



# Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

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## OREGON COAST

- The **Port of Brooking-Harbor** laid off its harbormaster and lead supervisor following a recent bond measure failure and a continuing financial crisis. *Curry Coastal Pilot, 12-10-08*
- **Mane Colour and Spa Hair Salon** has opened in **Lincoln City**. *News Guard, 12-30-08*
- **The Anchor Inn and Grill** in **Oceanside** has closed. *Headlight Herald, 12-24-08*

## SOUTHERN OREGON

- **Teapots & Teacups** tearoom has opened in **Roseburg**. *The News-Review, 12-14-08*
- **Office Depot** in **Medford** is closing. *KTVL.com, 12-11-08*
- **Taprock Northwest Grill** will open in **Grants Pass** in May. *Grants Pass Daily Courier, 12-6-08*
- **Fox's Pizza Den** in **Roseburg** has closed. *The News-Review, 12-14-08*
- **Naumes Equipment**, an agricultural equipment dealership in **Medford**, is closing. *Medford Mail Tribune, 12-10-08*

## CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **Dudley's**, a used book store and café has opened in **Bend**. *Bend Bulletin, 12-18-08*
- Four new fitness centers – **Northeast Bend Snap Fitness**, **NorthWest Crossing Snap Fitness**, **Elite Fitness and Education**, and **Brookwood Meadow Plaza Snap Fitness** – have opened or will open in the next two months in **Bend**. *Bend Bulletin, 12-12-08*
- **Volo** restaurant closed in **Bend**. *Bend Bulletin, 12-12-08*
- **Woodgrain Millwork** in **Prineville** has begun a new wood pellet business to offset losses from the decline in the housing market. **Nature Pellets** employs nine people. Yearly production is expected to be about 20,000 tons – enough to heat 7,000 homes. *Central Oregonian, 12-10-08*
- **Diego's Spirited Kitchen** will open in **Redmond**. *Redmond Spokesman, 12-10-08*
- **Aloha Café** has opened a second **Bend** location. *Bend Bulletin, 12-17-08*

## EASTERN OREGON

- **The Fillin Station Restaurant** in **Baker City** will close. *Baker City Herald, 12-10-08*
- **Eaglecap.net**, an **Enterprise** company that specializes in wireless communications, is the new U.S. Cellular dealer in Wallowa County. It added three workers. *Wallowa County Chieftain, 12-18-08*

## PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- **KB Toys Inc.** is closing all of its 461 stores. There are four **KB Toy Outlets** in Oregon: **Troutdale, Woodburn, Seaside, and Lincoln City**. *Portland Business Journal, 12-22-08*
- **Kaiser Permanente** will go ahead with its long delayed \$285 million hospital construction project in **Hillsboro**. It is expected to generate between 400 and 600 construction jobs, with an additional 1,100 to 1,200 health care jobs once the hospital opens in 2013. *Daily Journal of Commerce, 12-19-08*
- Telecom contractor **North Sky Communications** laid off 27 people in **Sherwood** after Verizon scrapped unspecified construction plans. *The Oregonian, 12-22-08*
- **Cascade Steel Rolling Mills** in **McMinville** has laid off 75 to 90 workers. *News-Register, 11-28-08*
- **Office Ally** – an electronic clearinghouse that acts as a go-between in processing insurance claims for doctor's offices, clinics, and hospitals – is opening a call center in **Vancouver**. It will employ 20 to 30 people. *The Columbian, 12-30-08*
- **Cleanzd Healing Spa** has opened in **McMinville**. It offers infrared body wraps, ionic body balancing, Thai yoga sessions, and nutritional counseling. *News-Register, 12-13-08*

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **Willamette Noodle Company** has opened a second **Salem** location. *Statesman Journal, 12-24-08*
- **El Vaquero**, a high-end restaurant at **Eugene's Fifth Street Public Market**, is closing. It employs 22 people. *Register-Guard, 12-19-08*
- **OSU Federal Credit Union** has opened a branch in **West Salem**. *Statesman Journal, 12-16-08*
- Twelve permanent and four temporary employees were laid off at **Entek Manufacturing** in **Lebanon**. *Lebanon Express, 12-23-08*
- **Words Lovely Words Gift Shoppe** in **Salem** will close by the end of February. *Statesman Journal, 12-30-08*
- **El Tapatio**, a Mexican restaurant, will open in **Cottage Grove**. *Cottage Grove Sentinel, 12-16-08*