

KLAMATH AND LAKE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

March 2015

Total Nonfarm Employment

Klamath County — 21,000 jobs, down by 100 over the year
 Lake County — 2,050 jobs, up by 60 over the year

Unemployment Rates December 2014

Klamath County—9.1 %
 Lake County—8.8 %
 Oregon—6.3 %
 U.S.—5.7 %

Focus on Manufacturing—Mixed Trends

In the past five years, Klamath County manufacturing employment increased by 7 percent while total nonfarm employment remained essentially unchanged. During the same period, total employment in Lake County increased by 7 percent and local manufacturing grew by an impressive 41 percent.

Manufacturing is important for several reasons. This industry has some of the highest average wages and some of the best benefits for the workers.

Manufacturing is also considered a traded sector, i.e. the industry that brings wealth from outside of the area. Consistent growth in manufacturing over the past years is good news for the local economy.

Growth industries

Klamath—Leisure & hospitality
Lake—Government; Manufacturing;

Industries posting job losses

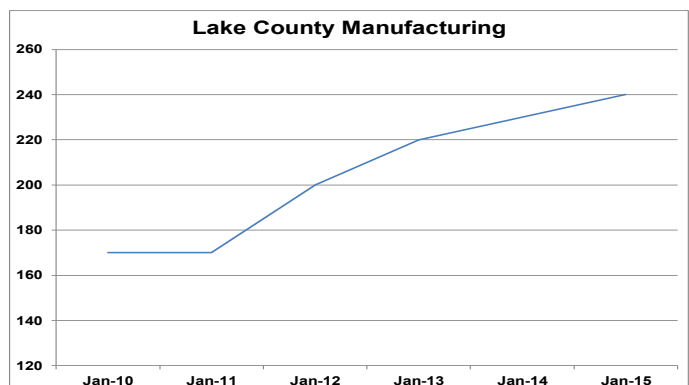
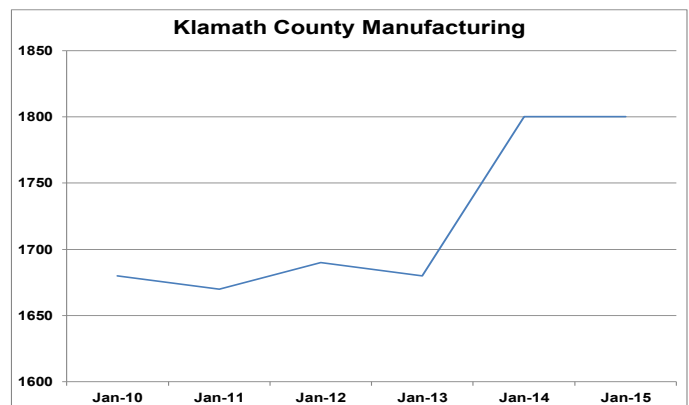
Klamath— Professional & business services; Retail trade; Government;
Lake—Financial activities

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