



OREGON EMPLOYMENT FAST FACTS -- December 2009

Current and comparative Oregon employment economic data:

<u>Monthly Data</u>	Nov 2009	Oct 2009	Nov 2008
Civilian Labor Force	1,958,754	1,955,967	1,979,668
Employment	1,747,330	1,749,264	1,826,767
Unemployment	211,424	206,703	152,901
Unemployment Rate (not seasonally adjusted)	10.8 (9.4 all US)	10.6 (9.5 all US)	7.7 (6.5 all US)
Total Unemployment Rate (seasonally adjusted) (TUR is usually the rate reported in the press)	11.1 (10.0 all US)	11.2 (10.2 all US)	7.8 (6.8 all US)

(November 2009 employment data will be released Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.)

<u>Annual Data</u> (Federal Fiscal Year(FFY)=10/01/08-09/30/09)	FFY 2009	FFY 2008	FFY 2007
Average Benefit Check Amount (Regular Program Claim week)	\$301.87	\$290.50	\$275.98
Average Duration Regular Program (in weeks)	17.7	14.7	14.4
First payments (Number of First payments on Regular claim in year)	277,139	167,169	132,443
Number of Exhaustees (Exhausted all Regular Program benefits available)	120,830	49,641	38,764
Percentage that exhausted Regular Program benefits (Percentage with a 1 st payment that exhaust Regular benefits)	47.5	39.6	38.5%
		<i>(methodology revised to be consistent with the Department of Labor Methodology)</i>	
Initial Claims Filed (All programs combined)	877,169	485,111	364,162
Weeks Claimed (All programs combined)	7,812,296	3,046,325	2,250,776
Non-Monetary Determinations (All programs)	169,499	135,032	126,791
Appeals (All programs combined)	30,583	20,543	20,282



OREGON EMPLOYMENT FAST FACTS (continued):

(CY2008 = 1/01/2008- 12/31/2008)	CY 2008	CY 2007	CY 2006	CY2005
Number of Individuals who received one or more benefit payments in the year:	240,439	172,997	165,072	176,577
Total funds paid to all claimants	\$976,979,220	\$561,038,330	\$507,447,255	\$562,253,001

	Week 2009-48	Week 2008-48	Week 2007-48
Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) <i>(week ending 12/05/09)</i>	5.55	3.80	2.34
	(IUR triggers some programs, like OAB, EB)		

UI Program Information:

Minimum: from \$113 to \$115	Maximum: from \$482 to \$493	The US Stimulus Bill adds an additional \$25.00 per week to UI benefit payments until December 31, 2009.
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The change affects new UI claims filed on or after June 28, 2009 (effective with a BYE of 25-09 and later).

Current UI EXTENSION PROGRAM in effect:		Beginning (the Week of)	Ending
OEB	Oregon Emergency Benefit	10/04/09	01/02/10 (or until \$30 mil spent)
HEB	High Extended Benefit Period (extends EB by 7 weeks)	02/28/09	Min. 20 weeks
EB	Extended Benefits	12/07/08	Superseded by HEB
EUC 2008	Emergency Unemployment Compensation No Initial Claim filings, or movement to another EUC Tier, accepted after: Last payable week ends:	07/06/08	12/26/2009 05/29/2010

There are over 93,000 people currently claiming EUC benefits. The following information on EUC is from our public website:

EUC

- EUC Tier 1 provides up to 20 weeks of additional benefits to claimants exhausting regular benefits, or whose regular claim expired after May 1, 2007. The last week to apply for EUC Tier 1 benefits is the week of December 20-26, 2009.
- EUC Tier 2 provides up to 14* weeks of additional benefits to claimants who exhaust Tier 1 benefits with the payment of the week December 20-26, 2009 or before.
- EUC Tier 3 provides up to 13 weeks of additional benefits to claimants who exhaust Tier 2 benefits with the payment of the week December 20-26, 2009 or before.
- EUC Tier 4 provides up to 6 weeks of additional benefits to claimants who exhaust Tier 3 benefits with the payment of the week December 20-26, 2009 or before.

NOTE: Unless Congress extends the December 26, 2009 deadline, claimants can continue to draw benefits from the EUC Tier they are on, but no new EUC claims can be filed nor moved to additional tiers.