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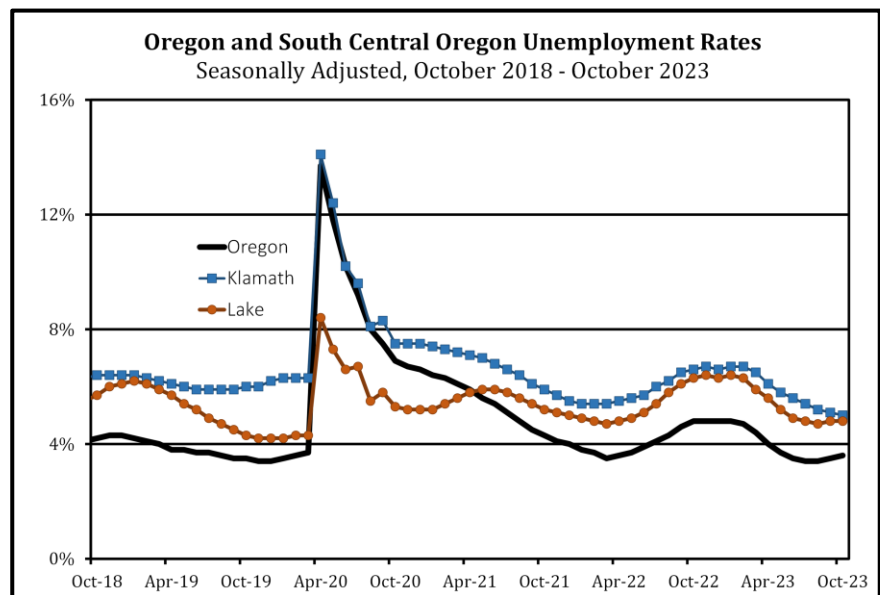
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Employment in South Central Oregon: October 2023

October unemployment levels saw little to no change in South Central Oregon. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased slightly in Klamath County and was unchanged in Lake County.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.0% in October, down from 5.1% in September. The unemployment rate in October 2022 was 6.6%.

Klamath County lost 150 jobs in October; larger losses than expected this year. Seasonally adjusted employment levels in Klamath County are 2.8% (+650 jobs) above levels in February 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.



Klamath County added 620 jobs in the past year (+2.6%). Notable private-sector job gains over the past year were seen in private education and health services (+290 jobs); other services (+90 jobs); and construction (+60 jobs). In the public sector, government employment was up by 350 jobs with the majority taking place in local government (+290 jobs). Federal and state job counts were up by 40 and 20, respectively. Total nonfarm employment growth was moderated by losses in manufacturing (-140 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-120 jobs); and information (-10 jobs).

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in Lake County at 4.8% in October. The unemployment rate was 4.2% in January 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County employment decreased by 20 jobs in October, typical losses for this time of year with the only notable monthly gains in local government (+20 jobs). As of October 2023, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment levels remain 150 jobs (-6.3%) below the pre-pandemic February 2020 employment levels.

Lake County's total nonfarm employment is down by 40 jobs over the year with the only notable gains in private education and health services (+10 jobs); financial activities (+10 jobs); other services (+10 jobs); and state government (+10). These gains were overshadowed by losses in local government (-30 jobs); leisure and hospitality (-20 jobs); and retail trade (-20 jobs).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Wednesday, Dec. 27, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Wednesday, Dec. 20.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	October 2023	September 2023	October 2022	September 2023	October 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	30,033	30,083	30,719	-50	-686
Unemployed	1,239	1,239	1,845	0	-606
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.1%	6.0%	0.0	-1.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.0%	5.1%	6.6%	-0.1	-1.6
Employed	28,794	28,844	28,874	-50	-80
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	24,140	24,290	23,520	-150	620
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,860	24,060	23,240	-200	620
Total private	18,690	18,750	18,420	-60	270
Mining, logging, and construction	1,290	1,320	1,230	-30	60
Mining and logging	90	90	90	0	0
Construction	1,200	1,230	1,140	-30	60
Manufacturing	1,740	1,740	1,880	0	-140
Durable goods	1,570	1,580	1,690	-10	-120
Wood product manufacturing	1,260	1,270	1,370	-10	-110
Nondurable goods	170	160	190	10	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,630	4,570	4,750	60	-120
Wholesale trade	780	780	790	0	-10
Retail trade	3,160	3,110	3,240	50	-80
Food and beverage retailers	620	630	660	-10	-40
General merchandise retailers	860	840	870	20	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	690	680	720	10	-30
Information	110	120	120	-10	-10
Financial activities	930	930	900	0	30
Professional and business services	1,700	1,690	1,670	10	30
Private education and health services	4,690	4,680	4,400	10	290
Leisure and hospitality	2,650	2,750	2,610	-100	40
Other services	950	950	860	0	90
Government	5,450	5,540	5,100	-90	350
Federal government	750	830	710	-80	40
State government	540	560	520	-20	20
Local government	4,160	4,150	3,870	10	290
Local education	2,500	2,500	2,370	0	130

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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	October 2023	September 2023	October 2022	September 2023	October 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,542	3,583	3,692	-41	-150
Unemployed	144	148	196	-4	-52
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.1%	5.3%	0.0	-1.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	4.8%	6.3%	0.0	-1.5
Employed	3,398	3,435	3,496	-37	-98
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,280	2,300	2,320	-20	-40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,240	2,270	2,280	-30	-40
Total private	1,170	1,180	1,180	-10	-10
Mining, logging, and construction	110	110	110	0	0
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	90	90	90	0	0
Manufacturing	200	200	210	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340	340	350	0	-10
Retail trade	230	230	250	0	-20
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	50	50	40	0	10
Professional and business services	90	90	90	0	0
Private education and health services	110	110	100	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	170	170	190	0	-20
Other services	80	90	70	-10	10
Government	1,110	1,120	1,140	-10	-30
Federal government	210	230	220	-20	-10
State government	180	190	170	-10	10
Local government	720	700	750	20	-30

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