



Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

For the week ending January 16, 2009

OREGON COAST

- **Compass Community Bank** will open a branch in **Astoria**. *Daily Astorian, 1-8-09*
- The **Lincoln County Health and Human Services Department** is cutting 12 full-time and two part-time positions due to a budget shortfall. Twenty-eight employees will also have their work hours reduced. *News Times, 1-9-09*
- **Stray Katz Bar** in **Empire-area** has closed. It employed eight people. *The World, 12-23-08*

SOUTHERN OREGON

- **Boise Cascade** will close its **White City** plywood mill in March. It employs 110 hourly production workers and management staff. *Medford Mail Tribune, 1-8-09*
- **Little Brothers Pub** in **Roseburg**, which closed 18 months ago, plans to reopen this month. *The News-Review, 1-4-09*
- **The Furniture Depot** in **Ashland** will close next month. *Medford Mail Tribune, 1-7-09*
- A federal affordable housing grant of nearly \$1 million has been awarded to the **Gospel Rescue Mission** toward construction of a 78-bed men's residence in **Grants Pass**. Construction is expected to begin in a few months. *Grants Pass Daily Courier, 12-16-08*
- The **Seven Feathers Hotel Casino & Resort** in **Canyonville** has laid off 51 workers. *The New Review, 1-7-09*
- **Panel Products** has shuttered its **Rogue River** plywood plant, idling 125 workers. *Medford Mail Tribune, 1-12-09*

CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **Westside Video** in **Bend** has closed. *Bend Bulletin, 1-1-09*
- In **Prineville**, **Contact Industries** – which produces building materials – and **Woodgrain Millwork** have laid off 45 workers and 14 workers, respectively. *Central Oregonian, 1-9-09*
- **Epic Aircraft** in **Bend** has laid off 20 people. *Bend Bulletin, 1-10-09*
- A new restaurant – **Chloe** – has opened at the **FivePine** campus in **Sisters**. *The Nugget, 1-13-09*

EASTERN OREGON

- **Clarence Burke Gallery** will open in **Pendleton**. It will feature American Indian artists. *Hermiston Herald, 1-14-09*
- **Country Seasons Café** has opened in **Hines**. *Burns Times-Herald, 1-7-09*

PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- **GE Security** will lay off more than 200 people at its **Tualatin** manufacturing facilities this year. It will move those jobs to GE locations across the United States and Mexico. *The Oregonian, 1-13-09*
- **McKesson Corp.**, a health care services company, is hiring 35 people at its **Vancouver** branch office. *The Columbian, 1-9-09*
- **Daimler Trucks North America**, formerly known as **Freightliner LLC**, will lay off 190 people at its **Portland** truck plant on January 30. *Portland Business Journal, 1-8-09*
- **Mika Sushi** will open at the **KOIN Center** in **Portland**. *Portland Business Journal, 12-22-08*
- **Portland-based PCC Structural**s, a division of **Precision Castparts Corp.** will reduce its salaried staff by roughly 40 workers. Some of them could be rehired as hourly production staff. *Portland Business Journal, 1-12-09*
- **Vancouver-based New Edge Networks** hired 11 people to staff a high-tech call center and plans to add 10 more by the end of the month. *The Columbian, 1-12-09*
- **Nature's Pet** has opened in **McMinnville**. It offers natural and organic foods and treats for small animals. *News-Register, 1-3-09*

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **Popeyes Chicken & Biscuits** has opened its first **Salem** location. *Statesman Journal, 1-7-09*
- **Shop Smart** in **Cottage Grove** will close on January 31. It employs about 50 people. *Cottage Grove Sentinel, 1-13-09*
- **Home Collections** furniture store in **Salem** will close by the end of April. *Statesman Journal, 1-9-09*
- **Ladies of Liberty**, a fabric store, will open in **Independence**. *Statesman Journal, 1-13-09*
- **The Downtown Dog**, an eatery specializing in hot dogs, has opened in **Lebanon**. *Lebanon Express, 1-6-09*
- The **Blodgett Country Café** has closed. *Corvallis Gazette-Times, 1-8-09*
- **River Road Health Mart** pharmacy will open in **Eugene** on January 26. *Register-Guard, 1-14-09*