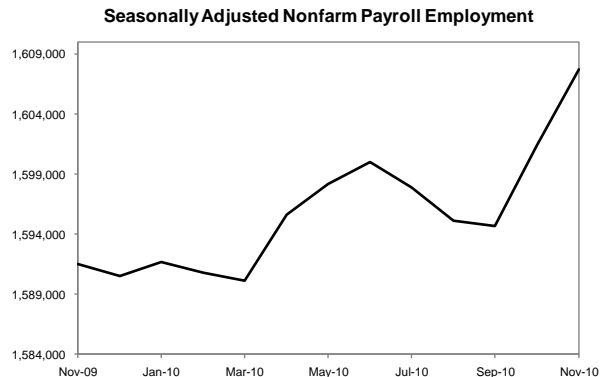


Workforce & Economic Research Fast Facts – December 2010

- State unemployment rates ranged from 3.8 percent (North Dakota) to 14.3 percent (Nevada) in November. Oregon ranked 6th nationwide.
- The information sector in Oregon continues to show strong employment growth; in November it once again outpaced the information industry in every other state.
- The average pay for Oregon workers covered by unemployment insurance increased from the first quarter of 2009 to the first quarter of 2010. However, inflation increased by a larger margin than average pay.



Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

	Current Month Nov-10	Prior Month Oct-10	Year Ago Nov-09
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.8%	9.6%	10.0%
Oregon Unemployment Rate	10.6%	10.5%	10.7%
National Rank*	6th	7th	12th
County Unemployment Rates			
Highest: Crook	19.2%	18.4%	17.4%
Lowest: Gilliam	6.7%	6.0%	7.0%

Unemployed & Employed

	Current Month Nov-10	Prior Month Oct-10	Year Ago Nov-09
Oregon Total Unemployed	209,601	194,930	196,822
Change From Previous Year	12,779	-6,015	41,489
Percent Change From Previous Year	6.5%	-3.0%	26.7%
Oregon Nonfarm Payroll Employment	1,624,600	1,619,700	1,608,700
Change From Previous Year	15,900	8,200	-97,400
Percent Change From Previous Year	1.0%	0.5%	-5.7%
National Rank*	12th	26th	46th

Industry Rankings, Year/Year Growth

	Current Month Nov-10	Year Ago Nov-09	Percent Change	National Rank*
Fastest Growing Sectors in Oregon				
Information	35,500	32,700	8.6%	1st
Mining & Logging	7,500	7,200	4.2%	28th
Slowest Growing Sectors in Oregon				
Construction	65,800	70,800	-7.1%	39th
Financial Activities	93,300	94,500	-1.3%	26th

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.