

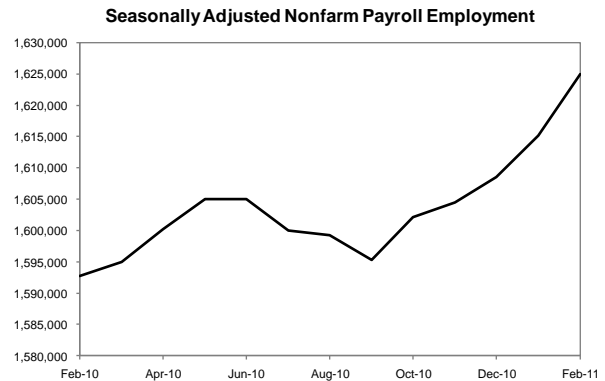


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Workforce & Economic Research Fast Facts – March 2011

- Oregon had an unemployment rate of 10.2 percent in February, which ranked 7th highest nationwide.
- From February 2010 to February 2011, total nonfarm employment growth in Oregon (2.1%) ranked 5th highest among all states.
- None of Oregon's major industries had employment declines over the year in February.
- In February, the number of unemployed Oregonians dropped by 19,257 from the previous year.



Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

	Current Month Feb-11	Prior Month Jan-11	Year Ago Feb-10
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.9%	9.0%	9.7%
Oregon Unemployment Rate	10.2%	10.4%	11.1%
National Rank*	7th	7th	8th
County Unemployment Rates			
Highest: Crook	16.4%	17.6%	16.7%
Lowest: Benton	6.5%	6.9%	7.3%

Unemployed & Employed

	Current Month Feb-11	Prior Month Jan-11	Year Ago Feb-10
Oregon Total Unemployed	217,789	217,759	237,046
Change From Previous Year	-19,257	-16,841	4,314
Percent Change From Previous Year	-8.1%	-7.2%	1.9%
Oregon Nonfarm Payroll Employment	1,603,800	1,585,700	1,570,800
Change From Previous Year	33,000	22,900	-50,500
Percent Change From Previous Year	2.1%	1.5%	-3.1%
National Rank*	5th	7th	35th

Industry Rankings, Year/Year Growth

	Current Month Feb-11	Year Ago Feb-10	Percent Change	National Rank*
Fastest Growing Sectors in Oregon				
Professional & Business Services	182,700	175,600	4.0%	21st
Other Services	58,000	56,100	3.4%	7th
Slowest Growing Sectors in Oregon				
Financial Activities	92,100	92,100	0.0%	22nd
Government	303,500	303,400	0.0%	15th

Average Covered Pay, Oregon's Private Industries

	2010-1st Half	2009-2nd Half	2009-1st Half	2008-2nd Half
Average Covered Pay Per Worker	\$20,308	\$20,757	\$19,988	\$20,473
Percent Change From Previous Year	1.6%	1.4%	-0.1%	2.6%
Portland-Salem Consumer Price Index (1982-84=100.0)	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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