

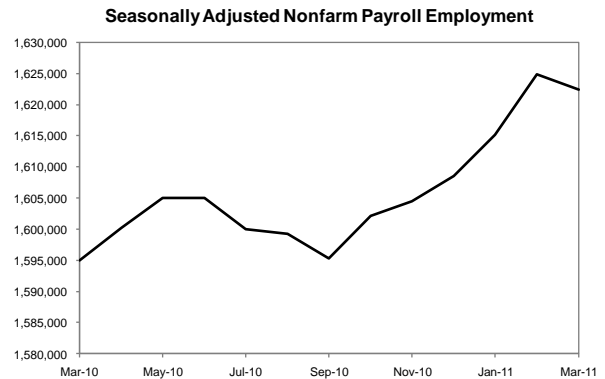


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**Workforce & Economic Research Fast Facts – April 2011**

- Oregon had an unemployment rate of 10.0 percent in March, which ranked 8<sup>th</sup> highest nationwide.
- From March 2010 to March 2011, total nonfarm employment growth in Oregon (1.8%) ranked 7<sup>th</sup> fastest among all states.
- Government was Oregon's only broad sector losing jobs over the year in March.
- In March, the number of unemployed Oregonians dropped by 29,923 (-12.6%) from the previous year.



**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)**

	Current Month Mar-11	Prior Month Feb-11	Year Ago Mar-10
<b>U.S. Unemployment Rate</b>	8.8%	8.9%	9.7%
<b>Oregon Unemployment Rate</b>	10.0%	10.2%	11.0%
National Rank*	8th	7th	8th
<b>County Unemployment Rates</b>			
Highest: Crook	15.4%	16.5%	16.7%
Lowest: Gilliam	6.2%	6.7%	7.1%

**Unemployed & Employed**

	Current Month Mar-11	Prior Month Feb-11	Year Ago Mar-10
<b>Oregon Total Unemployed</b>	208,420	216,192	238,343
Change From Previous Year	-29,923	-20,854	-5,014
Percent Change From Previous Year	-12.6%	-8.8%	-2.1%
<b>Oregon Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>	1,608,300	1,603,700	1,579,300
Change From Previous Year	29,000	32,900	-33,700
Percent Change From Previous Year	1.8%	2.1%	-2.1%
National Rank*	7th	5th	30th

**Industry Rankings, Year/Year Growth**

	Current Month Mar-11	Year Ago Mar-10	Percent Change	National Rank*
<b>Fastest Growing Sectors in Oregon</b>				
Professional & Business Services	185,000	177,200	4.4%	16th
Manufacturing	164,500	159,800	2.9%	10th
<b>Slowest Growing Sectors in Oregon</b>				
Government	304,400	304,900	-0.2%	16th
Financial Activities	92,400	92,100	0.3%	17th

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

	2010-1st Half	2009-2nd Half	2009-1st Half	2008-2nd Half
<b>Average Covered Pay Per Worker</b>	\$20,308	\$20,757	\$19,988	\$20,473
Percent Change From Previous Year	1.6%	1.4%	-0.1%	2.6%
<b>Portland-Salem Consumer Price Index (1982-84=100.0)</b>	213.0	212.0	207.9	210.6
Percent Change From Previous Year	2.5%	0.7%	-1.3%	2.8%

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

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