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Staff Testimony 200, Rossow/2, references national and Oregon unemployment rates. The second page of the May 2008, news release from the Employment Department, was inadvertently omitted from Staff Exhibit 203 filed on July 9, 2008.

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**CORRECTED  
STAFF EXHIBIT 203**

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**July 16, 2008**

**Labor Force Data**

Unemployment Rate

Area: STATEWIDE Oregon

Seasonally Adjusted Data

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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
2008	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.4	5.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2007	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.2
2006	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.4
2005	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.0	5.8	5.7	6.2
2004	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.2	7.1	6.9	6.7	7.3
2003	7.7	7.9	8.1	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.3	8.2	8.0	7.9	7.8	8.1

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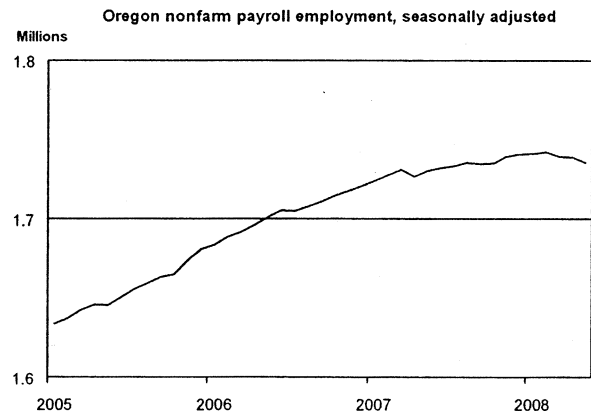
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### Oregon's Employment Situation: May 2008

Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in May and the revised figure for April was 5.4 percent. The U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 5.5 percent in May from 5.0 percent in April.

In May, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment declined 3,700, following a revised loss of 300 jobs in April.



### Industry Payroll Employment (Establishment Survey Data)

In May, total seasonally adjusted payroll employment dropped by 3,700, the third consecutive monthly decline. Payroll employment stood at 1,735,200, the lowest level since 1,735,100 in October 2007.

In May, four major industries posted sizeable seasonally adjusted job declines: construction (-1,600 jobs); manufacturing (-2,300); trade, transportation, and utilities (-1,600); and professional and business services (-1,000). Only one major industry posted a substantial seasonally adjusted monthly gain: educational and health services (+3,500 jobs).

**Construction** continued to trend downward, with a seasonally adjusted job loss of 1,600 in May. The industry reached a peak in July 2007, when 105,800 were employed. The May figure of 96,400 indicates that 9,400 jobs were cut during that 10-month period, a decline of 8.9 percent.

Looking at construction jobs prior to seasonal adjustment, residential building construction was down 600 jobs in May and down 2,600 since May 2007. Specialty trade contractors shed 800 jobs

and this sector is down 6,100 in the past 12 months. Heavy and civil engineering construction was the exception as it added 1,600 jobs in May.

**Manufacturing** cut 1,400 jobs when a gain of 900 was expected due to seasonal factors. Most components within durable goods shed jobs in May. Wood product manufacturing cut 300 jobs, and was down 2,600 since May 2007. Computer and electronic product manufacturing shed 500 jobs and is down 1,900 over the past 12 months. Transportation equipment manufacturing cut 400 jobs in May. The exceptions in durable goods were the metals industries, where employment was essentially unchanged.

**Trade, transportation, and utilities** was flat when a gain of 1,600 jobs is the norm for May. This weakness was led by retail trade, which was down 500 jobs. Retail was down 3,200 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis since February. Losses were substantial in motor vehicle and parts dealers, which is down 1,600 jobs since May 2007. Reductions in demand for heavier and less fuel efficient passenger vehicles at the national level are likely to be hurting sales in Oregon as well. Building materials and garden supply stores no doubt are affected by housing trends. This industry added 300 jobs in May, but is at the same employment level as in May 2007.

**Professional and business services** trended below its typical pattern, with a gain of only 100 jobs in May, when a gain of 1,100 is the normal seasonal pattern. This industry sector had trended downward for two months following rapid gains in October through February. One of the three large component industries, professional and technical services, showed a sharp decline in May, losing 2,100 jobs. Architectural and engineering services was estimated to be down 400 jobs for the month and has dropped by 1,000 jobs since reaching its peak in November, following rapid gains during the housing boom of the prior four years. Legal services continued its long-term trend, adding 300 jobs or 2.4 percent since May 2007.

**Educational and health services** added 1,400 jobs in May, when a loss of 2,100 is the norm for the month. Social assistance shot up 1,200 jobs, and is up 2,800 jobs in the past year, as many firms expanded in vocational rehabilitation, individual and family services, and services for the elderly and disabled. Also growing employment rapidly over the past 12 months have been private sector educational services (+1,100 jobs), ambulatory health care services (+3,400), hospitals (+2,100), and nursing and residential care facilities (+1,000).

### **Unemployment (Household Survey Data)**

Oregon's seasonally adjusted May unemployment rate of 5.6 percent was significantly above the lowest level over the past several years, which was reached early last year, when the rate was 5.0 percent. The April unemployment rate was revised downward by one tenth of a point to 5.4 percent from the preliminary figure reported in last month's press release.

With the national unemployment rate rising to 5.5 percent in May, Oregon's unemployment rate, at 5.6 percent, was only one tenth of a point higher than the U.S. rate. Although Oregon's rate has been higher than the U.S. rate for many years, the gap has been narrowing and now the difference between the two is not statistically significant.

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June 2008 at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 14, 2008.

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For the complete version of the news release, including tables and graphs, visit: [www.QualityInfo.org/pressrelease](http://www.QualityInfo.org/pressrelease).

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**TABLE N. 1**  
**U.S. Forecast Summary 2006-2015 (April 2008 Forecast)**

	Quarterly			Annual									
	2008:1	2008:2	2008:3	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
GDP (Bil of 2000 \$) Chain Weight	11,673	11,653	11,724	11,319	11,567	11,704	11,903	12,266	12,672	13,040	13,359	13,681	14,016
% Ch	(0.1)	(0.7)	2.4	2.9	2.2	1.2	1.7	3.0	3.3	2.9	2.4	2.4	2.5
Personal Income (Bil of \$)	11,975	12,166	12,177	10,983	11,660	12,147	12,589	13,214	13,971	14,796	15,566	16,323	17,116
% Ch	4.0	6.6	0.4	6.6	6.2	4.2	3.6	5.0	5.7	5.9	5.2	4.9	4.9
Nonagricultural Employment (Millions)	138.0	137.8	137.8	136.1	137.6	137.9	138.4	140.0	142.4	144.4	145.9	147.0	148.0
% Ch	(0.1)	(0.5)	(0.1)	1.8	1.1	0.2	0.4	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.0	0.8	0.7
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.2	5.4	4.6	4.6	5.3	5.8	5.6	5.2	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7
% Ch	5.6	26.4	16.9	(9.0)	0.7	13.2	9.5	(2.6)	(7.8)	(6.7)	(1.3)	0.0	(0.9)
Industrial Production Index (2002=100)	112.0	111.4	112.1	109.6	111.4	112.1	114.2	117.8	122.0	124.5	126.5	129.0	131.6
% Ch	(0.5)	(2.0)	2.5	2.2	1.7	0.6	1.9	3.2	3.5	2.1	1.6	1.9	2.1
Corporate Profits (Bil of \$)	1,681	1,539	1,599	1,806	1,877	1,601	1,889	1,893	1,924	1,891	1,869	1,884	1,909
% Ch	(36.1)	(29.7)	16.7	14.3	3.9	(14.7)	18.0	0.2	1.7	(1.7)	(1.2)	0.8	1.3
Money Supply (M2) (Bil of \$)	7,575	7,655	7,730	6,996	7,412	7,801	8,187	8,599	9,034	9,485	9,955	10,456	10,978
% Ch	9.1	4.3	4.0	4.9	5.9	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Prime Rate	6.20	4.89	4.50	7.96	8.05	5.02	5.09	7.14	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.75
% Ch	(54.0)	(61.1)	(28.5)	28.6	1.2	(37.6)	1.3	40.4	8.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Consumer Price Index (1982-84=100)	2.128	2.138	2.154	2.016	2.073	2.145	2.179	2.214	2.251	2.294	2.337	2.383	2.430
% Ch	4.3	1.9	3.1	3.2	2.9	3.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0
Federal Budget (unified) (Bil of \$, Fed FY)	(185.5)	(11.6)	(110.2)	(209.2)	(187.9)	(434.2)	(397.3)	(367.5)	(305.0)	(282.1)	(271.1)	(332.4)	(357.4)
Current Account Balance (Bil of \$)	(675.1)	(708.6)	(648.4)	(811.5)	(738.6)	(666.0)	(605.7)	(652.0)	(671.4)	(693.0)	(680.4)	(676.6)	(676.1)
% Ch	(9.3)	21.4	(29.9)	7.5	(9.0)	(9.8)	(9.1)	7.6	3.0	3.2	(1.8)	(0.6)	(0.1)
Population (Millions)	304.5	305.2	305.9	300.1	302.8	305.5	308.2	310.9	313.5	316.2	318.9	321.6	324.3
% Ch	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8



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**Local Area Unemployment Statistics**


Series Id:		LASST41000003			
Seasonally Adjusted					
Area:		Oregon			
Area Type:		Statewide			
State/Region/Division:		Oregon			
Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2003	Jan	1847650(b)	1704544(b)	143106(b)	7.7(b)
2003	Feb	1847422(b)	1702025(b)	145397(b)	7.9(b)
2003	Mar	1849431(b)	1700102(b)	149329(b)	8.1(b)
2003	Apr	1851696(b)	1696203(b)	155493(b)	8.4(b)
2003	May	1851541(b)	1695682(b)	155859(b)	8.4(b)
2003	Jun	1852846(b)	1695291(b)	157555(b)	8.5(b)
2003	Jul	1853030(b)	1696263(b)	156767(b)	8.5(b)
2003	Aug	1851746(b)	1698833(b)	152913(b)	8.3(b)
2003	Sep	1849945(b)	1699108(b)	150837(b)	8.2(b)
2003	Oct	1850234(b)	1702345(b)	147889(b)	8.0(b)
2003	Nov	1847187(b)	1701591(b)	145596(b)	7.9(b)
2003	Dec	1847556(b)	1704154(b)	143402(b)	7.8(b)
2004	Jan	1847377(b)	1702351(b)	145026(b)	7.9(b)
2004	Feb	1846956(b)	1705563(b)	141393(b)	7.7(b)
2004	Mar	1849765(b)	1709259(b)	140506(b)	7.6(b)
2004	Apr	1850892(b)	1715019(b)	135873(b)	7.3(b)
2004	May	1850984(b)	1715166(b)	135818(b)	7.3(b)
2004	Jun	1853831(b)	1716815(b)	137016(b)	7.4(b)
2004	Jul	1856652(b)	1720818(b)	135834(b)	7.3(b)
2004	Aug	1857396(b)	1720874(b)	136522(b)	7.4(b)
2004	Sep	1855893(b)	1722321(b)	133572(b)	7.2(b)
2004	Oct	1856898(b)	1725108(b)	131790(b)	7.1(b)
2004	Nov	1856369(b)	1727449(b)	128920(b)	6.9(b)

2004	Dec	1854343(b)	1730292(b)	124051(b)	6.7(b)
2005	Jan	1853980(b)	1733450(b)	120530(b)	6.5(b)
2005	Feb	1856029(b)	1736803(b)	119226(b)	6.4(b)
2005	Mar	1857132(b)	1740754(b)	116378(b)	6.3(b)
2005	Apr	1861850(b)	1743514(b)	118336(b)	6.4(b)
2005	May	1862323(b)	1744201(b)	118122(b)	6.3(b)
2005	Jun	1866304(b)	1747323(b)	118981(b)	6.4(b)
2005	Jul	1868718(b)	1750807(b)	117911(b)	6.3(b)
2005	Aug	1870895(b)	1753800(b)	117095(b)	6.3(b)
2005	Sep	1871096(b)	1757883(b)	113213(b)	6.1(b)
2005	Oct	1873102(b)	1761421(b)	111681(b)	6.0(b)
2005	Nov	1875200(b)	1766758(b)	108442(b)	5.8(b)
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2006	Jan	1881676(b)	1777869(b)	103807(b)	5.5(b)
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2006	May	1898403(b)	1797788(b)	100615(b)	5.3(b)
2006	Jun	1902891(b)	1801207(b)	101684(b)	5.3(b)
2006	Jul	1904461(b)	1802554(b)	101907(b)	5.4(b)
2006	Aug	1907421(b)	1804820(b)	102601(b)	5.4(b)
2006	Sep	1910583(b)	1808155(b)	102428(b)	5.4(b)
2006	Oct	1913693(b)	1811822(b)	101871(b)	5.3(b)
2006	Nov	1916400(b)	1814349(b)	102051(b)	5.3(b)
2006	Dec	1916721(b)	1816157(b)	100564(b)	5.2(b)
2007	Jan	1917184(b)	1819862(b)	97322(b)	5.1(b)
2007	Feb	1920105(b)	1823159(b)	96946(b)	5.0(b)
2007	Mar	1921230(b)	1824974(b)	96256(b)	5.0(b)
2007	Apr	1920649(b)	1823915(b)	96734(b)	5.0(b)
2007	May	1924403(b)	1825847(b)	98556(b)	5.1(b)
2007	Jun	1927115(b)	1827271(b)	99844(b)	5.2(b)
2007	Jul	1928842(b)	1827512(b)	101330(b)	5.3(b)
2007	Aug	1931102(b)	1829102(b)	102000(b)	5.3(b)
2007	Sep	1932926(b)	1829807(b)	103119(b)	5.3(b)
2007	Oct	1936063(b)	1830821(b)	105242(b)	5.4(b)
2007	Nov	1936463(b)	1832648(b)	103815(b)	5.4(b)
2007	Dec	1937537(b)	1832500(b)	105037(b)	5.4(b)
2008	Jan	1948098	1841847	106251	5.5
2008	Feb	1941418	1836184	105234	5.4
2008	Mar	1952691	1843016	109675	5.6



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<b>2008</b>	<b>May</b>	1947687(p)	1837963(p)	109724(p)	5.6(p)

b : Reflects revised population controls, seasonal factors, and model reestimation for 2003-07.  
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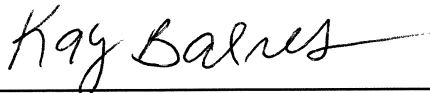
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**UE 197**

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