

...Union membership

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cent), Hawaii (21.6 percent), and Washington (18.5 percent). Oregon was the ninth most unionized at 15.7 percent, trailing Rhode Island (17.8), California (17.2), Michigan (16.6), and New Jersey (16.1). Least unionized was North Carolina, at 2.9 percent, followed by Arkansas (3.2 percent) and South Carolina (3.3 percent).

In three states, union membership dropped by more than 2 percentage points between 2011 and 2012: Indiana, Wisconsin, and Connecticut. Indiana, which passed a right-to-work law, dropped from 11.3 to 9.1 percent unionized. Wisconsin, which passed a law gutting public sector unionization, dropped from 13.3 to 11.2 percent. Connecticut actually added bargaining

rights for home care workers in 2012, so its biggest-in-the-nation drop of 2.8 percentage points may be a fluke.

The BLS union membership report can be considered a pretty accurate depiction of trends at the national level, but state-level data can sometimes be misinterpreted because minor year-to-year fluctuations — particularly in less populous states — may not be statistically significant.

Oregon's union density, for example, was said to have fallen steeply, from 17.1 percent unionized in 2011 to 15.7 percent in 2012, with 30,000 union members lost in 2012 — after a gain of 25,000 union members in 2011. But the data for a state like Oregon, with 1.2 percent of the nation's population, come from about 500 Oregon households. Because one person in the survey can represent about 2,000 individuals, just 15 survey responses would account for the 30,000 union members Oregon is said to have lost. That's not to say Oregon didn't lose that many union members; it's just that BLS doesn't publish "confidence intervals" for state-level unionization figures. State-level shifts could be considered more reliable if they hold up over time. Oregon's percentage in the survey has fluctuated in the last 10 years, with a low of 13.8 percent in 2006 and a high of 17.1 percent in 2011.

AFL-CIO legislative conference postponed

The Oregon AFL-CIO Legislative Conference has been postponed. The conference, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 2, is being revamped.

The state labor federation will provide more information soon on a new format bringing union members to Salem to talk directly with legislative leaders.

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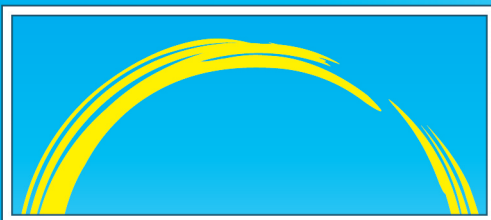


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