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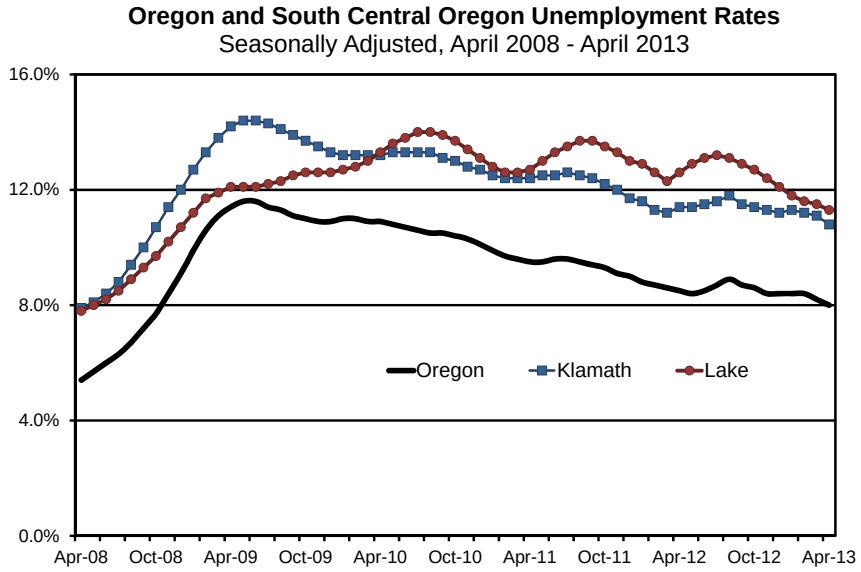
South Central Oregon Employment Situation for April 2013

Klamath and Lake County each experienced a modest drop in their seasonally adjusted unemployment rates in April. Lake County's rate of 11.3 percent in April is the lowest since December 2008, while Klamath County's rate of 10.8 percent is the lowest since October 2008. The statewide unemployment rate (8%) and national rate (7.5%) each experienced a slight drop in April from the revised March rate.

Klamath County: Klamath County's April unemployment rate of 10.8 percent showed a reduction from the revised March rate of 11.1 percent. Unemployment levels saw more robust improvement from the year-ago rate of 11.4 percent in April 2012.

The county added 290 jobs in April, which is greater than the expected gain of 190 jobs.

The private-sector accounted for the majority of job gains in April (+250). Typical seasonal hiring began in several industries as Leisure and hospitality gained 180 jobs and the Federal government saw an increase of 50 jobs in April. Construction and manufacturing each experienced modest gains of 20 jobs in April. State government was the only employment sector to lose a significant number of jobs in April (-30).



Klamath County added 490 jobs between April 2012 and April 2013. A little over three-quarters of those gains came from the private-sector (+380). Large over-the-year employment gains occurred in durable goods manufacturing (+170); trade, transportation, and utilities (+140); local government (+130); and leisure and hospitality (+120). Over-the-year job losses were concentrated in construction (-50), nondurable goods manufacturing (-20), and federal government (-20).

Lake County: The County's April seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 11.3

percent showed only slight improvement from the revised rate of 11.5 percent in March. Over the past year, Lake County's unemployment rate dropped from 12.6 percent in April 2012.

Total nonfarm employment increased by 60 jobs in April, when a gain of 40 would typically be expected. The private-sector accounted for two-thirds of the employment gains in April. Manufacturing; financial activities; private educational and health services; and leisure and hospitality each gained 10 jobs over-the-month. Local government gained 20 jobs in April.

Employment increased by 80 jobs in Lake County between April 2012 and April 2013. All of these gains came out of the private-sector. Manufacturing and trade, transportation, and utilities each gained 30 jobs over-the-year.

Quarterly Benchmarked Employment Estimates: Effective with the release of April preliminary data on May 20th, the Oregon Employment Department is revising recent nonfarm payroll employment estimates once every three months, using employment counts from employer tax records. Formerly, the data were revised annually.

For example, for the employment data released on May 20th, tax records data for the months of October, November and December 2012 were used to make the industry employment counts. The January through April 2013 estimates were based primarily on a survey of sampled businesses.

These estimates will be revised as new data from businesses becomes available. The next South Central Oregon Employment Situation with preliminary data for May 2013 is scheduled for release on Monday, June 24th.

Equal Opportunity program - auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Workforce and Economic Research
2012 Benchmark
May 16, 2013

Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	Apr. 2013	Mar. 2013	Apr. 2012	Change From Mar. 2013	Change From Apr. 2012
Labor Force Status (Household Data)					
Civilian labor force	28,978	29,064	29,560	-86	-582
Unemployed	3,106	3,629	3,647	-523	-541
Unemployment rate	10.7%	12.5%	12.3%	XX	XX
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	10.8%	11.1%	11.4%	XX	XX
Employed	25,872	25,435	25,913	437	-41
Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Establishment Data)					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	21,470	21,180	20,980	290	490
Total private	16,100	15,850	15,720	250	380
Mining and logging	100	100	90	0	10
Construction	610	590	660	20	-50
Manufacturing	1,800	1,780	1,650	20	150
Durable goods	1,580	1,560	1,410	20	170
Wood product manufacturing	1,100	1,090	950	10	150
Nondurable goods	220	220	240	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,340	4,330	4,200	10	140
Wholesale trade	820	820	740	0	80
Retail trade	2,790	2,780	2,730	10	60
Food and beverage stores	560	560	540	0	20
General merchandise stores	820	830	820	-10	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	730	730	730	0	0
Information	190	190	190	0	0
Financial activities	810	800	820	10	-10
Professional and business services	2,060	2,060	2,070	0	-10
Educational and health services	3,240	3,240	3,200	0	40
Leisure and hospitality	2,250	2,070	2,130	180	120
Other services	700	690	710	10	-10
Government	5,370	5,330	5,260	40	110
Federal government	840	790	860	50	-20
State government	1,430	1,460	1,430	-30	0
Local government	3,100	3,080	2,970	20	130
Local education	1,690	1,680	1,550	10	140
Labor-management disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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.

Labor Force Status: Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm 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. "Natural resources" includes only Logging (NAICS 1133).

Workforce and Economic Research
2012 Benchmark
May 16, 2013

Lake County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	Apr. 2013	Mar. 2013	Apr. 2012	Change From Mar. 2013	Change From Apr. 2012
Labor Force Status (Household Data)					
Civilian labor force	3,575	3,556	3,600	19	-25
Unemployed	424	476	512	-52	-88
Unemployment rate	11.9%	13.4%	14.2%	XX	XX
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	11.3%	11.5%	12.6%	XX	XX
Employed	3,151	3,080	3,088	71	63
Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Establishment Data)					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	2,050	1,990	1,970	60	80
Total private	1,070	1,030	990	40	80
Mining and logging	20	20	30	0	-10
Construction	60	60	50	0	10
Manufacturing	220	210	190	10	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	330	330	300	0	30
Retail trade	210	210	210	0	0
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	60	50	50	10	10
Professional and business services	70	70	60	0	10
Educational and health services	90	80	90	10	0
Leisure and hospitality	160	150	160	10	0
Other services	40	40	40	0	0
Government	980	960	980	20	0
Federal government	220	220	230	0	-10
State government	170	170	170	0	0
Local government	590	570	580	20	10
Labor-management disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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