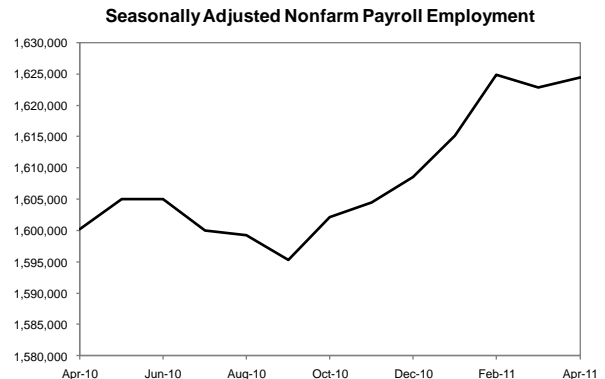


Workforce & Economic Research Fast Facts – May 2011

- Oregon had an unemployment rate of 9.6 percent in April, which ranked 11th highest nationwide.
- Prior to April 2011, Oregon had been among the top 10 states with the highest unemployment rates every month since September 2008.
- In April, the number of unemployed Oregonians dropped by 30,643 (-14.0%) from the previous year.
- From April 2010 to April 2011, total nonfarm employment growth in Oregon (1.4%) ranked 9th fastest among all states.



Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

	Current Month Apr-11	Prior Month Mar-11	Year Ago Apr-10
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.0%	8.8%	9.8%
Oregon Unemployment Rate	9.6%	9.9%	11.0%
National Rank*	11th	9th	8th
County Unemployment Rates			
Highest: Crook	15.3%	15.7%	17.0%
Lowest: Gilliam	5.8%	6.3%	7.0%

Unemployed & Employed

	Current Month Apr-11	Prior Month Mar-11	Year Ago Apr-10
Oregon Total Unemployed	188,020	207,212	218,663
Change From Previous Year	-30,643	-31,131	-8,994
Percent Change From Previous Year	-14.0%	-13.1%	-4.0%
Oregon Nonfarm Payroll Employment	1,618,800	1,608,800	1,595,900
Change From Previous Year	22,900	29,500	-19,300
Percent Change From Previous Year	1.4%	1.9%	-1.2%
National Rank*	9th	6th	31st

Industry Rankings, Year/Year Growth

	Current Month Apr-11	Year Ago Apr-10	Percent Change	National Rank*
Fastest Growing Sectors in Oregon				
Leisure and Hospitality	165,200	160,000	3.3%	11th
Mining and Logging	6,600	6,400	3.1%	22nd
Slowest Growing Sectors in Oregon				
Government	303,500	307,500	-1.3%	22nd
Financial Activities	92,100	92,700	-0.6%	33rd

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.