

# Economic and Community Development

## EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

	1999-2001 Actuals	2001-03 Legislatively Adopted at Close of Session	2001-03 Legislatively Approved through Fifth Special Session	2003-05 Governor's Balanced
General Fund	\$3,940,248	\$4,133,755	\$1,970,468	\$3,627,976
Lottery Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds	66,214,872	96,461,654	102,006,689	115,847,374
Federal Funds	137,350,242	250,561,603	267,431,222	260,057,254
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	995,332,165	1,339,076,011	1,623,881,363	1,467,463,000
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$1,202,837,527</b>	<b>\$1,690,233,023</b>	<b>\$1,995,289,742</b>	<b>\$1,846,995,604</b>
Positions	1,492	1,535	1,518	1,473
Full-time Equivalent	1,412.98	1,448.65	1,432.20	1400.12

### Overview

The Employment Department's mission is to support business and promote employment. To accomplish this mission, the agency currently performs the following services:

- Supports economic stability for Oregonians and communities during times of unemployment through the payment of unemployment benefits.
- Serves businesses by recruiting and referring the best qualified applicants to jobs, and provides resources to diverse job seekers in support of their employment needs.
- Develops and distributes quality workforce and economic information to promote informed decision-making.
- Provides access to child care that is safe, high quality, and affordable.
- Provides administrative hearings services, through the Central Hearings Panel, to approximately 70 state agencies.

The Department has 47 field offices. Also, touch-screen kiosks can be found in 154 locations, including retail stores, libraries, and government offices.

### Balanced Budget

The Governor's balanced budget for the Employment Department is \$1.8 billion total funds. This is seven percent lower than the 2001-03 Legislatively Approved Budget through the Fifth Special Session.

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The balanced budget allows the Department to continue the existing level of core services. It restores a one-time \$1.75 million General Fund reduction taken from the Child Care Division budget during the 2002 Third Special Session, that was replaced with Administrative Fund (Penalty and Interest) revenues. The budget reduces funding for the state Child Care Resource and Referral Network by eight percent due to General Fund constraints. It provides funding to expand the implementation of the Telephone Initial Claims Call Centers to deal with the Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims activity, adds two revenue agents and one information systems specialist to expand UI fraud control efforts, and continues 25 limited-duration positions to work on employment-related grants and contracts. It also converts one limited-duration Geographic Information System analyst position into a permanent position to provide employment-related information by any geographic boundary.

### **Revenue**

Most of the Department's revenue is Federal Funds and Other Funds. These funds come from tax receipts and interest on collected payroll taxes and penalties. The Department also receives Other Funds from contracts and fees for services. The General Fund supports child care activities.