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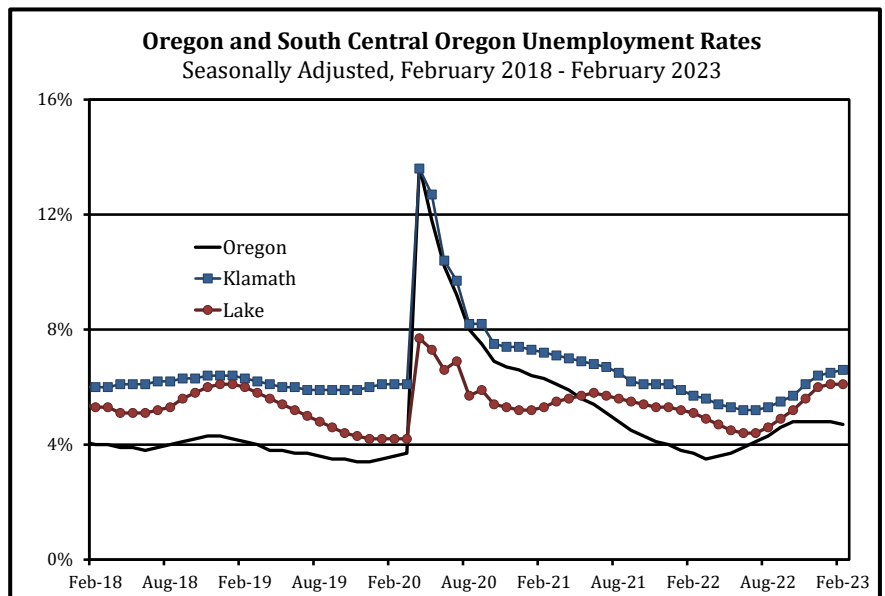
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Employment in South Central Oregon: February 2023

Hiring patterns in February were largely consistent with seasonal norms for February in both Klamath and Lake counties. Unemployment levels remained steady.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.6% in February, up from a revised 6.5% in January. The unemployment rate is slightly above levels from before the first impacts of COVID-19 when it was 6.1% in February 2020.

Klamath County gained 270 jobs in February, job gains that are typical this time of year. Employment levels in Klamath County are up 1.4% (+330 jobs) from levels in February 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.



Klamath County added 350 jobs in the past year (+1.5%). Notable job gains over the past year were seen in private education and health services (+140), general merchandise retailers (+60), and professional and business services (+20). In the public sector, local government was up 130 jobs, with local education up by 100. Total nonfarm employment growth was moderated by losses in mining and logging (-30 jobs), food and beverage retailers (-30), and construction (-20).

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 6.1% in February, unchanged from its revised rate of 6.1% in January. The rate was 4.2% in February 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County gained 20 jobs in February, typical gains for this time of year. As of February 2023, total nonfarm employment levels remain 80 jobs (-3.3%) below the pre-pandemic February 2020 employment levels.

Lake County's total nonfarm employment saw a gain of 10 jobs over the year, with the only notable gains in local and federal government, which added 10 and 20 jobs, respectively. Private education and health services saw a decline of 20 jobs over the year, followed by leisure and hospitality (-10 jobs).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 25 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Wednesday, April 19.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	February 2023	January 2023	February 2022	January 2023	February 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	29,992	29,941	30,050	51	-58
Unemployed	2,267	2,528	1,903	-261	364
Unemployment rate	7.6%	8.4%	6.3%	-0.8	1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.6%	6.5%	5.7%	0.1	0.9
Employed	27,725	27,413	28,147	312	-422
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,110	22,840	22,760	270	350
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,540	23,440	23,190	100	350
Total private	18,040	17,860	17,920	180	120
Mining, logging, and construction	1,070	1,050	1,120	20	-50
Mining and logging	90	80	120	10	-30
Construction	980	970	1,000	10	-20
Manufacturing	1,880	1,870	1,890	10	-10
Durable goods	1,700	1,680	1,690	20	10
Wood product manufacturing	1,370	1,350	1,370	20	0
Nondurable goods	180	190	200	-10	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,580	4,560	4,580	20	0
Wholesale trade	790	770	780	20	10
Retail trade	3,130	3,130	3,140	0	-10
Food and beverage retailers	590	590	620	0	-30
General merchandise retailers	910	920	850	-10	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	660	660	660	0	0
Information	110	120	120	-10	-10
Financial activities	910	890	910	20	0
Professional and business services	1,660	1,640	1,640	20	20
Private education and health services	4,520	4,450	4,380	70	140
Leisure and hospitality	2,390	2,370	2,380	20	10
Other services	920	910	900	10	20
Government	5,070	4,980	4,840	90	230
Federal government	700	670	610	30	90
State government	500	500	490	0	10
Local government	3,870	3,810	3,740	60	130
Local education	2,380	2,320	2,280	60	100

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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	February 2023	January 2023	February 2022	January 2023	February 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,594	3,613	3,685	-19	-91
Unemployed	248	290	226	-42	22
Unemployment rate	6.9%	8.0%	6.1%	-1.1	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.1%	6.1%	5.1%	0.0	1.0
Employed	3,346	3,323	3,459	23	-113
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,260	2,240	2,250	20	10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,310	2,320	2,310	-10	0
Total private	1,140	1,130	1,160	10	-20
Mining, logging, and construction	90	90	90	0	0
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	70	70	70	0	0
Manufacturing	220	220	220	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340	340	340	0	0
Retail trade	250	250	250	0	0
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	40	0	0
Professional and business services	80	80	80	0	0
Private education and health services	110	110	130	0	-20
Leisure and hospitality	170	160	180	10	-10
Other services	70	70	60	0	10
Government	1,120	1,110	1,090	10	30
Federal government	200	190	180	10	20
State government	160	160	160	0	0
Local government	760	760	750	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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