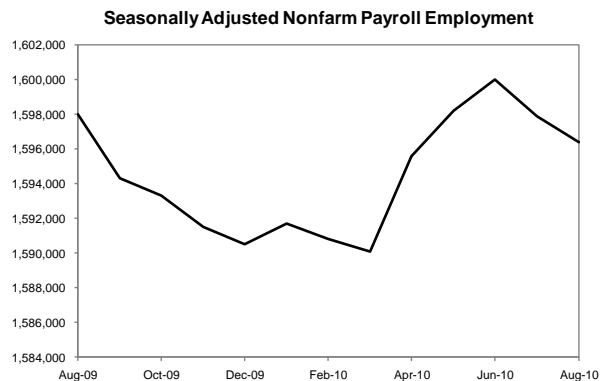


## Workforce & Economic Research Fast Facts – September 2010

- State unemployment rates ranged from 3.7 percent to 14.4 percent in August 2010. Oregon's rate was 7<sup>th</sup> highest.
- By state, the change in nonfarm employment ranged from -1.8 percent to 2.0 percent over the year, with a median of 0.2 percent.
- Oregon's information industry grew 4.0 percent from August 2009 to August 2010, the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest rate in the nation.



### Unemployment Rates

	Current Month Aug-10	Prior Month Jul-10	Year Ago Aug-09
<b>U.S. Unemployment Rate (Seasonally Adjusted)</b>	9.6	9.5	9.7
<b>Oregon Unemployment Rate (Seasonally Adjusted)</b>	10.6	10.6	11.2
National Rank*	7th	8th	6th
<b>County Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)</b>			
Highest: Crook	17.5	17.6	17.3
Lowest: Gilliam	6.0	6.4	6.7

### Unemployed & Employed

	Current Month Aug-10	Prior Month Jul-10	Year Ago Aug-09
<b>Oregon Total Unemployed</b>	205,065	207,902	216,270
Change From Previous Year	-11,205	-12,900	86,582
Percent Change From Previous Year	-5.2%	-5.8%	66.8%
<b>Oregon Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>	1,593,100	1,592,600	1,596,000
Change From Previous Year	-2,900	-9,000	-122,900
Percent Change From Previous Year	-0.2%	-0.6%	-7.1%
National Rank*	34th	44th	47th

### Industry Rankings, Year/Year Growth

	Current Month Aug-10	Year Ago Aug-09	Percent Change	National Rank*
<b>Fastest Growing Sectors in Oregon</b>				
Mining and Logging	7,900	7,300	8.2%	11th
Information	34,200	32,900	4.0%	2nd
<b>Slowest Growing Sectors in Oregon</b>				
Construction	72,000	77,100	-6.6%	28th
Financial Activities	93,300	95,800	-2.6%	31st

### Average Covered Pay, Oregon's Private Industries

	2009-2nd Half	2009-1st Half	2008-2nd Half	2008-1st Half
<b>Average Covered Pay Per Worker</b>	\$20,755	\$19,988	\$20,473	\$20,015
Percent Change From Previous Year	1.4%	-0.1%	2.6%	4.2%
<b>Portland-Salem Consumer Price Index (1982-84=100.0)</b>	212.0	207.9	210.6	209.5
Percent Change From Previous Year	0.7%	-1.3%	2.8%	4.1%

\*Rank among 50 states and Washington, D.C. Industry data are not available for some locations, so industry rankings may not include all states.