



# Warner Creek Trails

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**December's Zodiac signs are:**

**Sagittarius:** November 23–December 21

**Capricorn:** December 22–January 19

## **WINNING WORDS:**

*Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat,  
Please put a penny in the old man's hat;  
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do,  
If you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless you!  
—Beggar's rhyme.*

## The Month of December

December is the 12th month (and last month) in our modern-day Gregorian calendar (as it was in the preceding Julian calendar).

However, it was originally the 10th month of the Roman calendar (until 153 BC). Hence, "December" comes from the Latin *decem*, meaning "ten."

In Roman times, the calendar only had ten months and began with March! The winter period was not even assigned months because it was not an active time for military, agriculture, or civil life.

The month of December originally consisted of 30 days. When January and February were added to the calendar (around 700 BCE), December was shortened to 29 days. Then, two days were added to December in the subsequent Julian calendar, making it 31 days long.

The month of December brings the winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere. This is the shortest day of the year (the day with the least amount of daylight).

In 2023, the solstice occurs on Thursday, December 21.

### **Full Cold Moon**

December's full Moon, the full **Cold Moon**, appears on Tuesday, December 26, reaching peak illumination at 7:33 A.M. EST

## December 2023 Calendar

**December 3** is the **First Sunday of Advent**, marking the beginning of the Advent season.

**December 6** is **Saint Nicholas Day**. St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, inspires traditions around the world, from hunts for presents to stockings or shoes filled with sweets.

**December 7** is **National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**, and it marks the beginning of **Hanukkah**.

**December 13** is **St. Lucia's Day**, which has long been associated with festivals of light. Before the Gregorian calendar reform in 1752, her feast day occurred on the shortest day of the year (hence the saying "Lucy light, Lucy light, shortest day and longest night").

**December 15** is **Bill of Rights Day**.

**December 17** is **Wright Brothers Day**.

**December 21** is the **Winter Solstice**—the astronomical first day of winter in the Northern Hemisphere and first day of summer in the Southern Hemisphere.

**December 25** is **Christmas Day**, a Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ.

**December 26** is **Boxing Day** (Canada, UK) and the first day of **Kwanzaa**.

On the last evening of the year, **December 31**, kiss the person you hope to keep kissing!

### "Just for Fun" Holidays

Did you know that December is National Pear Month? Celebrate these fun holidays this month:

- Dec. 11:** International Mountain Day
- Dec. 13:** National Violin Day
- Dec. 13:** National Day of the Horse
- Dec. 16:** Underdog Day
- Dec. 26:** National Candy Cane Day



## December Birthstone

December's traditional birthstone is **turquoise**. It is considered a symbol of good fortune and success. **Zircon** and **tanzanite** are also considered to be December birthstones.

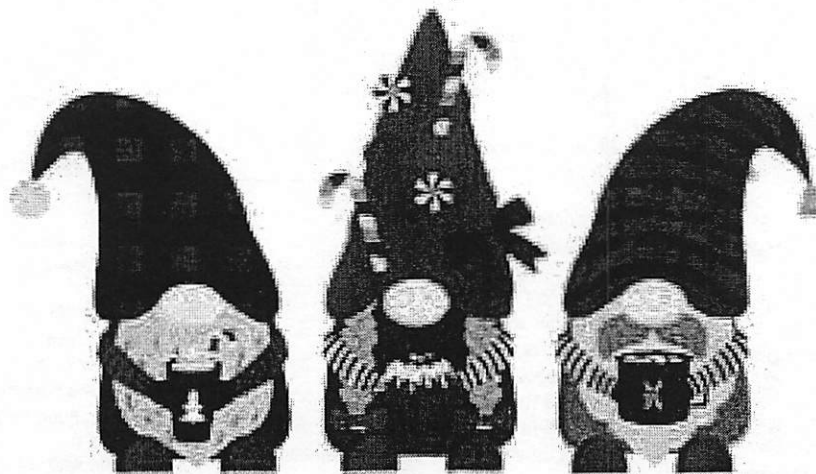
## December Birth Flower

December's birth flowers are the **holly** (*Ilex aquifolium*) and the **paperwhite** Narcissus (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*)—a relative of the daffodil with lovely white blooms.

## Geminid Meteor Shower

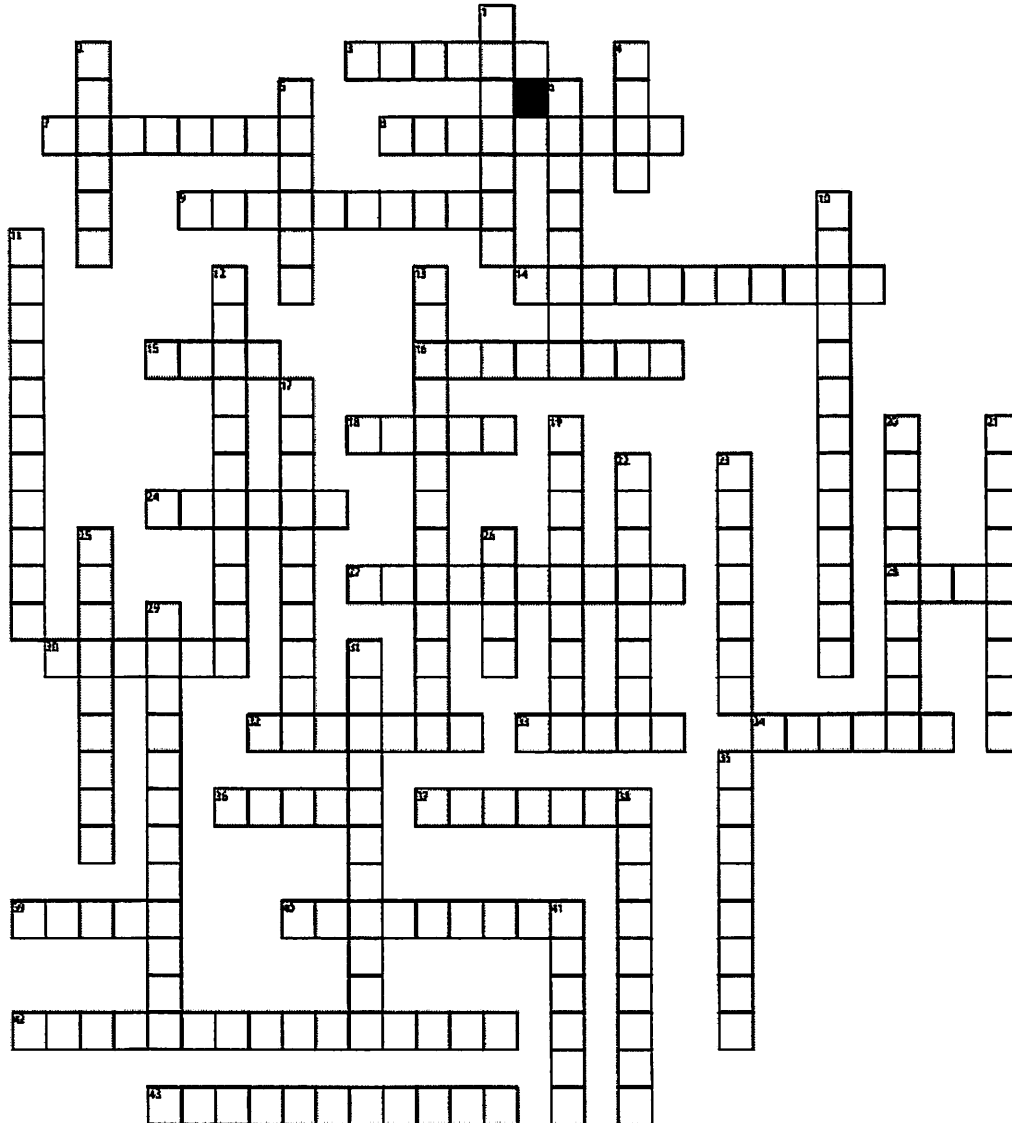
Look skyward on the night of December 13 after 9 P.M. for a chance to catch a glimpse of the **Geminid meteors**. The Geminid meteor shower is the most active shower of the year.

This year, the peak of the meteor shower meets a waning gibbous Moon, meaning that the sky will still be affected somewhat by the light of the Moon. If the sky is clear and temperatures aren't too chilly, it's still worth venturing outside to try to see the Geminids.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Big Christmas Crossword Puzzle!



## Across

3. Christmas drink with alcohol.
7. A totally useless gift...
8. December 25th.
9. Famous Christmas flower.
14. Christmas cookies.
15. Five-point-shape used for tree decoration.
16. Long, narrow, light, sled.
18. Santa's helpers.
24. Traditional seasonal songs.
27. Medieval Christmastide English drinking ritual intended to ensure a good cider apple harvest the following year.
28. Archaic term for Christmas.
30. Decorations you plug in!
32. Another one of Santa's reindeer.
33. Happy and cheerful.
34. Cooked poultry traditionally eaten at Christmas.

36. Decoration for the top of the tree.

37. Entrance for Santa.

39. Another word for presents.

40. In our cards we send Season's \_\_\_\_\_

42. Another name for Santa Claus.

43. Another name for Santa.

## Down

1. Time off from school or work.

2. Famous snowman.

4. Short for Christmas.

5. Famous Christmas-hater...

6. Edible filling for cooked poultry.

10. Used for wrapping presents.

11. We usually put the stockings for Santa on it.

12. Sauce made of them accompanies the cooked poultry.

13. We usually put it under the Christmas tree.

17. 16th century word for fantastic food or a great feast!

19. We kiss under it!

20. Red and white, striped treat.

21. Traditional round pastries filled with dry, spiced fruit.

22. Rudolph is one of them.

23. It traditionally accompanies the Christmas table.

25. December 26th.

26. Used by Santa to carry presents.

29. December 24th.

31. Well-known Christmas song.

35. Garment, hung for Santa to fill with presents.

38. Someone who still has things left to prepare and finish on Christmas Eve!!!

41. Santa's vehicle.

# December Education Dates:

**4<sup>TH</sup> POSTING FOR BOOK GIVE-AWAY**

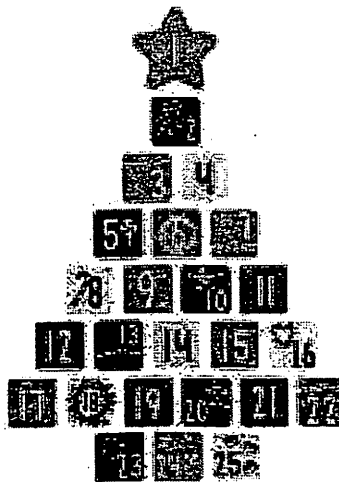
**12<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup> GED TESTING**

**18<sup>TH</sup> PULL POSTING FOR BOOK GIVEAWAY**

**20<sup>TH</sup> LAST DAY OF FALL TERM**

**21<sup>ST</sup> STUDENT MOVIE**

**25<sup>TH</sup> – 29<sup>TH</sup> WINTER BREAK**



# Education Library

## Book of the Month

250.125.ORG.01.001– Animal Farm

By: Orwell, George

Classics/Political

*A farm is taken over by its overworked, mistreated animals. With flaming idealism and stirring slogans, they set out to create a paradise of progress, justice, and equality. Thus, the stage is set for one of the most telling satiric fables ever penned -- a razor-edged fairy tale for grown-ups that records the evolution from revolution against tyranny to a totalitarianism just as terrible.*

### *Independent Study of the Month:*

#### **The Power of Mathematical Thinking:**

This course will walk you through how thinking like a Mathematician will help you answer many questions in life from science to voting and elections. This course consists of 6 DVDs with 24 lessons and corresponding worksheets. Course duration is 5-6 months.



# Graduates for the month of October 2023

*Mr. Gar Jones*

*Mr. Christopher Rodriguez*

**Congratulate these men on their accomplishment!!**



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# *TVCC EDUCATION BOOK GIVEAWAY*

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TVCC will be hosting another book giveaway on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The rules for the book giveaway are as follows:

You will only have 15 minutes to choose from amongst our selection of books.

You will only be able to take 2 - 4 books unless they are a part of a series in which case you may take the entire series.

The callouts for the book giveaway will be 15 minutes long, but you will have an opportunity to come back at the end of the day and get one last crack at the books. The sign-up sheet for the book giveaway will be posted on December 4<sup>th</sup> and will only have 30 slots for each unit. The posting will be pulled on December 18<sup>th</sup> and AIC's will be assigned to a callout on a random basis sometime between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM or between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM.





# CHRISTMAS

## WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

J V H G X L Y K M C W U G N X P X  
 S S T O J L J K O Y V E O W E A S  
 C Z Z B I E G B W R E A T H T T B  
 L J Y M N Z V J Z O A T O N M R H  
 K R A O Y U L E T I D E A L J E H  
 P F B R C W N L I Y H S O W M E G  
 P F O N E H C A N D Y C A N E I I  
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 T P P D N E Y R R L U A Q S A P R  
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 D E C E M B E R I N U A Q H R K R

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|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| JOY       | CHRISTMAS  | PRESENTS   | SANTA       |
| GREETINGS | TREE       | DECEMBER   | GINGERBREAD |
| FAMILY    | NUTCRACKER | CANDY CANE | SNOW        |
| WREATH    | CAROLS     | YULETIDE   | ORNAMENT    |



Date: November 7, 2023

To: All ODOC Adults-in-Custody

From: Correctional Services Division

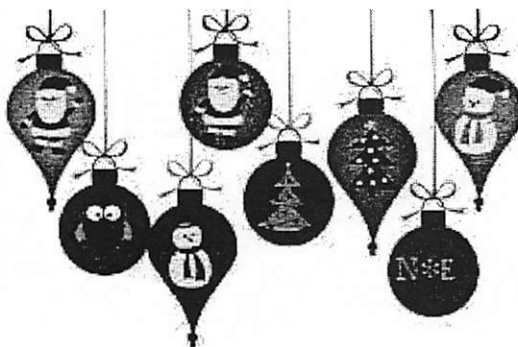
Subject: ACRS Adjustment

Beginning January 2024, Institution Counselors' caseloads will be adjusted. The Automated Criminal Risk Score (ACRS) adjustment will take place over a period of time. The first round of adjustments is listed below. Caseload sizes will be evaluated again in June 2024 or later. The adjusted cut-offs will determine how often you see your Institution Counselor for services.

#### **January 2024 – High/Medium Caseload ACRS cut-offs**

- .20 ACRS and higher for OSP, SRCI, SRCM, TRCI, EOCI
- .30 ACRS and higher for CRCI, OSCI, SFFC, PRCF, SCI, WCCF, DRCM, TRCM
- .15 ACRS and higher for CCCF, CCCM

Please send a kyte to the Counselor Caseload Management (CCM) Office at DOC Headquarters if you have questions.



Fecha: 7 de noviembre de 2023

Para: Todos los adultos en custodia del ODOC

De: División de Servicios Correccionales

Asunto: Ajuste al ACRS

A partir de enero de 2024, se ajustará el número de casos asignados para los Consejeros de la Institución. El ajuste al Puntaje Automatizado de Riesgo Delictivo (ACRS, por sus siglas en inglés) ocurrirá a lo largo de un periodo de tiempo. La siguiente es un alista de la primera ronda de ajustes. El número de casos asignados se evaluará nuevamente en junio de 2024 o posteriormente. Los recortes ajustados determinarán qué tan a menudo usted ve a su Consejero de la Institución para obtener servicios.

### **Enero de 2024 – Recortes del número de casos asignados de reincidencia alta/ media del ACRS**

- ACRS de .20 y superiores para OSP, SRCI, SRCM, TRCI, EOCI
- ACRS de .30 y superiores para CRCI, OSCI, SFFC, PRCF, SCI, WCCF, DRCM, TRCM
- ACRS de .15 y superiores para CCCF, CCCM

Por favor, si tiene preguntas, envíe un mensaje por escrito o “kyte” a la Oficina de Gerencia de Casos Asignados para Consejeros (CCM, por sus siglas en inglés) en



Date: November 2, 2023  
To: All ODOC Adults-in-Custody  
From: Offender Information and Sentence Computation (OISC)  
Subject: New Ethnicity Field

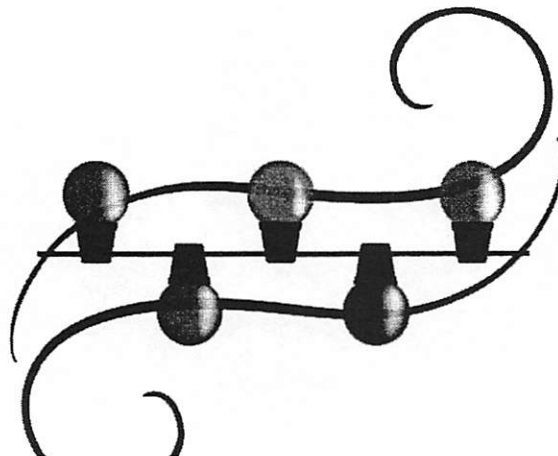
Pursuant to HB 1510 (2022), the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC), in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC), is required to collect and report data concerning:

the number of persons on supervision;  
persons revoked from supervision and sentenced to incarceration; and  
persons sanctioned for violating conditions of supervision and serving a sanction in a local correctional facility.

CJC will review and separate this data by race, ethnicity, gender, and county and will make this data available to the public.

For this purpose, ODOC has added an ethnicity field which will show on the ODOC facesheets. The available options will be Hispanic (H), Non-Hispanic (N), or Unknown (U). This information will be collected by the appropriate county community corrections agency for persons beginning a supervision sentence, and upon admission to the ODOC Intake Center for those serving a prison sentence.

This new field will become effective on November 15, 2023. Current adults-in-custody may request to add their ethnicity to their ODOC's record after this date. To request this, please forward an AIC Communication Form (CD 214) to your institution's records office.



# Holiday Brain Teasers

## cryptogram

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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<b>I</b>										<b>W</b>						
7	14	24	23	3	6	9	3	3	11	10	6	4	9	17		

Try to fill in the missing numbers.  
 Use the numbers 1 through 9 to complete the equations.  
 Each number is only used once.  
 Each row is a math equation. Each column is a math equation.  
 Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

	+		X		11
+		-		-	
	+		-		8
-		X		X	
	X		-		10
1		-17		-16	

## word search

N	T	R	P	X	O	I	Q	S	S	H	F	I	Z	S
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B	S	U	K	S	N	R	H	C	O	K	F	E	C	W
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K	K	L	T	U	A	G	C	A	N	L	T	W	B	D
J	C	M	L	T	G	J	D	A	Y	S	G	D	M	M
K	A	E	R	B	Q	I	C	V	E	C	E	W	S	F
S	T	Q	C	H	L	C	B	R	N	Y	J	P	J	M
X	V	G	H	C	L	L	S	Y	J	E	I	H	I	Y
Q	T	X	H	K	W	A	N	Z	A	A	N	X	B	Z

which one is different?



Laura Kelly Designs

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|-----------|----------|----------|
| christmas | winter   | Family   |
| Kwanzaa   | Break    | Show     |
| Friends   | Holiday  | Rest     |
| Hanukkah  | vacation | Presents |
|           | Gifts    |          |

## PREA SEXUAL ABUSE ADVOCACY

After a sexual assault you may want to speak with someone who can assist you with what happens next. Whether you choose to have a forensic medical exam and report the assault to the institution or not, you can get help from an advocate. The advocate will help you by providing you with information about the process as well as provide you with emotional support. This help is called advocacy. Advocates offer survivors information about the different options available to them and support a survivor's decision-making. Advocates do not tell the survivors what to do advocates are committed to maintaining the highest possible levels of confidentiality in their communications with survivors.

Oregon Department of Corrections has a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy towards sexual abuse and sexual harassment of incarcerated persons.

WCCF Community-based Advocacy Center  
exclusively for Sexual Abuse/Sexual Assault

Lake County Crisis Center  
PO Box 774  
Lakeview, Oregon 97630

### Role of an Advocate:

- Provide over the phone confidential support and crisis intervention related to sexual abuse
- Talk with survivor about their current and ongoing safety
- Explain reporting options available through PREA
- Support survivor at a sexual assault forensic medical examination
- Support survivor at an investigatory interview related to sexual abuse, as requested
- Educate/Teach survivor coping skills for healing from sexual abuse
- Provide resources and referrals
- Provide follow-up support

### An Advocate's role is:

- Not make decisions or tell a survivor what to do
- Not tell a survivor whether or not to report
- Not investigate a crime
- Not provide legal advice
- Not be a survivor's friend
- Not provide therapy
- Not communicate with the institution unless the survivor requests them to do so and only with a signed limited release of information

### How to Reach an Advocate

Simply dial 711 or 1(800)338-7590, you will be connected to the local community-based advocacy center. There is no charge when calling either numbers. You may also write to an advocate at the address listed for the Lake County Crisis Center. If you feel like you are in immediate danger contact the nearest staff member or OIC.

## OPTIONS FOR FILING A REPORT OF SEXUAL ABUSE

- Contact the Inspector General Hotline by dialing 9 on the inmate telephone system.
- File a grievance.
- File an anonymous report with an outside agency by writing to:

Governor's Office of Constituent Services  
900 Court Street NE, Suite 160  
Salem, Oregon 97301

(Your letter will need to indicate at the beginning you wish to file a PREA allegation and remain anonymous)

**Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA Information)**

The Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC) has a zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse, sexual harassment and for retaliation for reporting an incident. You may report in person to any staff, through an inmate communication, through the grievance system, by calling the PREA hotline by dialing 9 from any inmate phone.

**Filing an Anonymous PREA Report**

If you are uneasy about filing a PREA allegation, you may file an anonymous report with an outside agency.

You may write to:

Governor's Constituent Services Office

900 Court Street NE, Suite 254

Salem, Oregon 97301

Please indicate in the beginning of your letter you are filing a PREA allegation and you are requesting to remain anonymous. The Governor's Office will refer all anonymous allegations to the DOC PREA Coordinator to assure an investigation is completed based off the information that is provided.

**Community-Based PREA Advocacy (Support) Program**

ODOC has partnered with community based, confidential advocates of sexual abuse victims to provide services to inmates.

Inmates at ODOC who have experienced sexual abuse may reach a community-based advocate by dialing 711 inmate telephone systems, or may request a private call through the PREA Compliance Manager at the facility. Advocates provide victims of sexual abuse information about their options, resources, information and emotional support. There is no charge for calls to advocates.

Role of an Advocate:

Provide confidential support and crisis intervention

Inform you about the investigation and medical examination process

Educate you about healing from sexual abuse

Offer resources and referrals

Advocates will:

Not tell you what to do

Not communicate with the institution unless you request them to do so and sign a release

Not provide legal advice

Community-based advocacy centers provide sexual abuse support to people of all genders. Community-based advocates will not report unless you request them to do so and if you sign a release of information.

DOC is committed to providing inmates with avenues to seek assistance. Below are additional resources:

Just Detention International Headquarters

3325 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 340

Los Angeles, CA 90010

The community-based advocacy crisis line is for individuals needing assistance coping with sexual abuse related issues and should not be used for other purposes.

Telephone calls and mail with community-based advocacy centers is considered privileged communication and will be handled similar to legal calls/official mail.

If you have any other questions regarding PREA, you may ask any staff member, write the PREA Compliance Manager at your institution, or you may write:

E. Sage, PREA Coordinator

Oregon Department of Corrections

2575 Center St.NE

# FOOD

# HANDLERS

The next food handlers' class will be  
January 4<sup>th</sup> 2023  
To sign up please Kyte  
Ms. Snyder  
in the business office.





# CHRISTMAS SUDOKU

FILL EACH ROW, COLUMN, AND BLOCK WITH UNIQUE NUMBERS FROM 1 TO 6



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ABOLITIONIST  
ART  
SHOW

ARTIST  
CALL

DEADLINE JANUARY 2024

SEEKING CURRENTLY OR FORMERLY  
INCARCERATED ARTISTS TO  
PARTICIPATE IN A PUBLIC ART  
EXHIBITION FEATURING ALL MEDIUMS

SUBMIT WORK DIGITALLY TO  
[pdx\\_defensefund@protonmail.com](mailto:pdx_defensefund@protonmail.com)

OR MAIL IN

P.O BOX DEFENSE FUND PDX  
3439 SE HAWTHORNE BLVD #631  
PORTLAND OR 97214

PLEASE SUBMIT  
PREFERRED MODE OF  
CONTACT, NAME AND PRICE  
FOR ALL WORKS SUBMITTED

## **+REMINDER FROM THE MAIL ROOM+**

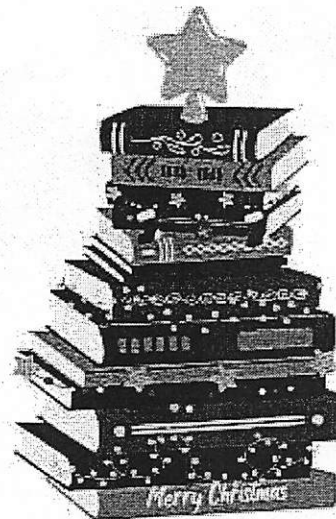
*\* If you are mailing art work out for the Abolitionist art show\**

*“If there is a piece of cardboard in the envelope and it doesn’t bend when held out, it will be sent back to the AIC as it would require additional postage. It will fall into the category of a package. CD28’s are no longer accepted for additional postage. It MUST be OPENED and inspected first. Anything that goes back into the facility will be opened and inspected.”*



# LAW LIBRARY REMINDER

The Law Library  
will be closed  
December 11th– 14th  
&  
December 25



# Samhain Meditation

We begin with a breath, a nice long breath in, and a nice long breath out. You have made it here to this meditation, a considerable accomplishment for this day, so take a moment to breathe and to acknowledge that you have chosen to do something lovely for yourself.

Perhaps you are a person who does nice things for yourself often, or perhaps being kind to yourself does not come so easily. Wherever you are on the spectrum of kind to self-neglectful, today you are here and that is enough.

As you breathe, consider for a moment where you have been before you were here; who you have been before you were here. You were born, you were a child, an adolescent. By now perhaps you have become a very young adult, or perhaps a much older adult.

All along the way, there have been things about you to love as well as things that you might wish were different. Take a moment now to remember the things about you that you loved. Perhaps the old excitement you used to have for the joys and surprises of the world, or the way you were able to trust in people and life.

Take a moment, and breathe, and remember.

Perhaps as you have remembered, some things that you did not love about yourself have come to mind. We will think of those in a moment, but let's give the things you love about your old selves another moment. Another breath, in and out, in the body that has carried you all the way from birth to this moment.

# Deepen

And now think of those things that you did not love. The ways you struggled to be a friend or the ways you struggled to be accepted by others and yourself. Give yourself a moment to think of these things, and as you do, imagine your chest filling with a cozy, comfortable kind of warmth.

You could not know everything all at once, could you? Could not be everything all at once. No, that would be impossible. And yet, it is so very easy to despise ourselves for not knowing and being everything.

In this moment, hold love in your heart for the persons you were, for the persons who did not know, for the persons who could not be. They wanted so badly for your life to be good, for you to find love, and joy, and belonging. Just like you still want those things for yours

Your past selves loved your current self *so much*. They wanted such good and beautiful things for you, just like you still want good and beautiful things for yourself.

Let us take a moment to love the persons who we have been, to give them the love that they needed, to show them compassion. They were enough to get you here. They were enough.elf, so did the previous versions of you.



# End

Just as the person who you are now is not who you will always be, you are also not the person who you have always been. And just like your past selves have carried you here, so your current self will carry you into your future.

We cannot change the amount of love that your past selves received, but we can change the amount of love that your current self receives. Take a breath, and as you do, consider what you could do today to show love to your current self.

What do you need? Who can you ask to help you? How can you help yourself?

Take another breath, remember that your past selves wanted so much good for you, and resolve to bring some of that good into your life. You are worthy of your own love. You are enough for you.

Allow your breathing to return to your usual pace and become aware of the world around you once more. Return to your life with kindness for yourself and for the ghosts of you who have come before.



Date: November 21, 2023

To: All Adults in Custody

From: Correctional Communication System (CCS)

Office of the Inspector General

Subj: Phone Validation

DOC understands some people are having difficulty with the phone validation process to receive calls from adults in custody. A new customer service number has been set up for phone validation issues. Friends and family can call **503-945-0945**, and leave a voicemail. Someone will get back to them and help them through the process.

If someone is having an issue with T-Mobile, they can call T-Mobile customer service at 1-800-937-8997, or visit DOC's website at [www.oregon.gov/doc/contact-inmate/Pages/phone-calls.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/doc/contact-inmate/Pages/phone-calls.aspx) for more information.

Fecha: 21 de noviembre de 2023

Para: Todos los adultos en custodia

De: Sistema de Comunicación Correccional

Oficina del Inspector General

Asunto: Validación telefónica

El DOC entiende que algunas personas tienen dificultades con el proceso de validación telefónica para recibir llamadas de los adultos en custodia. Se ha instaurado un nuevo número de atención al cliente para resolver problemas relacionados con la validación telefónica. Familiares y amigos pueden llamar al **503-945-0945** y dejar un mensaje de voz. Alguien les responderá el mensaje y ayudará a lo largo del proceso.

Si alguien tiene problemas con T-Mobile, se puede comunicar con el servicio de atención a clientes de T-Mobile al 1-800-937-8997, o visitar el sitio web del DOC, [www.oregon.gov/doc/contact-inmate/Pages/phone-calls.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/doc/contact-inmate/Pages/phone-calls.aspx) para obtener más información.





# NEWS

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## Oregon's Nonfarm Payroll Employment Rises by 8,100 in September

In September, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 8,100 jobs, following a revised decline of 700 jobs in August. September's over-the-month job gains were largest in **construction** (+3,200 jobs); **professional and business services** (+2,200); and **leisure and hospitality** (+900). Most of the other major industries were relatively flat over the month, with none cutting more than 200 jobs.

Construction employment surged to another record high in September, gaining 3,200 jobs. At 119,900 jobs in September, construction is up 2,300 jobs, or 2.0%, since September 2022. Most of the gains in the past 12 months were in **specialty trade contractors**, which added 4,000 jobs. Meanwhile, **construction of buildings** had the same employment level as the prior year.

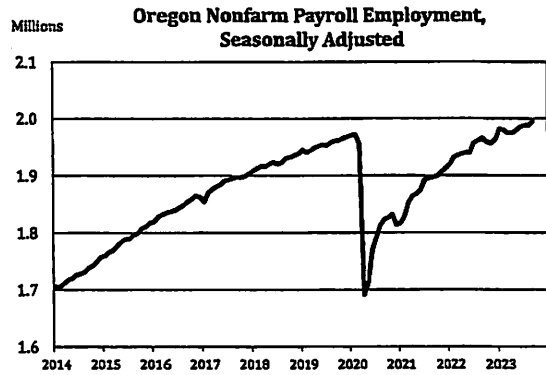
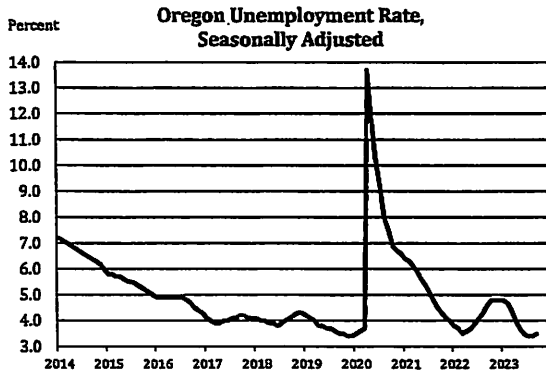
Professional and business services grew at a moderate pace over the past year, adding 3,900 jobs, or 1.5%. This gain was led by **management of companies and enterprises**, which added 2,400 jobs, or 4.8%. **Professional and technical services** grew moderately, adding 1,600 jobs, or 1.4%. But the third component industry, **administrative and waste services**, was nearly flat over that period, cutting 100 jobs, or -0.1%. And within that industry, **employment services** was particularly weak, shedding 2,000 jobs, or -4.5%, over the past 12 months.

Leisure and hospitality expanded at a consistent and rapid pace over the past 24 months. During that time, it was up 23,900 jobs, or 12.8%. Despite these rapid gains, at 210,800 jobs in September, it is still 5,700 jobs below its pre-recession peak reached in February 2020.

Oregon's unemployment rate was 3.5% in September and 3.4% in August. September was the fourth consecutive month in which Oregon's unemployment rate was between 3.4% and 3.5%. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.8% in both August and September.

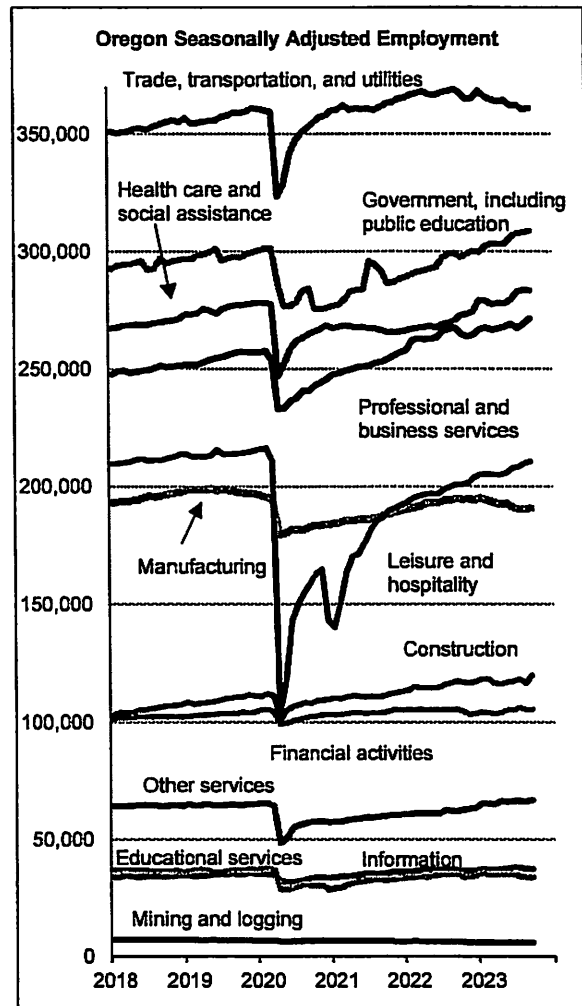
### Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Oct. 24, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Wednesday, Nov. 15.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes August to September 2023

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	2,500	10,600	8,100
Total private	-10,900	-3,500	7,400
Mining and logging	-100	-100	0
Construction	-2,900	300	3,200
Manufacturing	-1,500	-1,200	300
Wholesale trade	-200	300	500
Retail trade	-1,300	-1,000	300
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	600	400	-200
Information	-200	-400	-200
Financial activities	-700	-600	100
Professional and business services	600	2,800	2,200
Private educational services	2,700	2,600	-100
Health care and social assistance	-300	-500	-200
Leisure and hospitality	-7,500	-6,600	900
Other services	-100	500	600
Government	13,400	14,100	700



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**Notes:**

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted except for employment services and the component industries within construction.

The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly Oregon payroll employment and labor force data. The estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other sources.

The Oregon Employment Department publishes payroll employment estimates that are revised quarterly by using employment counts from employer unemployment insurance tax records. All department publications use this *Official Oregon Series* data unless noted otherwise. This month's release incorporates the January, February and March 2023 tax records data. The department continues to make the original nonfarm payroll employment series available; these data are produced by the BLS.

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Workforce and Economic Research  
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### Oregon Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	September 2023	August 2023	September 2022	Change From August 2023	Change From September 2022
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	2,148,833	2,160,334	2,189,826	-11,501	-40,993
Unemployed	74,672	82,612	92,612	-7,940	-17,940
Unemployment rate	3.5	3.8	4.2	-0.3	-0.7
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	3.5	3.4	4.6	0.1	-1.1
Employed	2,074,161	2,077,722	2,097,214	-3,561	-23,053
<b>Other Labor Force Indicators</b>					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	61.7	61.7	62.9	0.0	-1.2
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	7.8	7.7	7.7	0.1	0.1
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,998,900	1,988,300	1,962,200	10,600	36,700
Total private	1,697,500	1,701,000	1,670,600	-3,500	26,900
Mining and logging	6,100	6,200	6,400	-100	-300
Logging	4,400	4,500	4,700	-100	-300
Construction	124,300	124,000	119,700	300	4,600
Construction of buildings	34,500	34,100	34,500	400	0
Residential building construction	21,800	21,300	22,200	500	-400
Nonresidential building construction	12,700	12,800	12,300	-100	400
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11,800	11,800	11,200	0	600
Specialty trade contractors	78,000	78,100	74,000	-100	4,000
Building foundation and exterior contractors	14,100	14,100	13,800	0	300
Building equipment contractors	37,000	36,900	34,300	100	2,700
Building finishing contractors	16,300	16,400	15,900	-100	400
Other specialty trade contractors	10,600	10,700	10,000	-100	600
Manufacturing	193,400	194,600	195,700	-1,200	-2,300
Durable goods	133,200	133,800	136,500	-600	-3,300
Wood product manufacturing	22,900	22,800	23,300	100	-400
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,500	6,500	6,400	0	100
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,400	8,300	8,600	100	-200
Other wood product manufacturing	8,000	8,000	8,300	0	-300
Primary metal manufacturing	7,300	7,300	7,300	0	0
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,900	15,900	16,300	0	-400
Machinery manufacturing	14,400	14,400	14,600	0	-200
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	41,500	41,500	41,800	0	-300
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	34,000	34,300	34,500	-300	-500
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	11,100	11,100	11,100	0	0
Nondurable goods	60,200	60,800	59,200	-600	1,000
Food manufacturing	29,300	30,600	29,500	-1,300	-200
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	10,200	10,500	10,300	-300	-100
Paper manufacturing	4,300	4,300	4,200	0	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	361,100	361,400	366,300	-300	-5,200
Wholesale trade	77,700	77,400	77,300	300	400
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	39,200	39,300	39,200	-100	0
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	31,200	30,900	30,800	300	400
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	7,300	7,200	7,300	100	0
Retail trade	207,800	208,800	210,100	-1,000	-2,300
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	26,300	26,500	26,700	-200	-400
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	17,700	18,000	18,100	-300	-400
Food and beverage retailers	47,600	47,900	47,800	-300	-200
General merchandise retailers	40,300	40,100	39,800	200	500
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry retailers	15,500	15,700	15,600	-200	-100
Sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, book, and misc	30,100	30,200	30,600	-100	-500

	September 2023	August 2023	September 2022	Change From August 2023	Change From September 2022
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	75,600	75,200	78,900	400	-3,300
Utilities	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	100
Transportation and warehousing	70,600	70,200	74,000	400	-3,400
Truck transportation	18,800	18,900	19,600	-100	-800
Couriers and messengers	14,300	14,200	14,500	100	-200
Warehousing and storage	16,700	16,700	18,700	0	-2,000
Information	37,100	37,500	37,000	-400	100
Publishing industries	16,900	17,000	16,700	-100	200
Newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishers	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	100
Software publishers	14,400	14,500	14,300	-100	100
Telecommunications	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0
Financial activities	105,800	106,400	105,600	-600	200
Finance and insurance	53,100	52,700	54,800	400	-1,700
Credit intermediation and related activities	22,800	22,800	24,100	0	-1,300
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,700	24,300	24,200	400	500
Real estate and rental and leasing	52,700	53,700	50,800	-1,000	1,900
Real estate	47,700	47,500	44,900	200	2,800
Professional and business services	272,100	269,300	266,500	2,800	5,600
Professional and technical services	113,100	111,700	109,800	1,400	3,300
Legal services	12,200	12,100	11,900	100	300
Architectural and engineering services	19,300	19,200	18,800	100	500
Computer systems design and related services	16,800	16,600	17,800	200	-1,000
Management of companies and enterprises	53,100	52,800	50,700	300	2,400
Administrative and waste services	105,900	104,800	106,000	1,100	-100
Administrative and support services	99,500	98,500	99,600	1,000	-100
Employment services	42,900	43,000	44,900	-100	-2,000
Business support services	8,000	7,900	8,700	100	-700
Services to buildings and dwellings	28,100	27,300	27,200	800	900
Private education and health services	318,100	316,000	305,600	2,100	12,500
Private educational services	34,300	31,700	35,200	2,600	-900
Health care and social assistance	283,800	284,300	270,400	-500	13,400
Ambulatory health care services	99,200	98,900	96,100	300	3,100
Hospitals	60,000	60,300	57,700	-300	2,300
Nursing and residential care facilities	51,500	51,700	49,000	-200	2,500
Social assistance	73,100	73,400	67,600	-300	5,500
Leisure and hospitality	212,700	219,300	205,500	-6,600	7,200
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	27,600	29,900	26,200	-2,300	1,400
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	19,400	21,300	18,100	-1,900	1,300
Accommodation and food services	185,100	189,400	179,300	-4,300	5,800
Accommodation	25,100	27,000	24,700	-1,900	400
Food services and drinking places	160,000	162,400	154,600	-2,400	5,400
Full-service restaurants	69,300	68,900	65,500	400	3,800
Limited-service eating places	71,400	73,500	72,200	-2,100	-800
Other services	66,800	66,300	62,300	500	4,500
Repair and maintenance	20,200	19,700	19,500	500	700
Personal and laundry services	14,900	14,800	14,400	100	500
Membership associations and organizations	31,700	31,800	28,400	-100	3,300
Religious organizations	14,700	14,600	14,400	100	300
Government	301,400	287,300	291,600	14,100	9,800
Federal government	29,500	29,600	28,400	-100	1,100
State government	45,300	45,400	43,700	-100	1,600
State education	1,400	1,400	1,200	0	200
Local government	226,600	212,300	219,500	14,300	7,100
Indian tribal	8,400	8,500	7,800	-100	600
Local education	124,200	109,400	122,400	14,800	1,800
Labor-management disputes	0	0	0	0	0

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force Status: Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture and labor disputants. Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

U-6 is the total unemployed plus all persons marginally attached to the labor force plus total employed part-time for economic reasons, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all persons marginally attached to the labor force.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics. These survey-based estimates are revised quarterly, based on more complete information from employer tax records.

# Christmas Word finds

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north pole	package	pie	receive	red
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