVID-19 when it was 5.8% in February 2020.

Klamath County added 160 jobs in August, typical gains for this time of year. Employment levels remain down around 870 jobs (-3.7%) from the pre-COVID peak in March 2020.

Recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic has slowed dramatically over the past year. Total nonfarm employment only rose 2.3% from last August. However, there was much faster growth in a few notable industries, including professional and business services (+11.7%) and manufacturing (+9.7%).



Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was little changed at 5.4% in August compared with 5.5% in July. The rate was 3.8% in February 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County lost 10 jobs in August, typical losses for this time of year. Employment levels remain down only 30 jobs (-1.2%) from the pre-COVID peak in February 2020.

Over-the-year job losses in the public sector, most notably federal government (-50 jobs), have been overcome by strong gains from private businesses. Manufacturing and leisure and hospitality each added 30 jobs over the past year.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Oct. 26 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Tuesday, Oct. 19.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

			--Change From--		
	August 2021	July 2021	August 2020	July 2021	August 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	30,460	30,470	29,565	-10	895
Unemployed	1,761	1,902	2,409	-141	-648
Unemployment rate	5.8%	6.2%	8.1%	-0.4	-2.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.8%	7.0%	8.6%	-0.2	-1.8
Employed	28,699	28,568	27,156	131	1,543
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,530	22,370	22,010	160	520
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,390	22,380	21,880	10	510
Total private	17,940	17,840	17,380	100	560
Mining, logging, and construction	1,250	1,240	1,200	10	50
Mining and logging	130	130	140	0	-10
Construction	1,120	1,110	1,060	10	60
Manufacturing	1,690	1,690	1,540	0	150
Durable goods	1,500	1,500	1,340	0	160
Wood product manufacturing	1,180	1,180	1,030	0	150
Nondurable goods	190	190	200	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,500	4,480	4,520	20	-20
Wholesale trade	730	720	720	10	10
Retail trade	3,130	3,120	3,090	10	40
Food and beverage stores	610	600	620	10	-10
General merchandise stores	900	890	930	10	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	640	640	710	0	-70
Information	110	120	120	-10	-10
Financial activities	910	900	900	10	10
Professional and business services	1,820	1,810	1,630	10	190
Education and health services	4,200	4,160	4,150	40	50
Leisure and hospitality	2,640	2,630	2,540	10	100
Other services	820	810	780	10	40
Government	4,590	4,530	4,630	60	-40
Federal government	900	900	1,020	0	-120
State government	530	520	500	10	30
Local government	3,160	3,110	3,110	50	50
Local education	1,670	1,630	1,650	40	20

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 2021	July 2021	August 2020	July 2021	August 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,977	4,007	3,783	-30	194
Unemployed	169	186	197	-17	-28
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.6%	5.2%	-0.4	-1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.4%	5.5%	6.1%	-0.1	-0.7
Employed	3,808	3,821	3,586	-13	222
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,480	2,490	2,390	-10	90
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,380	2,380	2,290	0	90
Total private	1,330	1,340	1,210	-10	120
Mining, logging, and construction	130	130	140	0	-10
Mining and logging	30	30	20	0	10
Construction	100	100	120	0	-20
Manufacturing	230	240	200	-10	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	400	390	350	10	50
Retail trade	250	250	240	0	10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	40	0	0
Professional and business services	100	100	90	0	10
Education and health services	120	110	120	10	0
Leisure and hospitality	210	210	180	0	30
Other services	80	100	70	-20	10
Government	1,150	1,150	1,180	0	-30
Federal government	280	280	330	0	-50
State government	180	180	180	0	0
Local government	690	690	670	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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