



Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

For the week ending February 13, 2009

OREGON COAST

- The **Coos Bay School District** will lay off nine secretaries, three janitors, and a high school security officer. *The World*, 2-9-09
- **Pier 11 Steak House** has opened in **Astoria**. *Daily Astorian*, 1-23-09
- The **Center for Personal Growth and Professional Development** has opened in **Tillamook**. It offers counseling, business consulting, and life coaching services. *Headlight-Herald*, 1-14-09
- **ACS (Affiliated Computer Services)** in **North Bend** employs about 400 people and is hiring about 10 additional workers every week. *KCBY.com*, 2-2-09

SOUTHERN OREGON

- **Larry's Audio** in **Grants Pass** is closing. *Grants Pass Daily Courier*, 2-7-09
- **Raise Your Glass** wine bar has opened in **Roseburg**. *The News-Review*, 1-18-09
- **MasterBrand Cabinets** eliminated its swing shift and is cutting 136 jobs at its **Grants Pass** facility. *Grants Pass Daily Courier*, 2-5-09
- **Medford-based Asante Health Systems**, which provides medical services to 550,000 residents in a nine county region of Southern Oregon, will cut 94 jobs and close or sell programs due to a budget shortfall. Among the closures are the **Early Learning Center** day care operation and the **Ashland Hand Clinic**. *Portland Business Journal*, 2-11-09

CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **Cascade Healthcare Community Inc.** – a nonprofit health care provider that owns and operates **St. Charles Bend** and **St. Charles Redmond** – will lay off 74 people and reduce hours for 45 additional employees. *The Bulletin*, 2-10-09
- **Tracks to Heaven**, a pet cremation business, has opened in **Klamath Falls**. *Herald and News*, 2-1-09
- **Verizon Wireless** will close the former Unicef call center in **Bend** in May. It employs 49 people. *Bend Bulletin*, 2-12-09
- **Tonsorial Parlor**, an upscale barber shop, has opened in **Madras**. *Madras Pioneer*, 1-14-09

EASTERN OREGON

- **Kickin' It Cowgirl Boutique** has opened in **Hermiston**. *Hermiston Herald, 2-4-09*

PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- **Thai Dish** restaurant will open at the **OC Point** in **Oregon City**. *Portland Business Journal, 2-2-09*
- **SolarWorld AG** is moving work from its silicon ingot-manufacturing business in **Vancouver, Washington** to its U.S. headquarters in **Hillsboro**. Fifty full-time and 13 part-time workers will be laid off but will be eligible to reapply for their jobs at the Hillsboro plant. *Portland Business Journal, 2-3-09*
- **Kuni Automotive** will close its Cadillac and Saab dealership in **Beaverton**. Twenty-five to 30 employees will be laid off. *KGW.com, 2-9-09*
- **SCRAP Inc.**, a retail and creative art design firm, will open in northeast **Portland**. *Portland Business Journal, 2-2-09*
- **Lake Oswego-based Greenbrier Cos.**, a leading manufacturer of railcars, will shrink its workforce by 150 people, reduce wages, and implement other cost-cutting measures. The 150 employees being laid off or taking early retirement work at its Gunderson facility in **Portland** and a plant in Mexico. Job cuts in the company's corporate offices and other locations are also planned. *The Oregonian, 2-11-09*
- **America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses** will open on Southwest Third Avenue in **Portland**. *Portland Business Journal, 1-19-09*

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **BonBons Paperie and Chocolat** has opened at the **Reed Opera House** in **Salem**. It offers chocolates, caramels, truffles, and hard candies. *Statesman Journal, 2-4-09*
- **Your Green Home**, a **Corvallis** store catering to green building needs, will close at the end of the month. *Corvallis Gazette-Times, 2-11-09*
- The **Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services** in **Salem** will lay off 27 employees and eliminate 57 vacant positions. *Statesman Journal, 2-7-09*
- **El Toro Mexican Food** has opened at the Heritage Mall in **Albany**. *Albany Democrat-Herald, 2-9-09*
- The **Oregon Pacific Chapter of the American Red Cross** in **Eugene** will eliminate eight positions and reduce two more to part-time status. *KVAL.com, 2-11-09*
- **Strega**, a restaurant and bar in **Corvallis**, will close on February 15. *Corvallis Gazette-Times, 2-7-09*
- **Oregon Cherry Growers** in **Salem** has laid off about eight administrative employees. *Statesman Journal, 2-6-09*