



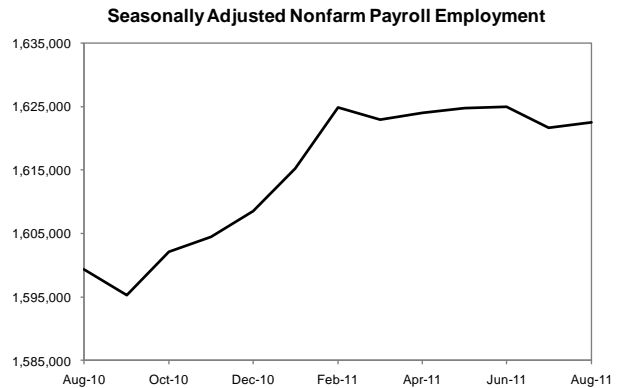
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Workforce & Economic Research Fast Facts – September 2011

- Oregon had an unemployment rate of 9.6 percent in August, which ranked 14th highest nationwide.
- In August, the number of unemployed Oregonians dropped by 21,575 (-10.3%) from the previous year.
- From August 2010 to August 2011, total nonfarm employment growth in Oregon (1.6%) ranked 15th fastest among all states.
- Government had the highest rate of job decline; it lost 6,100 jobs over the year (-2.2%) and ranked 36th nationally.



Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

	Current Month Aug-11	Prior Month Jul-11	Year Ago Aug-10
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.1%	9.1%	9.6%
Oregon Unemployment Rate	9.6%	9.5%	10.7%
National Rank*	14th	13th	7th
County Unemployment Rates			
Highest: Crook	15.6%	15.7%	17.9%
Lowest: Benton	6.5%	6.5%	7.2%

Unemployed & Employed

	Current Month Aug-11	Prior Month Jul-11	Year Ago Aug-10
Oregon Total Unemployed	188,425	188,407	210,000
Change From Previous Year	-21,575	-22,242	-9,696
Percent Change From Previous Year	-10.3%	-10.6%	-4.4%
Oregon Nonfarm Payroll Employment	1,622,500	161,900	1,596,800
Change From Previous Year	25,700	22,300	-1,500
Percent Change From Previous Year	1.6%	1.4%	0.1%
National Rank*	15th	15th	24th

Industry Rankings, Year/Year Growth

	Current Month Aug-11	Year Ago Aug-10	Percent Change	National Rank*
Fastest Growing Sectors in Oregon				
Leisure and Hospitality	179,600	170,600	5.3%	9th
Information	33,900	32,300	5.0%	5th
Slowest Growing Sectors in Oregon				
Other Services	56,200	58,200	-3.4%	49th
Government	271,500	277,600	-2.2%	36th

Average Covered Pay, Oregon's Private Industries

	2010-2nd Half	2010-1st Half	2009-2nd Half	2009-1st Half
Average Covered Pay Per Worker	\$21,355	\$20,304	\$20,757	\$19,988
Percent Change From Previous Year	2.9%	1.6%	1.4%	-0.1%
Portland-Salem Consumer Price Index (1982-84=100.0)	214.4	213.0	212.0	207.9
Percent Change From Previous Year	1.2%	2.5%	0.7%	-0.7%

*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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