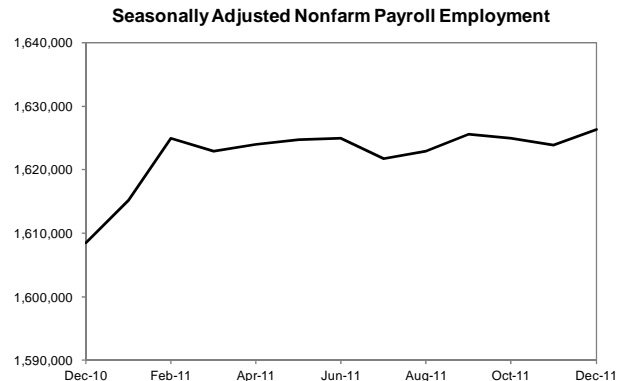


Workforce & Economic Research Fast Facts – January 2012

- State unemployment rates in December ranged from a low of 3.3 percent in North Dakota to a high of 12.6 percent in Nevada. At 8.9 percent, Oregon had the 15th highest rate.
- The number of unemployed Oregonians declined by 14.2 percent between December 2010 and December 2011, following a 20.4 percent drop over the year in November.
- From December 2010 to December 2011, Oregon ranked in the top 10 nationally for employment growth in three industries: educational and health services; construction; and leisure and hospitality.



Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

	Current Month Dec-11	Prior Month Nov-11	Year Ago Dec-10
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.5%	8.7%	9.4%
Oregon Unemployment Rate	8.9%	9.1%	10.6%
National Rank*	15th	13th	7th
County Unemployment Rates			
Highest: Crook	15.3%	15.6%	17.1%
Lowest: Benton	6.0%	6.2%	7.1%

Unemployed & Employed

	Current Month Dec-11	Prior Month Nov-11	Year Ago Dec-10
Oregon Total Unemployed	175,830	166,686	204,982
Change From Previous Year	-29,152	21,667	5,978
Percent Change From Previous Year	-14.2%	-20.4%	-4.1%
Oregon Nonfarm Payroll Employment	1,634,000	1,642,200	1,616,500
Change From Previous Year	17,500	19,700	12,700
Percent Change From Previous Year	1.1%	1.2%	0.8%
National Rank*	22nd	19th	12th

Industry Rankings, Year/Year Growth

	Current Month Dec-11	Year Ago Dec-10	Percent Change	National Rank*
Fastest Growing Sectors in Oregon				
Leisure and Hospitality	166,400	157,900	5.4%	3rd
Construction	69,700	66,600	4.7%	7th
Slowest Growing Sectors in Oregon				
Government	295,100	300,700	-1.9%	39th
Mining and Logging	6,500	6,600	-1.5%	35th

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.