

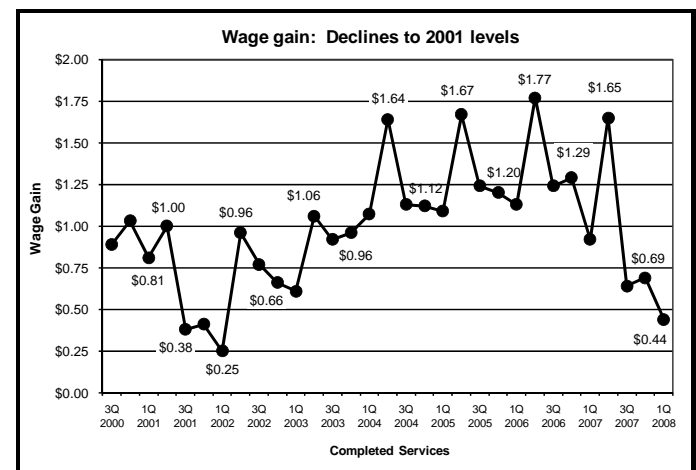
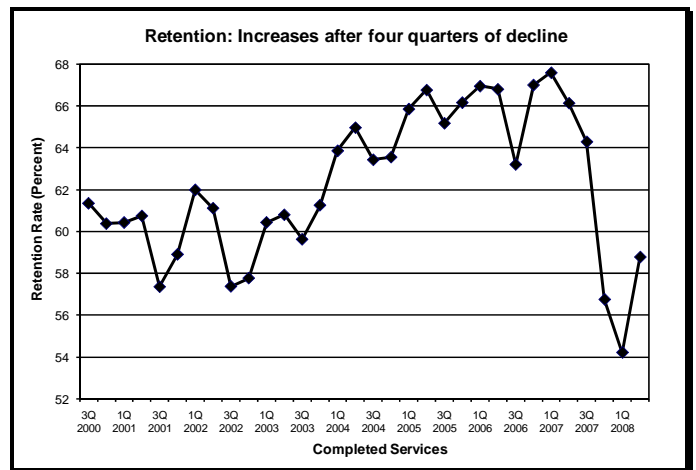
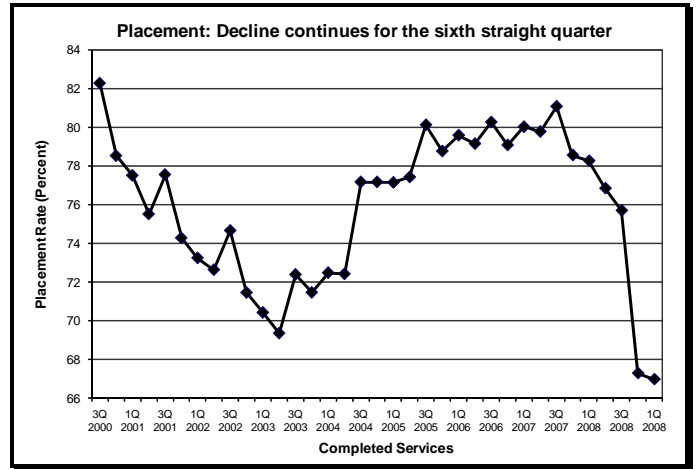


FAST FACTS

PRISM measures how effective Oregon's workforce agencies are at helping people find and keep jobs and improve wages

RECENT TRENDS

- During the first quarter of 2009, over 66 percent of job seekers completing workforce services were employed. The placement rate continued to decline for the sixth straight quarter and has dropped by over 11 percentage points in the last year. This decline is partially attributed to the sharp increase in Oregon's unemployment rate. During January 2008 through January 2009, Oregon's seasonality adjusted unemployment rate increased from 5.3 to 9.8.
- Retention, which measures continued employment, was 58 percent during the second quarter of 2008. This rate increased over two-and-one-half percentage points compared to the previous quarter and was the first rate increase since fourth quarter 2006. The retention rate remains well below a year ago rate of 66 percent – a decline of over 7 percentage points.
- During the first quarter of 2008, the average hourly wage gain was \$0.44. This wage gain is a \$0.25 decrease compared with the previous quarter and a \$0.48 decrease over one year.



	Current Qtr Jan-Mar 2009	Prior Qtr Oct-Dec 2008	Last Year Qtr Jan-Mar 2008
Placement			
All Regions	66.96%	67.28%	78.28%
Highest – Region 12	74.16%	73.33%	82.87%
Low est – Region 6	60.37%	69.99%	73.96%
	Apr-Jun 2008	Jan-Mar 2008	Apr-Jun 2007
Retention			
All Regions	58.78%	54.21%	66.14%
Highest – Region 9	66.62%	72.29%	69.03%
Low est – Region 6	52.64%	54.98%	59.65%
	Jan-Mar 2008	Oct-Dec 2007	Jan-Mar 2007
Wage Gain			
All Regions	\$0.44	\$0.69	\$0.92
Highest – Region 9	\$1.67	\$0.77	\$0.90
Low est – Region 2	-\$0.12	\$0.74	\$0.56
Highest-Performing Industry			
Retention Rate – Utilities		87.80%	
Wage Gain – Administrative, Support		\$1.46	
Lowest-Performing Industry			
Retention Rate – Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing		45.11%	
Wage Gain – Utilities		-\$2.76	
Since July 2000			
Workforce system customers in PRISM		1,345,157	
Workforce services provided		20,055,155	