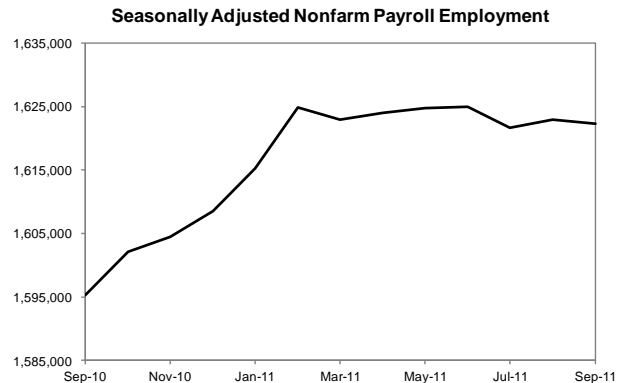


Workforce & Economic Research Fast Facts – October 2011

- Oregon maintained an unemployment rate of 9.6 percent in September, which ranked 15th highest nationwide.
- In September, the number of unemployed Oregonians dropped by 19,738 (-10.0%) from the previous year.
- From September 2010 to September 2011, total nonfarm employment growth in Oregon was 24,000, which ranked Oregon as the 12th fastest among all states.
- Growth in both information and leisure and hospitality was ranked 4th highest nationally. Leisure and hospitality had the highest year-over-year growth with 9,300 additional jobs (+5.5%).



Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

	Current Month Sep-11	Prior Month Aug-11	Year Ago Sep-10
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.1%	9.1%	9.6%
Oregon Unemployment Rate	9.6%	9.6%	10.7%
National Rank*	15 th	14 th	7 th
County Unemployment Rates			
Highest: Crook	15.6%	15.6%	17.9%
Lowest: Gilliam	6.5%	6.5%	7.2%

Unemployed & Employed

	Current Month Sep-11	Prior Month Aug-11	Year Ago Sep-10
Oregon Total Unemployed	178,174	187,436	198,111
Change From Previous Year	-19,738	-22564	-8363
Percent Change From Previous Year	-10.0%	-10.7%	-4.1%
Oregon Nonfarm Payroll Employment	1,629,600	1,622,800	1,605,600
Change From Previous Year	24,000	26,000	-400
Percent Change From Previous Year	1.5%	1.6%	0.0%
National Rank*	12 th	16 th	28 th

Industry Rankings, Year/Year Growth

	Current Month Sep-11	Year Ago Sep-10	Percent Change	National Rank*
Fastest Growing Sectors in Oregon				
Leisure and Hospitality	177,300	168,000	5.5%	4 th
Information	33,700	32,300	4.3%	4 th
Slowest Growing Sectors in Oregon				
Government	275,300	283,200	-2.8%	46 th
Mining and Logging	7,100	7,200	-1.4%	38 th

Average Covered Pay, Oregon's Private Industries

	2010-2nd Half	2010-1st Half	2009-2nd Half	2009-1st Half
Average Covered Pay Per Worker	\$21,355	\$20,304	\$20,757	\$19,988
Percent Change From Previous Year	2.9%	1.6%	1.4%	-0.1%
Portland-Salem Consumer Price Index (1982-84=100.0)	214.4	213.0	212.0	207.9
Percent Change From Previous Year	1.2%	2.5%	0.7%	-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.