

Digest of Green Reports and Studies

Title	<i>The Greening of Oregon's Workforce: Natural Resource Jobs and Employer Needs</i>
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Summary	<p>“The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, Oregon Field Office has completed a survey of the state’s natural resources industries employers. The purpose of the survey was to estimate, for each major sector: the total number of year-round and seasonal jobs; the number of green year-round and green seasonal jobs; information about green-related job activities; what skills employers have difficulty finding when hiring; and other information related to workforce training and development needs within Oregon’s agricultural industries. The survey results represent the collected employment data for ‘covered’ and ‘non-covered’ agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting employers. Non-covered employers are those that are not subject to Oregon’s unemployment insurance laws, and tend to be concentrated in the state’s natural resources industries.”</p>
Key Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2009 there were an estimated 122,730 jobs throughout Oregon’s natural resources industries. • The crop production sector contains nearly two-thirds of the State’s natural resources jobs. • Farmworkers make up three out of every five jobs. • Seasonal Jobs outnumber year-round jobs two to one. • Medium-size employers have the most year-round jobs <p>Additional key findings can be found throughout the report.</p>
Recommendations	N/A
Definition of “Green”	<p>“In 2010, the Oregon Legislature established a statewide definition of a “green job” consistent with the definition used in previous reports by the Oregon Employment Department. In Oregon, a green job works to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase energy efficiency. • Produce renewable energy. • Prevent, reduce, or mitigate environmental degradation. • Clean up and restore the natural environment. • Educate, consult, or provide other services that support the above.”
Methodology	Survey - sample size 3,002 - responses 1,850 - 62 percent response rate.
Data Sources Cited	N/A
Report Geography	Oregon
Green Occupations Cited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural Workers • Farmworkers and Laborers • Forest and Conservation Workers • Logging Equipment Operators • Tree Trimmers and Pruners <p>Additional occupations may be found throughout the report.</p>
Green Industries Cited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Forestry • Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping <p>Additional industries may be listed throughout the report.</p>
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