
OREGON UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REACHES 12.1%



Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 12.1% in March, from 10.7% in February. The state may have the highest unemployment rate in the nation -- the federal government will release updated unemployment statistics this week. The state lost 14,000 jobs last month; down from 22,800 in February. The January 2008 rate was 5.3%. More than 256,400 Oregonians were unemployed last month, compared to 115,629 a year earlier.

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