



Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

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OREGON COAST

- **Alsea Bay Granite Unlimited** has opened in **Waldport**. It offers custom cabinets and counter tops. *News Times, 4-29-09*
- **Fantas-Teak Furniture**, a store specializing in teak items, has opened in **Newport**. *News Times, 4-29-09*
- **Oregon Coast Bank** will build a branch in **Toledo**. It will employ eight to 10 people. *News Times, 4-1-09*
- **SeaSoles**, a women's shoe boutique, has opened in **Seaside**. *Coast River Business Journal, 5-1-09*
- **Things Rich and Strange**, a gift shop, has opened in **Depoe Bay**. It offers gems, art, and jewelry. *News Times, 4-1-09*
- The **North Bend School District** plans to cut 31 jobs in June, including teachers, administrators, and classified staff members. The estimated layoffs are necessary to accommodate a nearly \$3 million reduction in its budget. *The World, 4-25-09*

SOUTHERN OREGON

- **Shop & Save Thrift Store** will open in **Winston**. It offers donated and overstock merchandise such as clothing, furniture, and household items and will employ three to four workers. *The News-Review, 4-26-09*
- **The Handsome and Smart Tattoo Parlor** has opened in **Roseburg**. *The News-Review, 3-29-09*
- The **Phoenix-Talent School District** will reduce its workforce by 45 employees next school year as it prepares for plummeting state revenues. *Medford Mail Tribune, 4-28-09*
- **Booster Juice**, a business specializing in fruit smoothies, has opened in **Roseburg**. *The News-Review, 3-29-09*

CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **Cessna Aircraft Co.** will close its plant in **Bend**, laying off 150 workers. *Portland Business Journal, 4-29-09*
- The **Redmond Plan Centers** in **Redmond** and **Bend** have closed. *Bend Bulletin, 4-24-09*

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EASTERN OREGON

- **Prometric**, a global provider of comprehensive testing and assessment services, has opened an office in **La Grande**. It employs three people. *The Observer*, 4-22-09
- **New Directions Northwest** – which operates alcohol and drug treatment facilities in **Baker City** that house people in recovery from all over Oregon – laid off nine employees and reduced hours for nine others. *Baker City Herald*, 4-21-09

PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- Excavation is set to begin this summer on the **Powell Butte Reservoir**. **City of Portland** officials estimate that the \$138-million project will create about 1,500 jobs over the next three to four years. *KGW.com*, 4-6-09
- **Lane Bryant**, **America's Best Optical**, **CitiFinancial**, **Max Muscle**, and **Balasana Yoga Studios** have opened at the **Hazel Dell Towne Center** in **Vancouver**. *The Columbian*, 4-27-09
- **Mr. Joes** coffee café in **St. Helens** has closed. *The Chronicle*, 4-15-09
- **Fairview**-based **Cascade Corp.**, hit by weak demand for its lift trucks and other products, cut its global workforce by 20 percent. In Oregon, it now employs 240 people, down from about 300 last year. *The Oregonian*. 4-3-09
- **Lithium Edge LLC**, a California-based company that makes parts for cruise control systems, will open in southwest **Portland**. *Portland Business Journal*, 4-13-09
- The **City of Troutdale** will cut 6.5 full-time equivalent positions and put a freeze on cost-of-living raises and most capital expenditures due to a budget shortfall for next year. *Gresham Outlook*, 4-29-09

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **Withnell Motor Company** is closing its Nissan dealership in **Albany**. A few of the 20 employees may have an opportunity to transfer to Withnell's dealerships in Salem. *Statesman Journal*, 4-24-09
- **Coburg Station**, a new retail center in **Eugene**, has eight of its 13 spaces committed. They include **Chipolte Mexican Grill**, **Café' 440**, **City Nails and Spa**, **Due Donne Boutique**, a women's clothing store; **Oh My Dog**, a dog grooming salon; **Sleep Country USA**, **Framin' ArtWorks**, and the **Northside Liquor** store. *Register-Guard*, 4-22-09
- **The Cat's Meow Consignment** shop has opened in **Salem**. It offers clothing and accessories. *Statesman Journal*, 4-28-09
- **Oakshire Brewing** in **Eugene** is expanding its production and hiring its first brewmaster. *Register-Guard*, 4-4-09
- **ATS Oregon**, a high-tech manufacturing firm in **Corvallis**, laid off about 35 people last week. *Corvallis Gazette-Times*, 4-28-09