

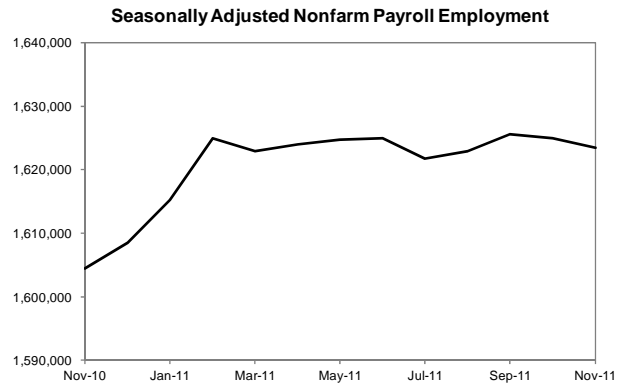


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Workforce & Economic Research Fast Facts – December 2011

- Oregon's unemployment rate of 9.1 percent in November ranked 13th highest nationwide.
- In November, there were 20 percent (-41,806) fewer unemployed Oregonians compared to the previous year.
- From November 2010 to November 2011, total nonfarm employment growth in Oregon was 1.2 percent, 19th fastest among all states.
- Oregon's fastest growing industries over the year in November, construction (5.1%) and educational and health services (4.5%), each ranked in the top five for job growth nationally.



Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

	Current Month Nov-11	Prior Month Oct-11	Year Ago Nov-10
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.6%	9.0%	9.8%
Oregon Unemployment Rate	9.1%	9.5%	10.6%
National Rank*	13th	13th	7th
County Unemployment Rates			
Highest: Crook	15.5%	15.9%	17.6%
Lowest: Benton	6.1%	6.4%	7.2%

Unemployed & Employed

	Current Month Nov-11	Prior Month Oct-11	Year Ago Nov-10
Oregon Total Unemployed	167,563	176,444	209,369
Change From Previous Year	-41,806	21,667	5,978
Percent Change From Previous Year	-20.0%	-10.5%	-4.1%
Oregon Nonfarm Payroll Employment	1,641,700	1,644,200	1,622,500
Change From Previous Year	19,200	23,000	12,200
Percent Change From Previous Year	1.2%	1.4%	0.8%
National Rank*	19th	13th	16th

Industry Rankings, Year/Year Growth

	Current Month Nov-11	Year Ago Nov-10	Percent Change	National Rank*
Fastest Growing Sectors in Oregon				
Construction	72,100	68,600	5.1%	5th
Education and Health Services	244,000	233,400	4.5%	3rd
Slowest Growing Sectors in Oregon				
Government	298,300	305,700	-2.4%	42nd
Manufacturing	165,200	166,400	-0.7%	40th

Average Covered Pay, Oregon's Private Industries

	2011-1st Half	2010-2nd Half	2010-1st Half	2009-2nd Half
Average Covered Pay Per Worker	\$21,188	\$21,357	\$20,302	\$20,757
Percent Change From Previous Year	4.4%	2.9%	1.6%	1.4%
Portland-Salem Consumer Price Index (1982-84=100.0)	218.9	214.4	213.0	212.0
Percent Change From Previous Year	2.7%	1.2%	2.5%	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.