



# Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

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For the week ending October 2, 2009

## OREGON COAST

- **Charlie's Chowder and Coffee House** opened in **Astoria**. *Coast River Business Journal*, 10-1-09
- **Newport Signs**, a commercial business, opened in **Newport**. *News Times*, 9-23-09
- **National Insurance Consultants, Inc.**, a commercial insurance company, opened in **Astoria**. *Daily Astorian*, 8-27-09
- **Way Kool Thrift Store** opened in **Astoria**. It offers antiques, collectibles, used clothing, and other goods. It also features an art gallery. *Coast River Business Journal*, 9-1-09

## SOUTHERN OREGON

- **Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield** in **Medford** hired dozens of workers recently and plans to do so again, but they need people to apply. They say many potential employees are so discouraged by the unemployment rate and don't realize how many local opportunities exist. *KTVL.com* 9-16-09
- **All-American Real Estate** has opened in **Roseburg**. *The News-Review*, 9-13-09
- **Weyerhaeuser Co.** will close its **Wilbur** utility pole plant, putting 16 people out of work. It will continue operating until it depletes its inventory. *The News-Review*, 9-18-09

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **Roxy Live Nightclub and Pizzeria** in **Salem** closed. *Statesman Journal*, 9-25-09
- **Downtown Dental** opened in **Corvallis**. *Corvallis Gazette-Times*, 9-21-09
- **Uni-Chem**, a South Korean manufacturer is buying the closed Hynix computer chip plant in **Eugene** and plans to renovate it for solar cell manufacturing. The plant could employ up to 1,000 workers. *Register-Guard*, 9-27-09
- **The Salem Real Estate Group Inc.** opened in **Salem**. *Statesman Journal*, 9-16-09
- **Tomorrow's Champions**, a preschool and day care, will open in **West Salem**. *Statesman Journal*, 9-23-09
- **Sy's New York Pizza** will open in **north Eugene**, employing eight people. *Register-Guard*, 9-25-09

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## EASTERN OREGON

- Kansas-based **Ash Grove Cement** will shut down production at its cement factory in **Durkee**, along with eight other factories around the nation, due to the continued national construction slowdown. It will lay off 68 of its 115 employees. *The Oregonian, 10-1-09*
- **The Mountain Inn Café and Grocery** opened in **Long Creek**. The business, under previous ownership, closed last spring, leaving the town without any type of eatery or grocery store. *Blue Mountain Eagle, 9-16-09*
- **Powder River Precision**, a manufacturer of aftermarket parts for pistols, broke ground on a new building in the **Elkhorn View Industrial Park** in **Baker City**. It will expand from two to three employees when the new building opens. *Baker City Herald, 9-16-09*

## PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- **Daimler Trucks North America** will keep its **Swan Island** plant open, shelving earlier plans to close it by 2010. However, its long-term viability may depend on whether it can reach a labor contract agreement providing cost reductions and flexibility with work rules to remain competitive. It employs about 606 union workers, following retirements and a round of 200 layoffs earlier this year. *Portland Business Journal, 9-28-09*
- **MOR Furniture for Less** will open in **Tigard**. *Tigard Times, 9-24-09*
- **Investor Nation**, a Tennessee-based business that guides small investors through the purchase and renovation of residential real estate for resale, opened an office in **Portland**. *Portland Business Journal, 9-15-09*
- **Mortgage Mastery Services of Oregon** will open in **Portland**. *Daily Journal of Commerce, 9-28-09*
- **Prime Lending** will open in **Clackamas**. *Portland Business Journal, 9-17-09*
- **The Impact Learning Center** will open in **Sandy**. It will assist public or home school instructors with students who have learning difficulties. *Sandy Post, 9-1-09*
- A **Subway** sandwich shop will open in **Newberg**. *Newberg Graphic, 9-29-09*
- Plans to build **The Westin Portland at the Convention Center**, a 600-room hotel at the Oregon Convention Center, have been shelved. *Portland Business Journal, 9-21-09*

## CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **A Cake to Remember**, a full-service bakery, opened in **Prineville**. *Central Oregonian, 9-23-09*
- **Working Wonders** children's museum in **Bend's Old Mill District** will close indefinitely due to a lack of operating funds. *Bend Bulletin, 9-26-09*
- **Prineville Beauty Supply Store** will open. *Central Oregonian, 9-30-09*