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Employment in South Central Oregon: December 2021

Both Klamath and Lake counties posted strong hiring in December and continued improvement to their unemployment rates. An important note, these estimates are already in the process of annual benchmark revisions. A more detailed year-in-review will be available after the release of these revisions in March.

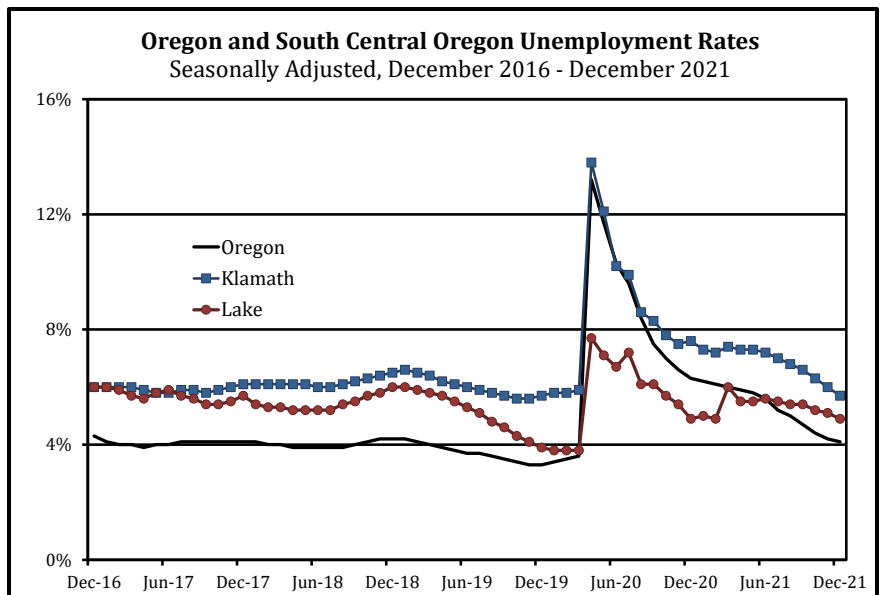
Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped significantly to 5.7% in December, down from 6.0% in November. The unemployment rate is now below levels from before the first impacts of COVID-19 when it was 5.8% in February 2020.

Once again, Klamath County posted strong hiring in December on a seasonally adjusted basis. The county only lost 140 jobs compared with a more typical loss of 300 jobs this time of year. Employment levels remain down only 1.5% (-360 jobs) from levels in December 2019 before the onset of the pandemic.

Klamath County added 560 jobs in the past year (+2.6%). Job gains were largely concentrated in the hard hit leisure and hospitality sector (+460 jobs). However, there were notable gains in manufacturing (+90 jobs); and local government education (+50). There were also a few sectors that posted significant job losses over the past year, including construction (-60 jobs) and federal government (-80).

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dipped to 4.9% in December, down from 5.1% in November. The rate was 3.8% in February 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County only lost 20 jobs in December, fewer losses than typical for this time of year. Lake County recovered from the pandemic shock in December with total nonfarm employment up 10 jobs from levels before the pandemic in December 2019.



Employment levels are up 2.2% over the past year (+50 jobs). This growth was due to strong hiring in leisure and hospitality and manufacturing, each adding 40 jobs over the past year. Most industries added jobs over the past year besides modest losses in federal government agencies and wholesale trade.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Mar. 8 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, Mar. 8.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2021	November 2021	December 2020	November 2021	December 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	29,526	29,782	29,823	-256	-297
Unemployed	1,557	1,391	2,340	166	-783
Unemployment rate	5.3%	4.7%	7.8%	0.6	-2.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.7%	6.0%	7.6%	-0.3	-1.9
Employed	27,969	28,391	27,483	-422	486
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	22,480	22,620	21,920	-140	560
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	22,650	22,490	22,090	160	560
Total private	17,520	17,650	16,940	-130	580
Mining, logging, and construction	1,060	1,140	1,110	-80	-50
Mining and logging	140	140	130	0	10
Construction	920	1,000	980	-80	-60
Manufacturing	1,730	1,730	1,640	0	90
Durable goods	1,530	1,520	1,440	10	90
Wood product manufacturing	1,200	1,200	1,140	0	60
Nondurable goods	200	210	200	-10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,580	4,600	4,560	-20	20
Wholesale trade	750	750	740	0	10
Retail trade	3,160	3,200	3,140	-40	20
Food and beverage stores	630	640	610	-10	20
General merchandise stores	940	950	930	-10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	670	650	680	20	-10
Information	110	100	110	10	0
Financial activities	890	890	890	0	0
Professional and business services	1,690	1,690	1,650	0	40
Education and health services	4,230	4,190	4,250	40	-20
Leisure and hospitality	2,410	2,480	1,950	-70	460
Other services	820	830	780	-10	40
Government	4,960	4,970	4,980	-10	-20
Federal government	670	700	750	-30	-80
State government	480	480	480	0	0
Local government	3,810	3,790	3,750	20	60
Local education	2,320	2,320	2,270	0	50

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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	December 2021	November 2021	December 2020	November 2021	December 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,685	3,703	3,676	-18	9
Unemployed	168	148	181	20	-13
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.0%	4.9%	0.6	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	5.1%	4.9%	-0.2	0.0
Employed	3,517	3,555	3,495	-38	22
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,310	2,330	2,260	-20	50
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,380	2,350	2,330	30	50
Total private	1,180	1,190	1,120	-10	60
Mining, logging, and construction	110	110	110	0	0
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	90	90	90	0	0
Manufacturing	240	240	200	0	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340	340	370	0	-30
Retail trade	250	250	240	0	10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	40	0	0
Professional and business services	90	90	90	0	0
Education and health services	130	120	120	10	10
Leisure and hospitality	160	180	120	-20	40
Other services	50	50	50	0	0
Government	1,130	1,140	1,140	-10	-10
Federal government	190	200	210	-10	-20
State government	160	160	160	0	0
Local government	780	780	770	0	10

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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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