

## KLAMATH AND LAKE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

May 2015

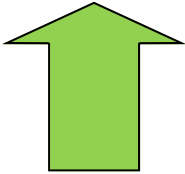
### Total Nonfarm Employment

Klamath County — 21,410 jobs, down by 130 over the year  
 Lake County — 2,080 jobs, up by 10 over the year

### Unemployment Rates April 2015

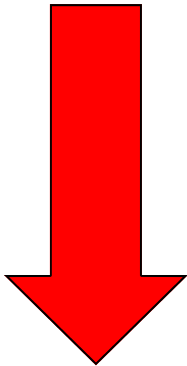
Klamath County — 7.6 %  
 Lake County — 7.7 %  
 Oregon — 5.2 %  
 U.S. — 5.4 %

### Growth industries, over the year



Klamath — Leisure & hospitality; Wholesale trade;  
Lake — Government

### Industries posting job losses



Klamath — Professional & business services; Manufacturing; Retail trade; Government;  
Lake — manufacturing; construction; retail trade;

### Population Growth Remains Slow

Though population change is not an economic indicator per se, economists watch demographic data closely. When a local economy maintains healthy population growth rates, it is usually a good sign.

Oregon outperformed the U.S. in population growth rates for years, mostly due to in-migration. In the Klamath Basin, like in other rural areas, population increased at a slower rate than statewide in the past two decades.

According to the 2014 estimates from PSU's Population Research Center, Klamath County's population increased by 0.8 percent since 2010, compared to 3.4 percent statewide. Lake County population grew by 1.2 percent during the same period. By contrast, the population in Deschutes and Multnomah counties increased by 5.5 and 5.8 percent, respectively.

As of 2014, there were 66,910 residents in Klamath County and 7,990 in Lake County. Every third Klamath County resident lives in Klamath Falls, while 29 percent of Lake County's population is located in Lakeview.

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Population Growth	2010	2014
<b>Klamath County</b>	66,505	66,910
Klamath Falls	20,925	21,500
Merrill	845	840
Unincorporated	42,724	42,565
<b>Lake County</b>	7,890	7,990
Lakeview	2,295	2,300
Unincorporated	5,350	5,445

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