



OREGON EMPLOYMENT FAST FACTS -- March 2009

Current and comparative Oregon employment economic data:

<u>Monthly Data</u>	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008
Civilian Labor Force	1,990,337	1,975,599	1,925,348
Employment	1,754,051	1,763,620	1,809,634
Unemployment	236,286	211,979	115,714
Unemployment Rate (not seasonally adjusted)	11.9 (8.9 all US)	10.7 (8.5 all US)	6.0 (5.2 all US)
Total Unemployment Rate (seasonally adjusted) (TUR is usually the rate reported in the press)	10.8 (8.1 all US)	9.8 (7.6 all US)	5.4 (4.8 all US)

(March 2009 employment data will be released Monday, April 13, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.)

<u>Annual Data</u> (Calendar Year (CY)2008=1/01/08-12/31/08)	CY 2008	CY 2007	CY 2006
Average Benefit Check Amount (Regular Program Claim week)	294.29	\$280.00	\$264.07
Average Duration Regular Program (in weeks)	14.0	14.1	14.5
First payments (Number of First payments on Regular claim in year)	200,713	140,636	127,902
Number of Exhaustees (Exhausted all Regular Program benefits available)	56,146	40,295	39,530
Percentage that exhausted Regular Program benefits (Percentage with a 1 st payment that exhaust Regular benefits)	28.0%	28.7%	30.9%
Initial Claims Filed (All programs combined)	584,306	381,833	345,220
Weeks Claimed (All programs combined)	3,703,371	2,352,627	2,193,667
Non-Monetary Determinations (All programs)	143,674	125,616	128,676
Appeals (All programs combined)	21,499	19,927	19,960



OREGON EMPLOYMENT FAST FACTS (continued):

(CY2008 = 1/01/2008- 12/31/2008)	CY 2008	CY 2007	CY 2006	CY2005
Number of Individuals who received one or more benefit payments in the year:	240,439	172,997	165,072	176,577
Total funds paid to all claimants	976,979,220	\$561,038,330	\$507,447,255	\$562,253,001

	Week-09	Week 2008-09	Week 2007-09
Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR)			
Report week: (for week ending 03/14/09) (IUR triggers some programs, like OAB, EB)	6.81	3.50	3.03

UI Program Information:

On June 29, 2008, the minimum and maximum weekly benefit amount increased to:

Minimum: from \$108 to \$113	Maximum: from \$463 to \$482	The US Stimulus Bill adds an additional \$25.00 per week to UI benefit payments until December 31, 2009.
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The change affects new UI claims filed on or after June 29, 2008 (effective with a BYE of 25-09 and later).

Current UI EXTENSION PROGRAM in effect:

		Beginning (the Week of)	Ending
HEB	High Extended Benefit Period (extends EB by 7 weeks)	02/28/09	Min. 20 weeks
EB	Extended Benefits	12/07/08	Superseded by HEB
EUC 2008	Emergency Unemployment Compensation	07/06/08	12/31/2009
	No Initial Claim filings accepted after:		05/29/2010
	Last payable week ends:		05/29/2010

