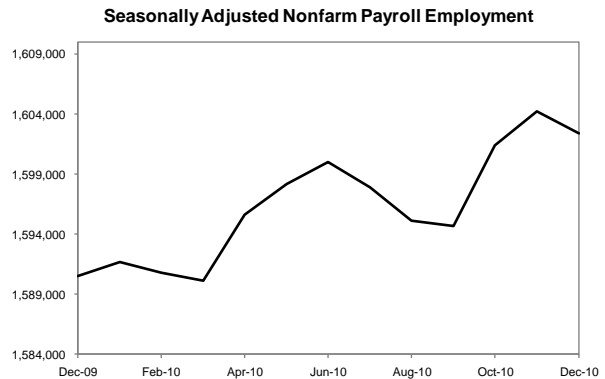


**Workforce & Economic Research Fast Facts – January 2011**

- At 10.6 percent in December, Oregon had the 7<sup>th</sup> highest unemployment rate nationwide; Oregon has ranked in the top 10 states for seven consecutive months.
- The employment growth in Oregon's information sector continues to top the nation with a gain of 7.5 percent over the year in December.
- The number of unemployed Oregonians was essentially the same in December 2009 and December 2010.



**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)**

	Current Month Dec-10	Prior Month Nov-10	Year Ago Dec-09
<b>U.S. Unemployment Rate</b>	9.4%	9.8%	9.9%
<b>Oregon Unemployment Rate</b>	10.6%	10.5%	10.6%
National Rank*	7th	7th	13th
<b>County Unemployment Rates</b>			
Highest: Crook	18.5%	19.3%	17.8%
Lowest: Gilliam	6.8%	6.7%	7.3%

**Unemployed & Employed**

	Current Month Dec-10	Prior Month Nov-10	Year Ago Dec-09
<b>Oregon Total Unemployed</b>	206,161	208,191	205,513
Change From Previous Year	648	11,369	32,125
Percent Change From Previous Year	0.3%	5.8%	18.5%
<b>Oregon Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>	1,613,700	1,621,100	1,601,700
Change From Previous Year	12,000	12,400	-82,800
Percent Change From Previous Year	0.7%	0.8%	-4.9%
National Rank*	27th	21st	38th

**Industry Rankings, Year/Year Growth**

	Current Month Dec-10	Year Ago Dec-09	Percent Change	National Rank*
<b>Fastest Growing Sectors in Oregon</b>				
Information	35,700	33,200	7.5%	1st
Mining & Logging	7,300	6,800	7.4%	20th
<b>Slowest Growing Sectors in Oregon</b>				
Construction	64,100	66,900	-4.2%	23rd
Manufacturing	160,600	162,900	-1.4%	43rd

**Average Covered Pay, Oregon's Private Industries**

	2010-1st Half	2009-2nd Half	2009-1st Half	2008-2nd Half
<b>Average Covered Pay Per Worker</b>	\$20,308	\$20,757	\$19,988	\$20,473
Percent Change From Previous Year	1.6%	1.4%	-0.1%	2.6%
<b>Portland-Salem Consumer Price Index (1982-84=100.0)</b>	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.