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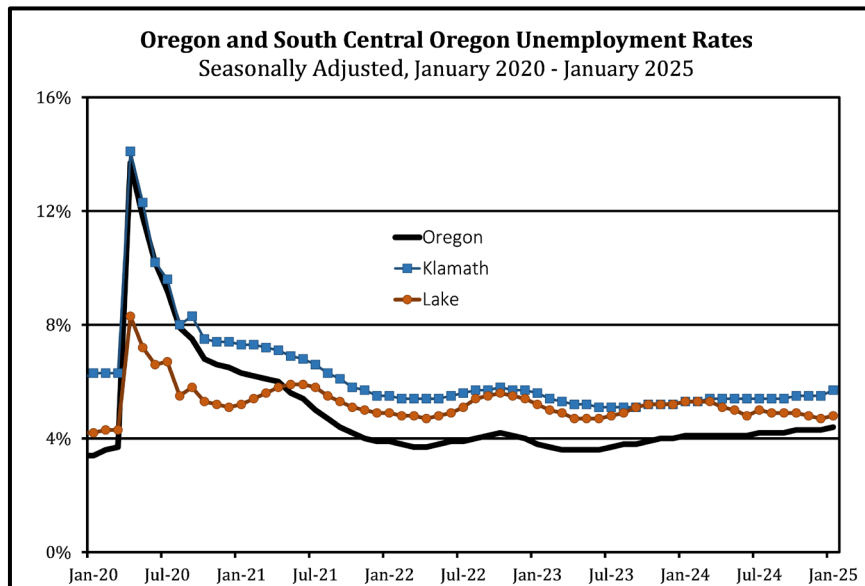
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Employment in South Central Oregon: January 2025

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly in South Central Oregon, with marginal increases in both counties this January. Annual benchmark revisions had little impact on the overall employment situation in 2024. Revisions were modest with total nonfarm employment gains being revised down by less than 1%.

Klamath County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased in January and is now 5.7%, up from 5.5% in December. In January 2024 the unemployment rate was lower at 5.3%.

Klamath County lost 400 jobs (-1.7%) in January, with the majority of losses taking place within trade, transportation, and utilities (-160 jobs); construction (-90 jobs); and leisure and hospitality (-70 jobs). Gains were nominal and occurred within private education and health services (+10 jobs). Seasonally adjusted employment levels in Klamath County are now 2.0% (+470 jobs) above levels in February 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.



Klamath County gained 90 jobs in the past year (+0.4%) with gains concentrated in private education and health services (+170 jobs); construction (+50 jobs); financial activities (+40 jobs); and public-sector employment (+40 jobs). Notable private-sector job losses over the past year were seen in trade, transportation, and utilities (-60 jobs); leisure and hospitality (-50 jobs); other services (-40 jobs); and professional and business services (-30 jobs).

Lake County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate saw a marginal increase going from a revised rate of 4.7% in December to 4.8% in January – last January it was 5.3%. The unemployment rate was 4.2% in January 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County total nonfarm employment decreased from December to January by 80 jobs. Although small job gains were seen in other services (+10 jobs) these gains were overshadowed by job losses within the public sector (-60), construction (-20 jobs), and professional and business services (-10 jobs). All other industries saw little to no gains in January. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment levels remain 160 jobs (-6.7%) below the pre-pandemic February 2020 employment levels, as of January.

Lake County's total nonfarm employment rose by 10 jobs (+0.5%) since January 2024. Gains were minimal and concentrated within mining and logging, financial activities, and professional and business services, all of which gained 10 jobs over the year. Losses were also small and concentrated in trade, transportation, and utilities (-10 jobs) and the public sector (-10 jobs). All other major industries saw little to no growth over the year.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, April 1, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Wednesday, March 26.



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Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	January 2025	December 2024	January 2024	December 2024	January 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	28,716	28,484	28,589	232	127
Unemployed	2,428	1,805	2,212	623	216
Unemployment rate	8.5%	6.3%	7.7%	2.2	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.7%	5.5%	5.3%	0.2	0.4
Employed	26,288	26,679	26,377	-391	-89
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	23,100	23,500	23,010	-400	90
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,680	23,720	23,590	-40	90
Total private	17,780	18,150	17,730	-370	50
Mining, logging, and construction	1,150	1,240	1,110	-90	40
Mining and logging	80	80	90	0	-10
Construction	1,070	1,160	1,020	-90	50
Manufacturing	1,610	1,610	1,630	0	-20
Durable goods	1,510	1,510	1,520	0	-10
Wood product manufacturing	1,210	1,200	1,230	10	-20
Nondurable goods	100	100	110	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,450	4,610	4,510	-160	-60
Wholesale trade	700	730	740	-30	-40
Retail trade	3,000	3,070	3,050	-70	-50
Food and beverage retailers	620	620	630	0	-10
General merchandise retailers	860	890	830	-30	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	750	810	720	-60	30
Information	110	120	110	-10	0
Financial activities	860	860	820	0	40
Professional and business services	1,530	1,570	1,560	-40	-30
Private education and health services	4,830	4,820	4,660	10	170
Leisure and hospitality	2,380	2,450	2,430	-70	-50
Other services	860	870	900	-10	-40
Government	5,320	5,350	5,280	-30	40
Federal government	610	640	660	-30	-50
State government	600	600	590	0	10
Local government	4,110	4,110	4,030	0	80
Local education	2,530	2,520	2,450	10	80

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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	January 2025	December 2024	January 2024	December 2024	January 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,415	3,457	3,466	-42	-51
Unemployed	243	180	259	63	-16
Unemployment rate	7.1%	5.2%	7.5%	1.9	-0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	4.7%	5.3%	0.1	-0.5
Employed	3,172	3,277	3,207	-105	-35
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,150	2,230	2,140	-80	10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,230	2,290	2,220	-60	10
Total private	1,120	1,140	1,100	-20	20
Mining, logging, and construction	100	120	90	-20	10
Mining and logging	30	30	20	0	10
Construction	70	90	70	-20	0
Manufacturing	200	200	200	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	330	330	340	0	-10
Retail trade	230	230	240	0	-10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	50	50	40	0	10
Professional and business services	80	90	70	-10	10
Private education and health services	120	120	120	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	140	140	140	0	0
Other services	80	70	80	10	0
Government	1,030	1,090	1,040	-60	-10
Federal government	170	190	170	-20	0
State government	200	200	180	0	20
Local government	660	700	690	-40	-30

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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.

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