



Regional Profile Industry Employment in Region 10

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Central Oregon's Employment Growth is Projected to Outpace the State's

Every two years, the Oregon Employment Department develops projections for state and regional industry employment. This long-term employment forecast tries to capture what the area's workforce will look like in a decade. Although no one can predict with 100 percent accuracy the changes that will occur over the next 10 years, Central Oregon is almost certain to add jobs as the region's population continues to expand.

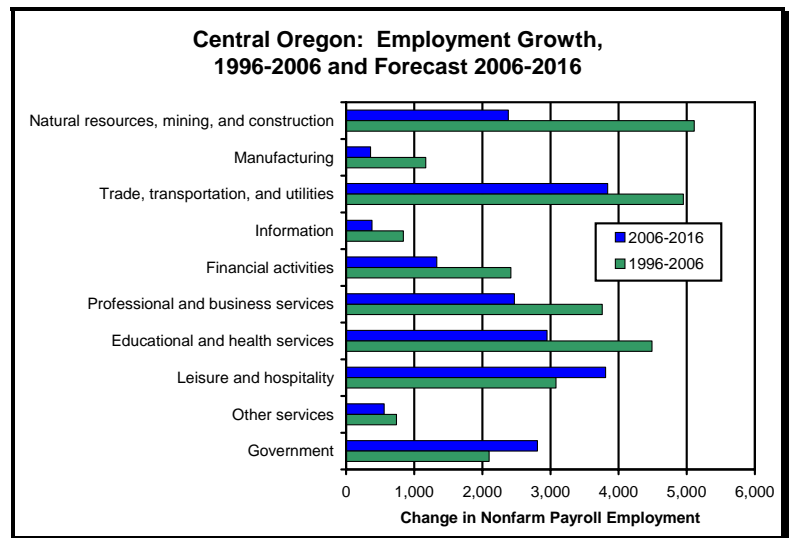
The most recent forecast covers the 10-year period from 2006 to 2016. Statewide projections are developed through a combination of analyses of historical trends, industry and demographic relationships, and various state and national industry employment forecasts.

Regional projections are an offshoot of the statewide projections, with this region's specific industry mix playing an influential role in determining how quickly or slowly employment will be projected to grow. In addition, the regional forecasts can be adjusted for developments that are sure to impact local employment.

Employment in Central Oregon is projected to grow by 25 percent between 2006 and 2016. The addition of 20,890 jobs over this period makes it the projected fastest-growing region in the state, with Region 9 close behind at 20 percent. Region 9, which is made up of the Columbia Gorge and North Central Oregon, is projected to benefit from a new tribal casino in Cascade Locks. Also along the Columbia, Region 12, Morrow and Umatilla counties, is projected to have the slowest growth rate as the region sees a shift away from food product manufacturing and the dismantling of the Umatilla Chemical Depot.

Central Oregon's projected growth rate is expected to exceed the state's over the next 10 years, in large part due to the region's expanding population. Oregon is expected to add 241,100 jobs over the next decade, growing by 14 percent. Oregon's projected growth is similar to the actual employment growth in the previous decade of 14.6 percent, which resulted in more than 217,300 jobs. The projected growth over the next decade in Central Oregon pales in comparison to the actual increase experienced in the region between 1996 and 2006, when 28,640 jobs were created and growth was more than 52 percent.

With few exceptions, the region's nonmanufacturing industries are expected to lead with double-digit growth. These projections are largely based on the assumption that the region's population will continue to expand and create job opportunities, that there will be continued national exposure for the area as a recognized



**Region 10: Industry Employment Forecast, 2006-2016
Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties**

	2006	2016	Change	% Change
Total nonfarm employment	82,780	103,670	20,890	25%
Total private	71,060	89,150	18,090	25%
Logging and mining	420	480	60	14%
Construction	8,560	10,880	2,320	27%
Manufacturing	9,080	9,440	360	4%
Durable goods	8,110	8,260	150	2%
Wood product manufacturing	4,110	4,000	-110	-3%
Nondurable goods	970	1,180	210	22%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	15,970	19,810	3,840	24%
Wholesale trade	2,760	3,090	330	12%
Retail trade	11,390	14,450	3,060	27%
Food and beverage stores	2,290	2,860	570	25%
General merchandise stores	2,100	2,710	610	29%
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,820	2,270	450	25%
Information	1,720	2,100	380	22%
Financial activities	5,490	6,820	1,330	24%
Professional and business services	7,840	10,310	2,470	32%
Educational and health services	8,920	11,870	2,950	33%
Health care and social assistance	8,130	10,860	2,730	34%
Health care	6,940	9,360	2,420	35%
Leisure and hospitality	10,510	14,320	3,810	36%
Accommodation and food services	8,700	11,830	3,130	36%
Other services	2,570	3,130	560	22%
Government	11,720	14,530	2,810	24%
Federal government	1,320	1,340	20	2%
State government	1,510	2,180	670	44%
Local government	8,900	11,000	2,100	24%

recreational destination, and that there will be a continued movement away from a natural resource-based economy. Fueling this growth will be the expansion of leisure and hospitality, professional and business services, and retail trade. Together, these three industries will account for nearly half of the region's growth.

Six industries are expected to increase by more than 25 percent. Leisure and hospitality is projected to grow by just over 36 percent through 2016, as the region has a number of new destination resorts in development, and even more in the initial planning stages.

Health care will rapidly expand as the population ages, the need for medical care increases, and services are expanded locally. Educational and health services is expected to be the third-fastest growing industry in the region, expanding by 33 percent.

Professional and business services, which captures employment in call centers; law, architectural, engineering, and scientific research firms; and employment placement agencies will grow by 32 percent. This category is expected to add 2,470 jobs over the next decade, the fourth largest in terms of projected net job gains. Employment will be boosted as the economy continues to diversify and create more professional jobs to meet the business needs of the community.

Retail trade and construction are expected to see quick growth over the next decade. Construction's growth should be fueled in part by growth in the retail sector, as there is a need for more commercial buildings, and by long-term growth in residential building. The projected build-out at numerous industrial parks in the region will add to this demand. Retail employment is expected to continue its expansion along with the region's population, and growth is expected in all of the region's communities.

Only one industry is expected to decline over the decade. Due to decreased forest harvest, increased foreign competition, and advancing mechanization, wood product manufacturing employment is expected to shrink by 110 jobs, or 3 percent. Due to decreased forest harvest and consolidated management practices, employment in the federal government is expected to remain virtually stable, growing by only 2 percent.

Overall, manufacturing in the region is expected to see a slow growth rate of 4 percent in the next 10 years. Durable goods other than wood products is expected to increase relatively well, and nondurables is expected to grow by 22 percent. These categories capture some of the region's up and coming manufacturers like high tech, pharmaceuticals, metals, and aerospace.