

Help Wanted in Oregon: Results from the Winter 2013 Job Vacancy Survey

Oregon Employment Department



Roughly 22,900 vacancies in Oregon

- Surveyed 2,500 employers during Winter 2013
- Includes private employers with two or more employees

Oregon Job Vacancies, Winter 2013

Vacancies	22,924
Average Hourly Wage	\$15.31
Full-time Positions	73%
Permanent Positions	83%
Requiring Education Beyond High School	34%
Requiring Previous Experience	72%
Difficult to Fill	39%



The number of unemployed Oregonians is much larger than the number of job vacancies.

- There were 181,113 unemployed Oregonians in January 2013 and 22,924 job vacancies reported by employers.
- That's 8 unemployed people for each vacancy. We've never done a winter vacancy survey, so we're not sure how that compares to previous winters.
- We do know labor demand reaches a low-point in the winter as retail trade, agricultural, and other seasonal industries cut jobs each winter.

Health care has more vacancies than any other industry...

Oregon Job Vacancies by Industry, Winter 2013

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Vacancies</u>
All Industries	22,924
Health care and social assistance	3,905
Management, administrative, and waste services	3,183
Professional, scientific, and technical services	2,743
Leisure and hospitality	2,474
Manufacturing	2,300
Retail trade	2,001
Natural resources and mining	1,240
Other services	1,094
Construction	962
Wholesale trade	962
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	912
Private educational services	511
Information	319
Financial activities	318



... but healthcare practitioners and technical occupations do not top the list of vacancies.

Oregon Job Vacancies by Occupation Group, Winter 2013

<u>Occupation Group</u>	<u>Vacancies</u>
All Occupations	22,924
Transportation and Material Moving	2,327
Food Preparation and Serving	2,202
Office and Administrative Support	2,188
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	1,792
Sales and Related	1,569
Personal Care and Service	1,480
Management	1,244
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	1,201
Computer and Mathematical	1,176
Production	1,175
Architecture and Engineering	1,092
Business and Financial	991
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	811
Health Care Support	736
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	724
Education, Training, and Library	693
Construction and Extraction	594
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	321
Community and Social Service	232
Life, Physical, and Social Science	143
Protective Service	127
Legal	106



Large firms reported the most vacancies in the winter...

Oregon Job Vacancies by Firm Size, Winter 2013

Number of Employees	Vacancies
All Firms	22,924
2-19	6,773
20-99	6,570
100+	9,581



... and nearly half of vacancies are in the
Portland Tri-County area.

Oregon Job Vacancies by Geography, Winter 2013

Geography	Vacancies
Oregon Statewide	22,924
Portland Tri-County	10,706
Northwest Oregon/Willamette Valley	5,615
Southwest Oregon	2,205
Central Oregon	1,878
Eastern Oregon	498



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