



Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

For the week ending December 12, 2008

OREGON COAST

- **Vaiyu Turbine Technologies**, a wind turbine design firm, has opened in **Coos Bay**. *The World*, 12-6-08
- **North Bank Road Barber Shop** has opened near **Lincoln City**. *News Guard*, 12-10-08
- A fire in downtown Astoria destroyed a building that houses **Bank of America**, **Tokyo Teriyaki**, **Caby's Restaurant**, and **Raven's Studio**. *Daily Astorian*, 11-28-08

SOUTHERN OREGON

- **Jackson County's Planning and Building Department** is laying off the equivalent of five full-time employees and reducing the hours for the remaining employees to 32 a week for about six months. The county has experienced a decline in fees due to a 40 percent decline in building permits this year. *Medford Mail Tribune*, 12-3-08
- **The Palace Gallery**, an art gallery in **Oakland**, is closing. *The News-Review*, 12-7-08
- Construction of the **Community Cancer Center** on the **Mercy Medical Center** campus in **Roseburg** is expected to be completed in April. The new building will bring oncologists, **Douglas County Cancer Services**, and **American Cancer Services** together in one location. *The News-Review*, 12-5-08

CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **Office Depot** in **Bend** will close, laying off 20 people. *Bend Bulletin*, 12-11-08
- **Warm Springs Forest Products Inc.**, owned by the **Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs**, has returned to nearly full operation by switching to Asian markets after a layoff nearly shut its **Bend** mill in April. All but three of the 57 laid-off workers have been rehired. *Bend Bulletin*, 12-2-08
- **Straw Hat Pizza** will open at **Frank's Landing** in **Redmond**. *Bend Bulletin*, 12-9-08
- **Webb's BBQ Shack** has opened in **Klamath Falls**. *Herald and News*, 11-30-08
- **Corral West Ranchwear** in **Bend** is closing. *Bend Bulletin*, 12-10-08
- **Sounds Unlimited**, a car sound shop, has opened in **Madras**. *Madras Pioneer*, 12-11-08

EASTERN OREGON

- **Robbins Farm Equipment**, which repairs and maintains farm machinery, is hiring more employees. It is expanding its **Baker City** shop and opening a new branch in **La Grande**. *Baker City Herald, 11-25-08*
- The **Taco Time** restaurant in **Ontario**, damaged by a fire in August, will reopen in January. *Argus Observer, 11-23-08*
- The **Fleetwood** RV manufacturing plant near **Island City** will shut down for most of December to let orders catch up to production. *The Observer, 12-3-08*

PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- **Premiere Ford** in **Gladstone** has closed, putting 56 people out of work. Premiere's owner also plans to close his **Beaverton Mitsubishi** dealership, idling another 45 workers. *The Oregonian, 12-10-08*
- **Babies R Us** has opened at **Jantzen Beach SuperCenter** in **Portland**. It employs 100. *The Columbian, 12-10-08*
- **West Coast Bank** will open a branch in **Dundee** early next month. *Portland Business Journal, 12-10-08*
- **Goodman Networks Inc.** and **Plaza Home Mortgage Inc.** will open at the **Hilltop Business Center** in **Portland**. *Portland Business Journal, 12-8-08*
- **Iterasi Inc.**, a small **Portland** Web technology company, has laid off four people. *Portland Business Journal, 12-4-08*
- **Tyco Electronics Corp.** will lay off 70 of its approximately 500 employees at its **Wilsonville** plant as part of a plan to cut 2,500 staff worldwide. *Portland Business Journal, 12-8-08*

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **Lane County's Land Management Division**, which oversees building permits, codes, inspections, and other construction concerns, will cut 23 of its 44 positions due to the construction slowdown. *Register-Guard, 12-5-08*
- **The Chase Bar & Grill**, an English-style pub, has opened in **Independence**. *Statesman Journal, 12-10-08*
- **Olivia's**, a shop offering unique gifts and home décor, has opened in **Salem**. *Statesman Journal, 12-11-08*
- **Pacific Cast Technologies Inc.** in **Albany** has laid off workers due to significant changes in Boeing's production schedules and other worldwide aerospace market fluctuations. Officials did not release how many workers were affected by the layoff. *Albany Democrat-Herald, 12-5-08*