



Portland Job News You Can Use

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Employment*	Unemployment*	Occupational Wages*
Job vacancies*	Productivity	Occupational Employment*
Consumer spending patterns	Workplace injuries	Compensation
Long-term employment projections*	Employer-provided benefits	Price movements

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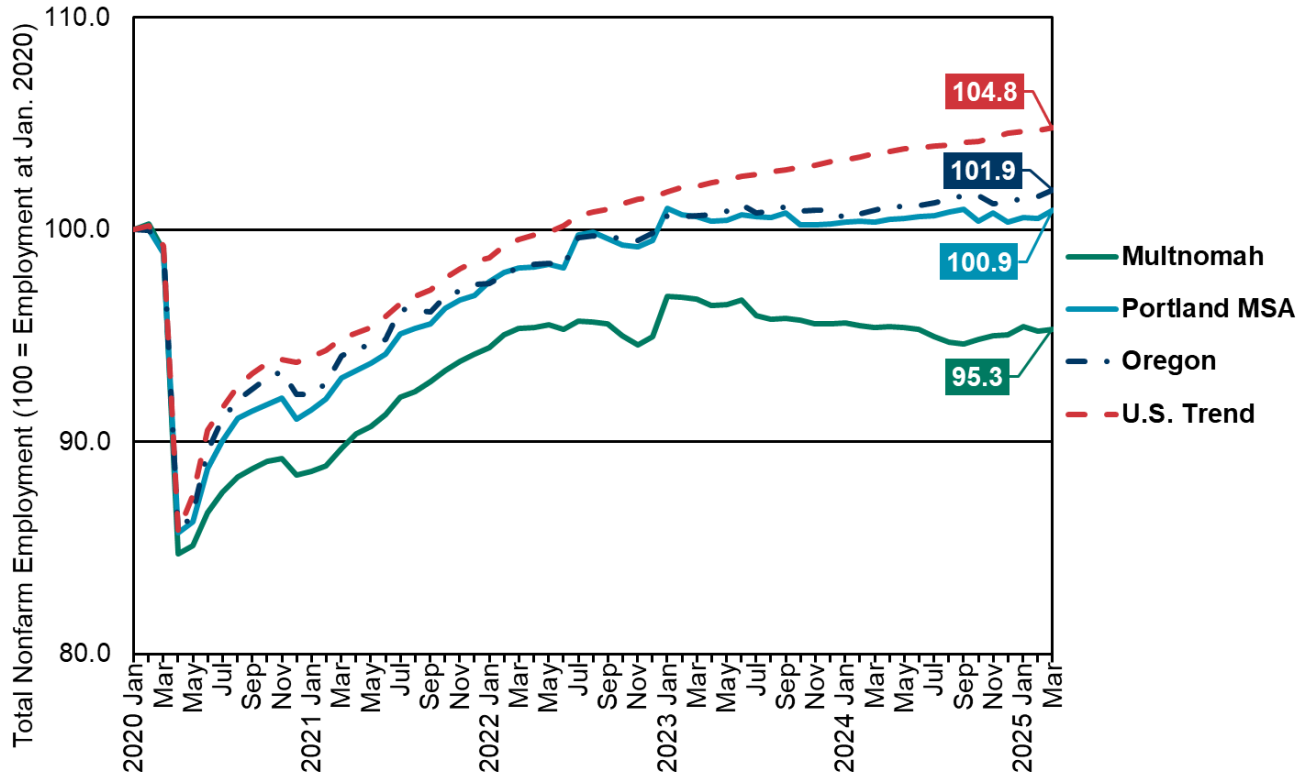
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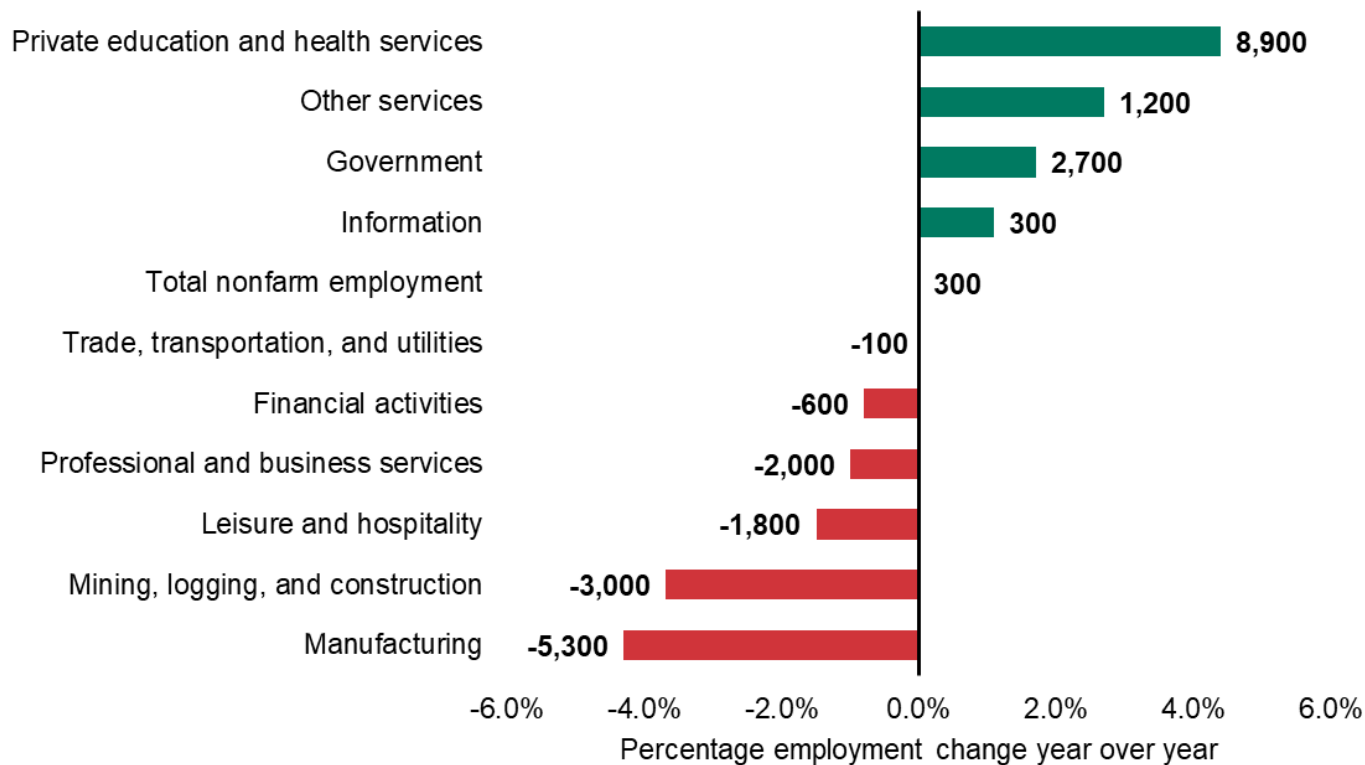
Employment in Oregon and Portland

Normalized Total Nonfarm Employment Trend (Seasonally-Adjusted)



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Portland MSA Employment Change by Industry, Mar. 2024 to Mar. 2025

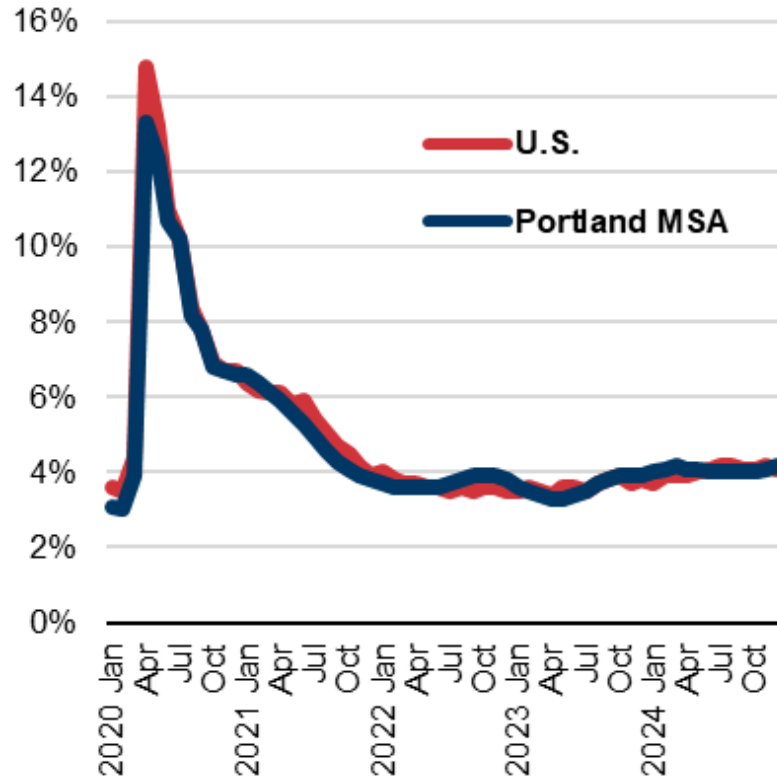


Source: Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Estimates (CES)

Unemployment in Oregon

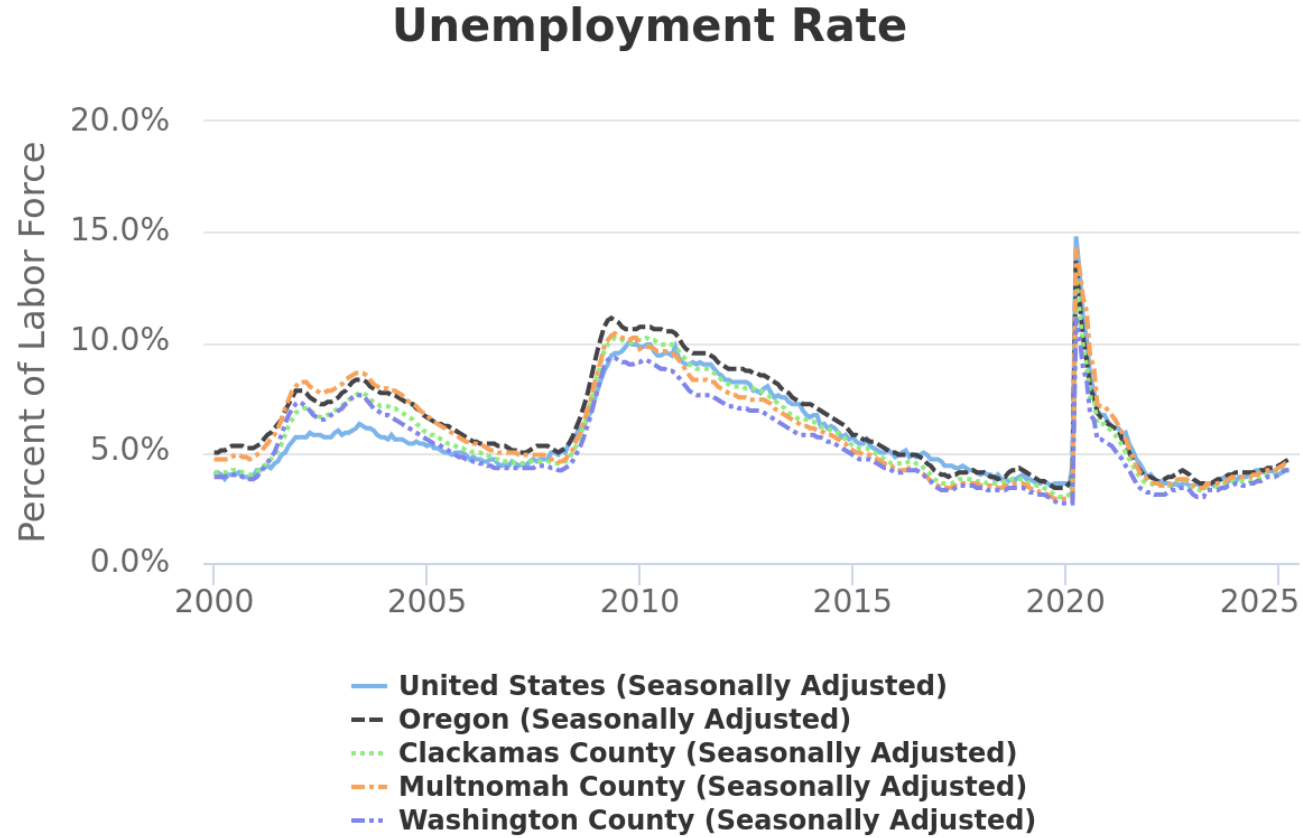
Portland MSA Unemployment Rate Generally Follows U.S.

- March 2025 unemployment rate
 - U.S.: 4.2%
 - Oregon: 4.6%
 - Multnomah: 4.5%
- Portland MSA average unemployment rate
 - 10-year: 4.5%
 - 20-year: 5.8%



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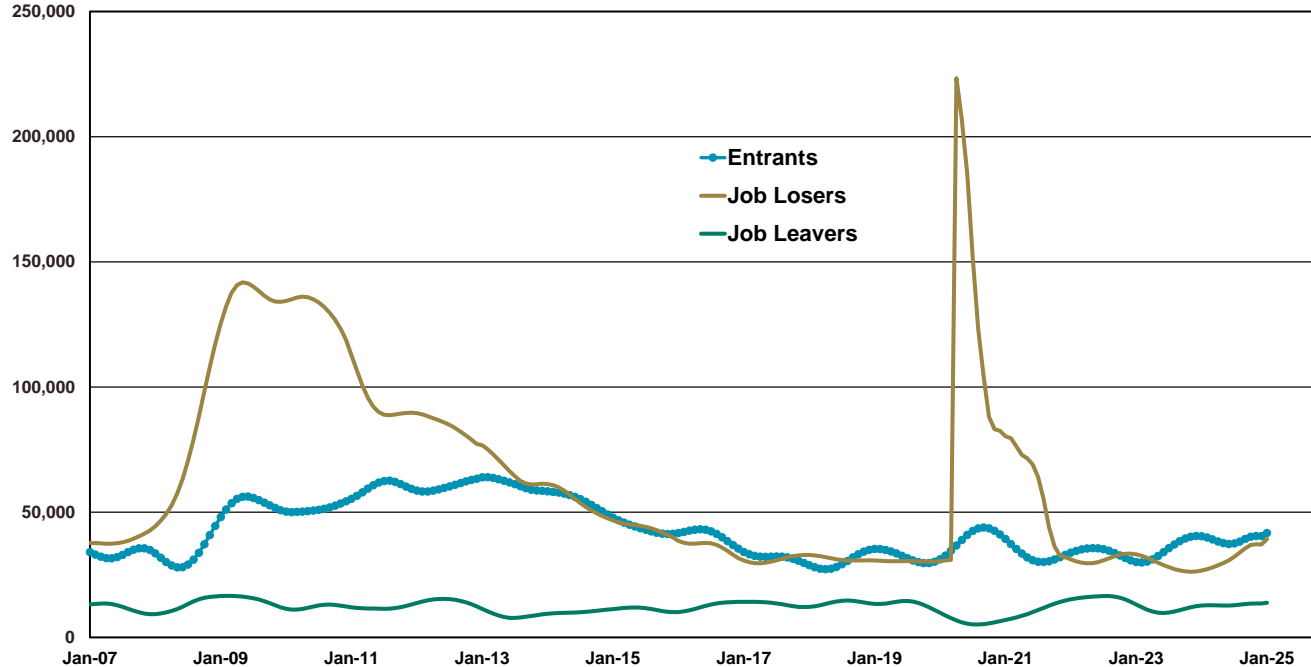
- April 2025 unemployment rate
 - U.S.: 4.2%
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 - Multnomah: 4.5%
 - Washington: 4.2%
 - Clackamas: 4.3%
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Source: Oregon Employment Department Qualityinfo.org

Why are Oregonians unemployed?

Oregon Unemployment by Reason [Trend]



**New or returning
to the workforce**
41,700 (44%)

Lost job
39,300 (41%)

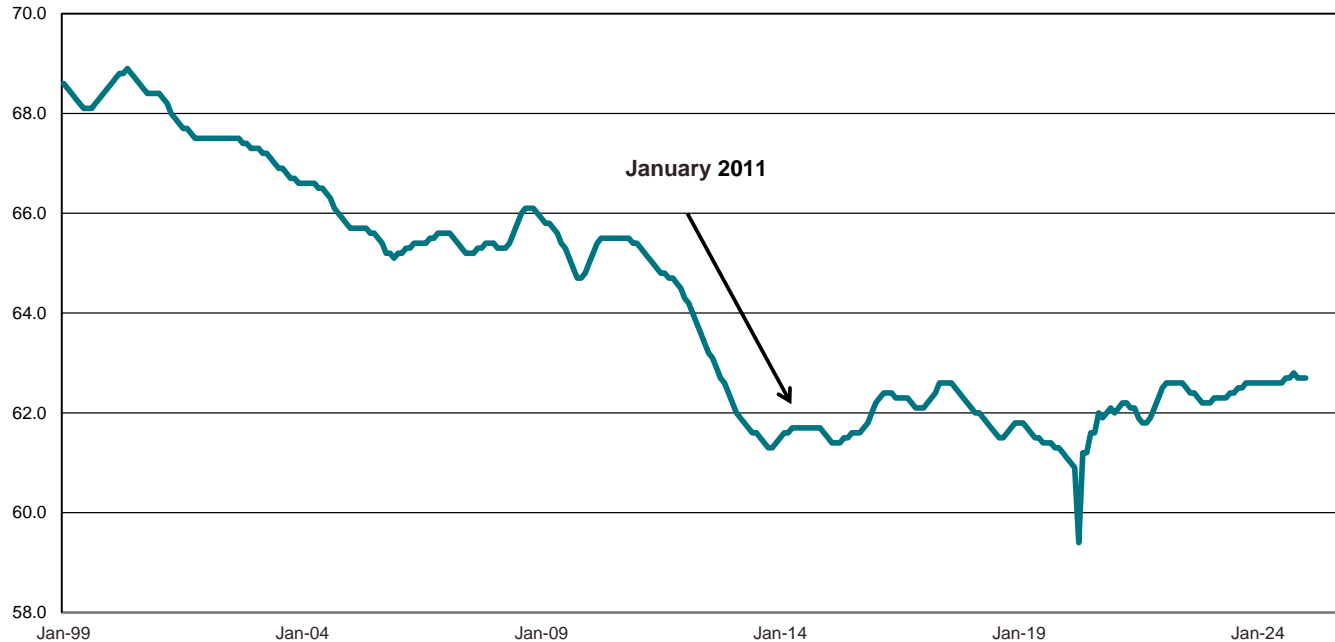
Left job voluntarily
13,900 (15%)

Source: Oregon Employment Department, Current Population Survey

Labor Force in Oregon

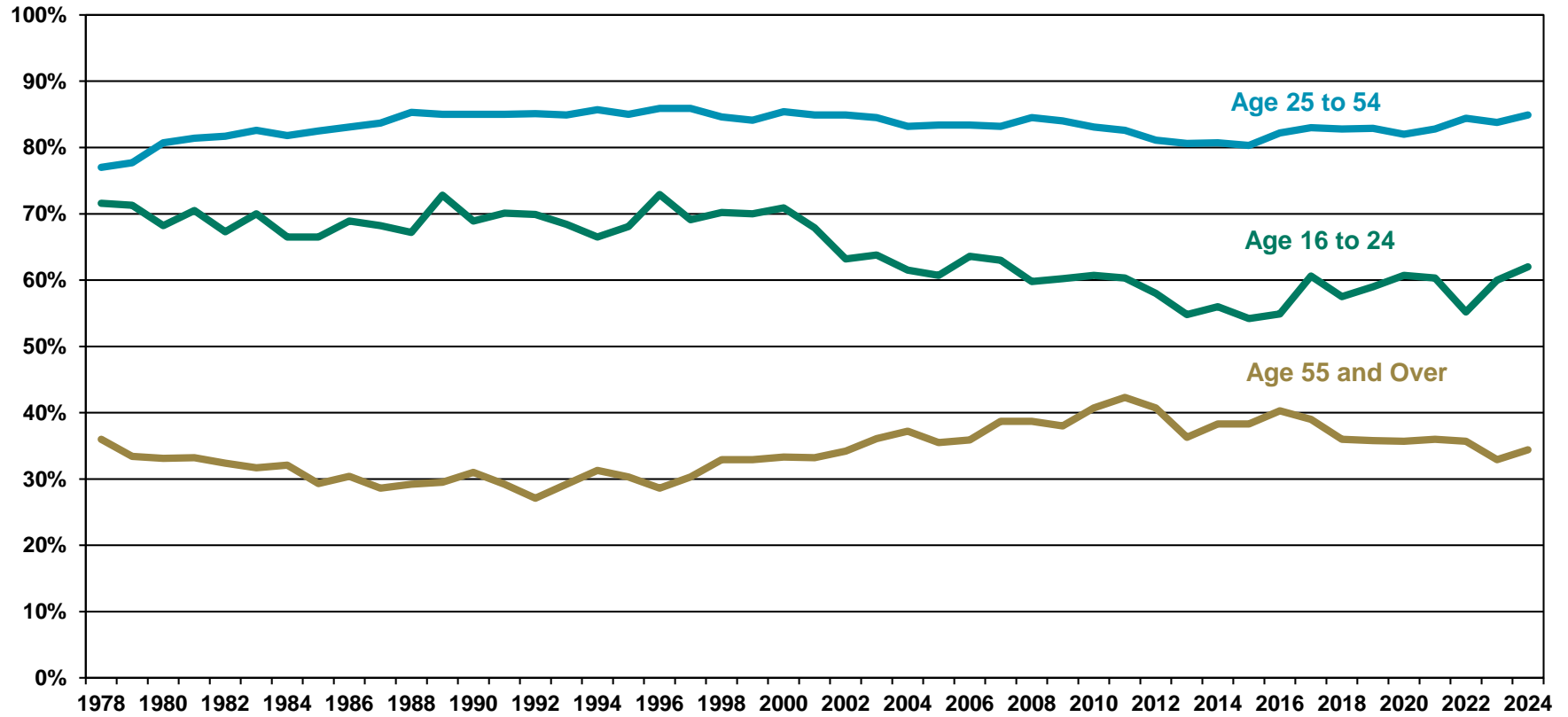
Oregon's labor force participation rate was 62.7% in January.

Oregon's Labor Force Participation Rate
% of Population Ages 16+ in Labor Force, Seasonally Adjusted



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

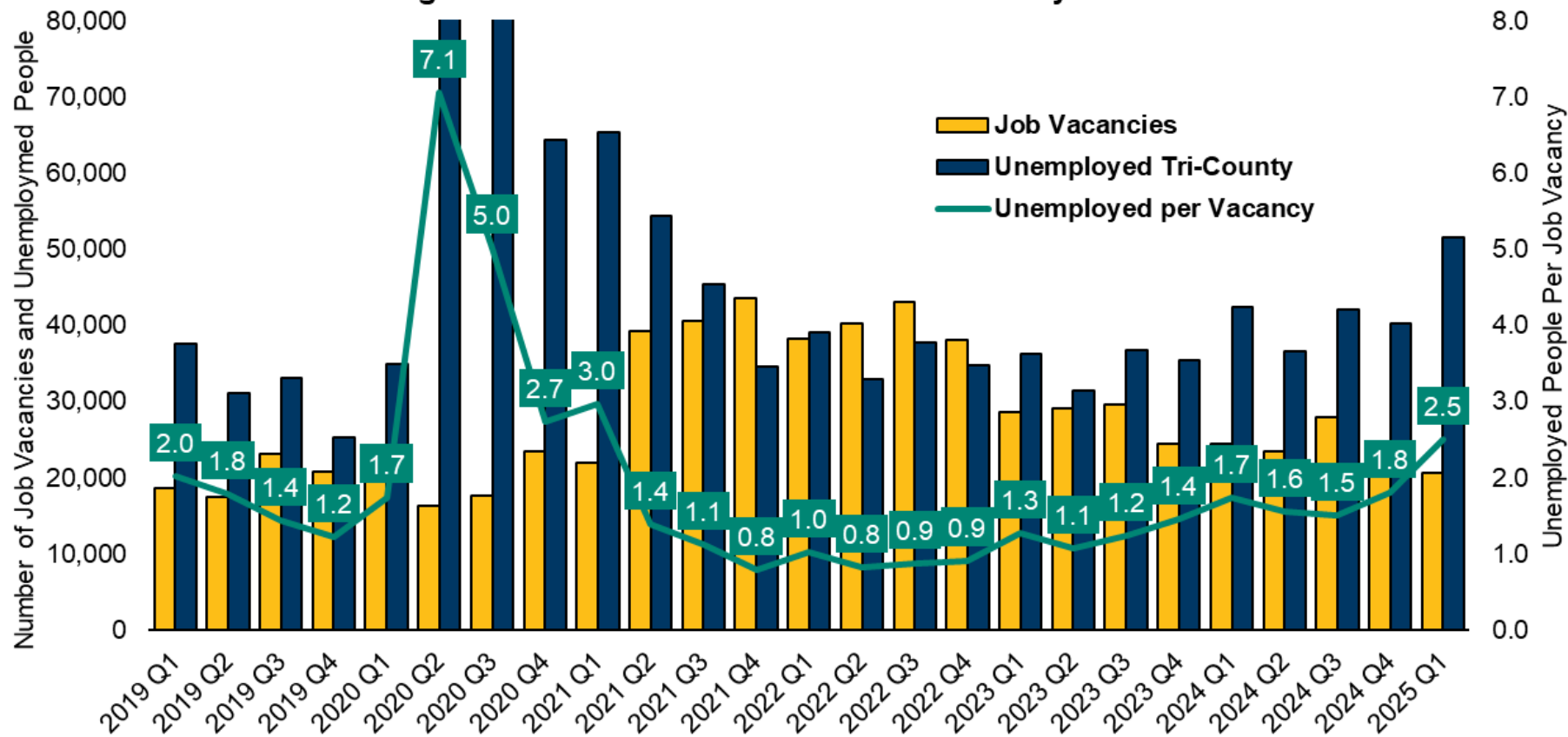
Oregon Labor Force Participation Rates by Age Group



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

Short-Term Labor Market in Oregon

Tight Labor Market in the Portland Tri-County Area

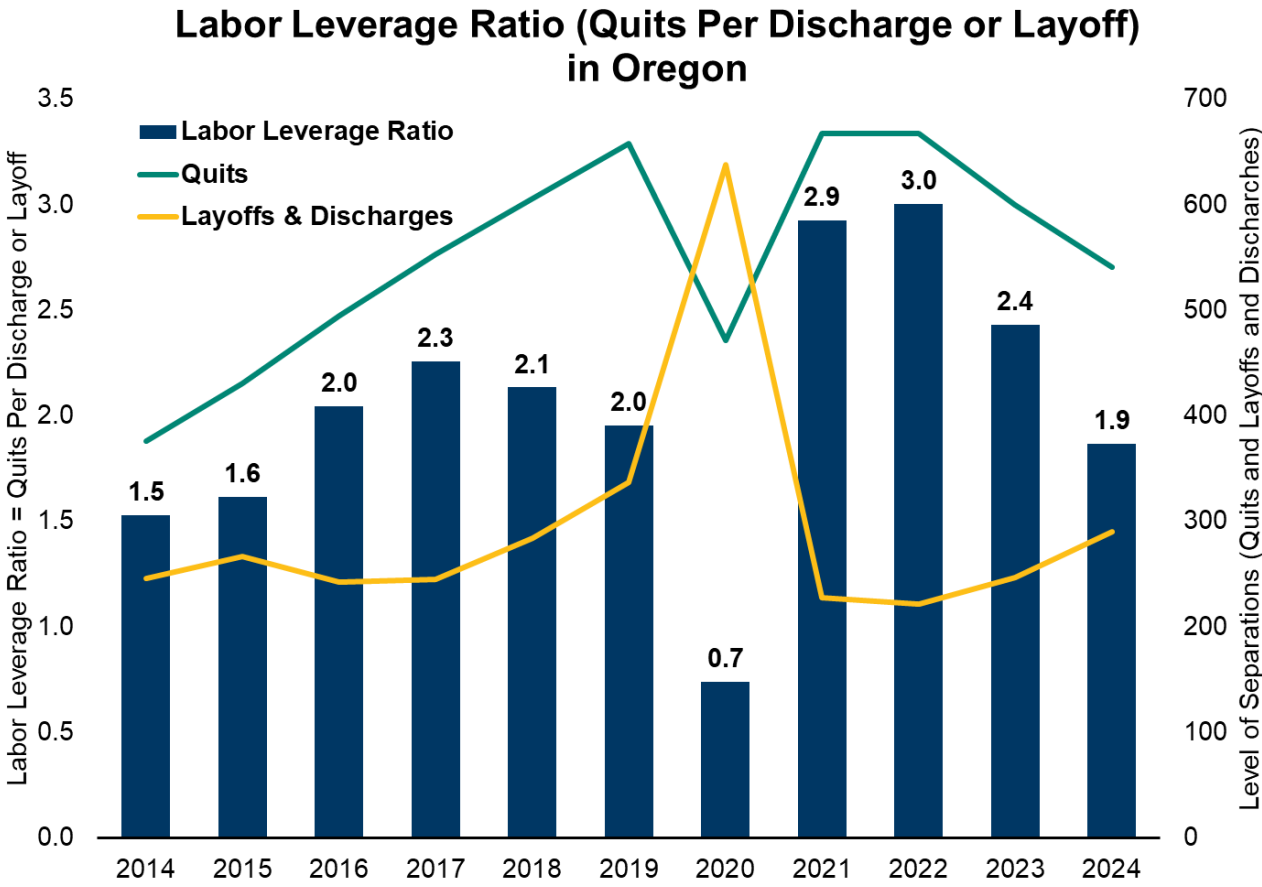


Source: Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Job Vacancy Survey



Decline in labor leverage ratio indicates looser labor market

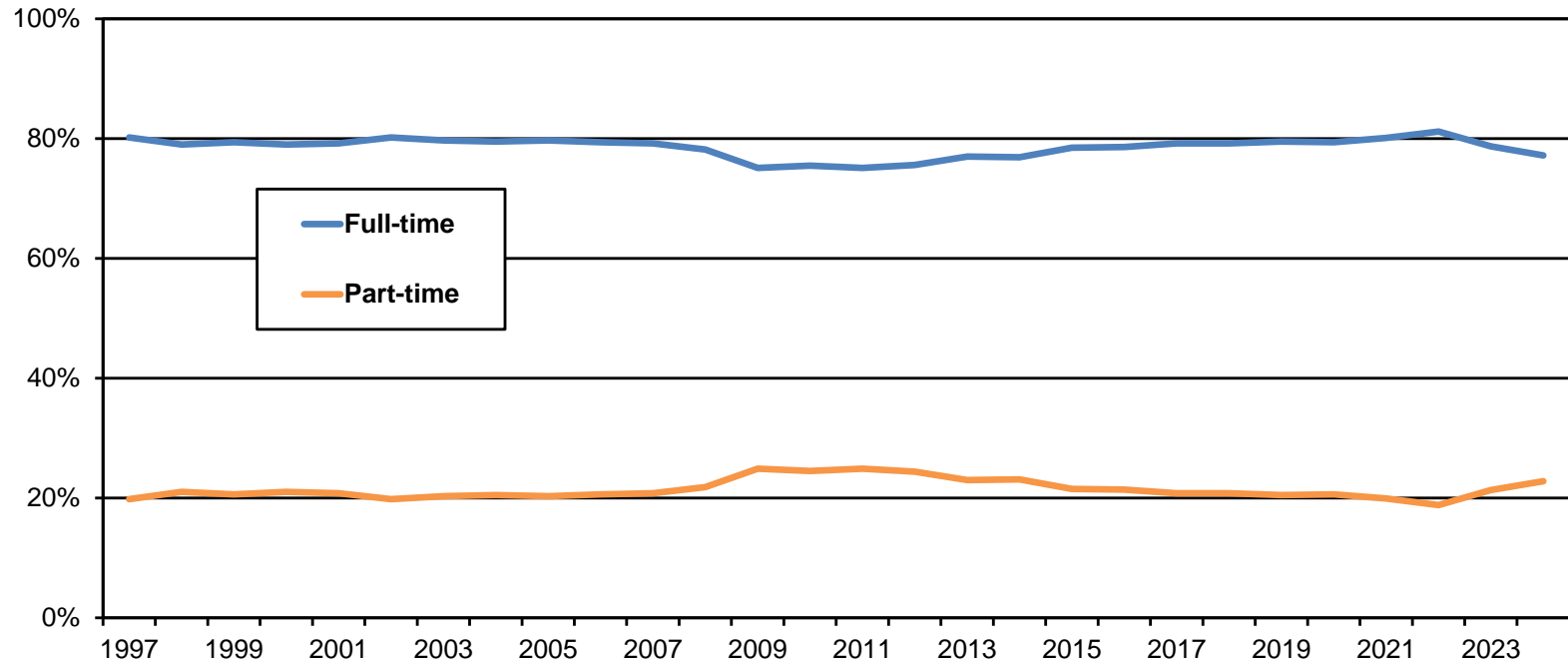
- The relationship between quits and layoffs is a proxy for how confident each side of the labor market is (employers and employees)
- A higher ratio indicates more employee confidence, and vice versa



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Job openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS)

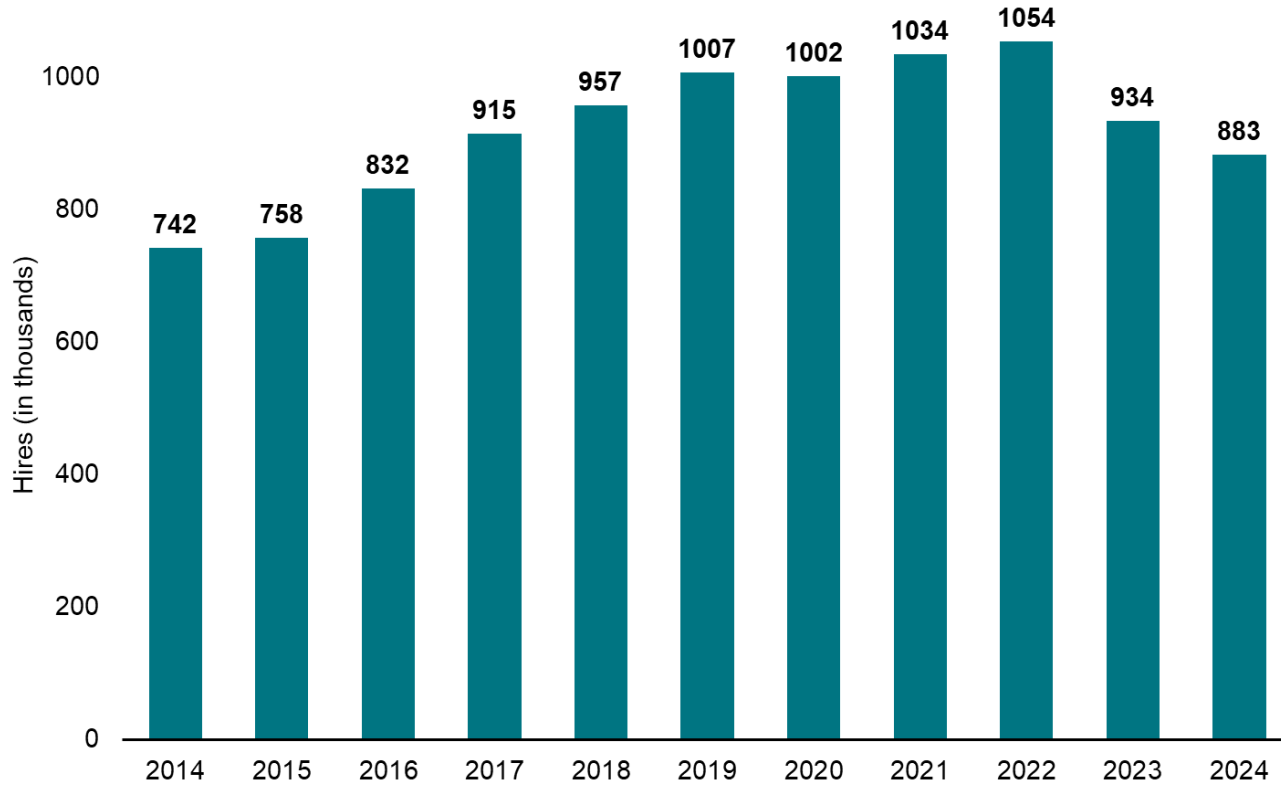
One out of five Oregon workers usually worked part time in 2024.

Share of Oregon Workers Usually Employed Full-Time and Part-Time



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

Annual Hiring Level in Oregon



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey

Job Vacancy Demand

Oregon Job Vacancies by Industry, Winter 2025

Industry	Vacancies
All Industries	51,295
Health care and social assistance	15,458
Retail trade	5,857
Leisure and hospitality	5,381
Construction	5,020
Manufacturing	4,479
Other services	3,079
Professional, scientific, and technical services	2,793
Wholesale trade	2,500
Management, administrative, and waste services	2,062
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,954
Private educational services	1,280
Financial activities	1,079
Natural resources and mining	212
Information	54

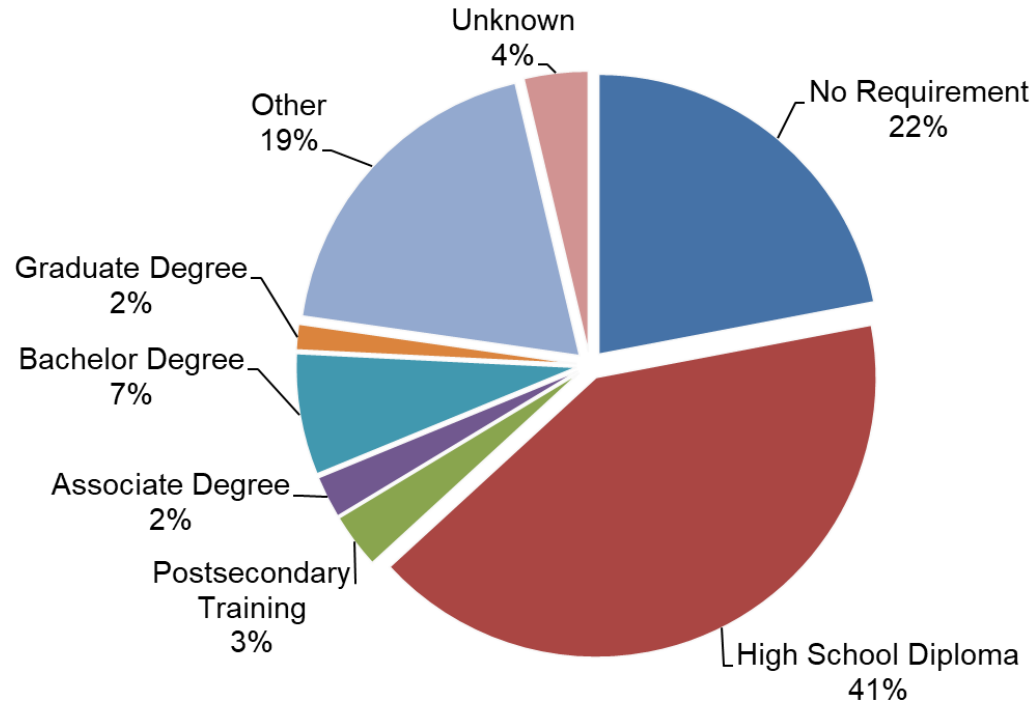
Source: Oregon Employment Department

Oregon Job Vacancies by Occupation Group, Winter 2025

Occupation Group	Vacancies	% Vacancies
All Occupations	51,295	
Health Care Support	6,936	13.5%
Food Preparation and Serving Related	5,314	10.4%
Transportation and Material Moving	5,031	9.8%
Office and Administrative Support	4,508	8.8%
Health Care Practitioners and Technical	4,141	8.1%
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	3,949	7.7%
Sales and Related	3,632	7.1%
Production	2,548	5.0%
Construction and Extraction	2,451	4.8%
Business and Financial Operations	2,363	4.6%
Management	2,060	4.0%
Education, Training, and Library	1,994	3.9%
Community and Social Service	1,821	3.6%
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	1,187	2.3%
Architecture and Engineering	985	1.9%
Personal Care and Service	920	1.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	356	<1%
Computer and Mathematical	266	<1%
Legal	263	<1%
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	214	<1%
Life, Physical, and Social Science	194	<1%
Protective Service	162	<1%

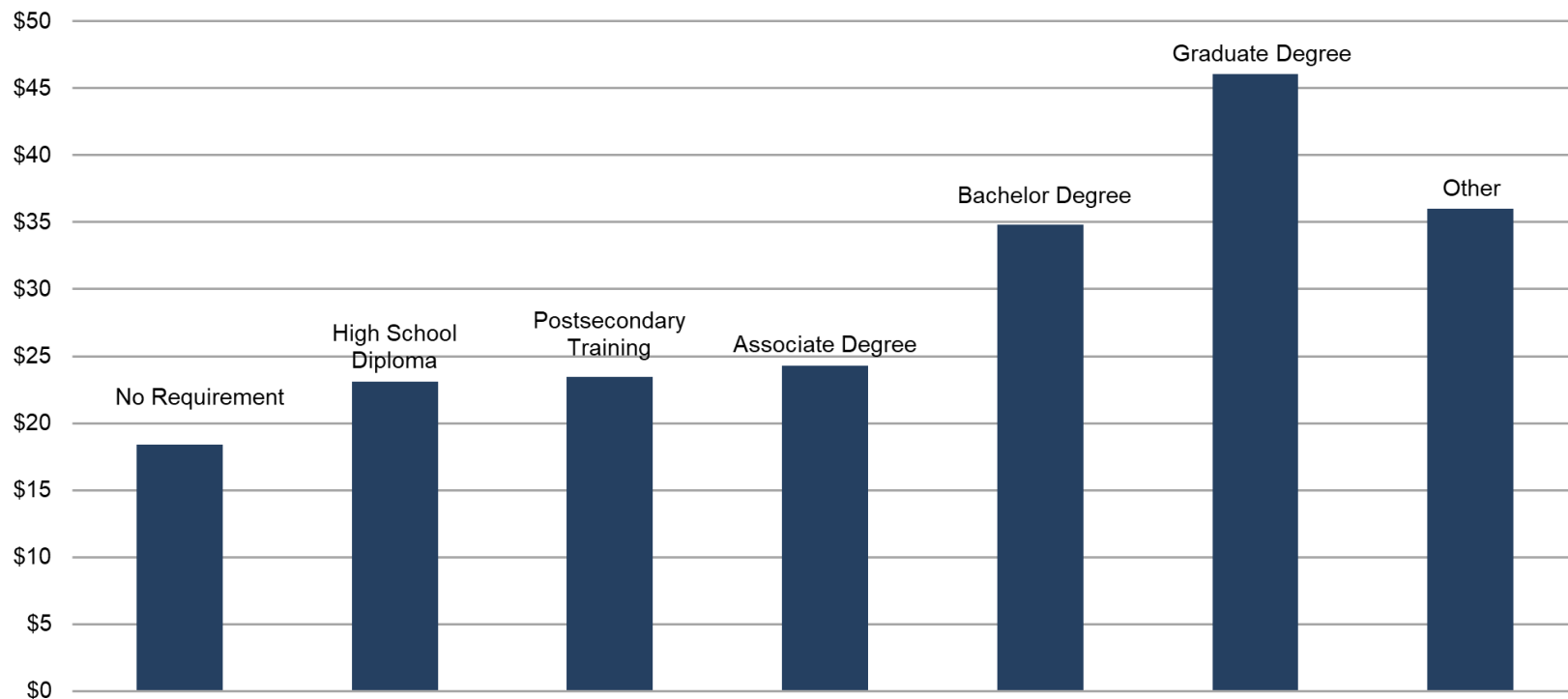
Source: Oregon Employment Department

Oregon Job Vacancies by Educational Requirement, Winter 2025



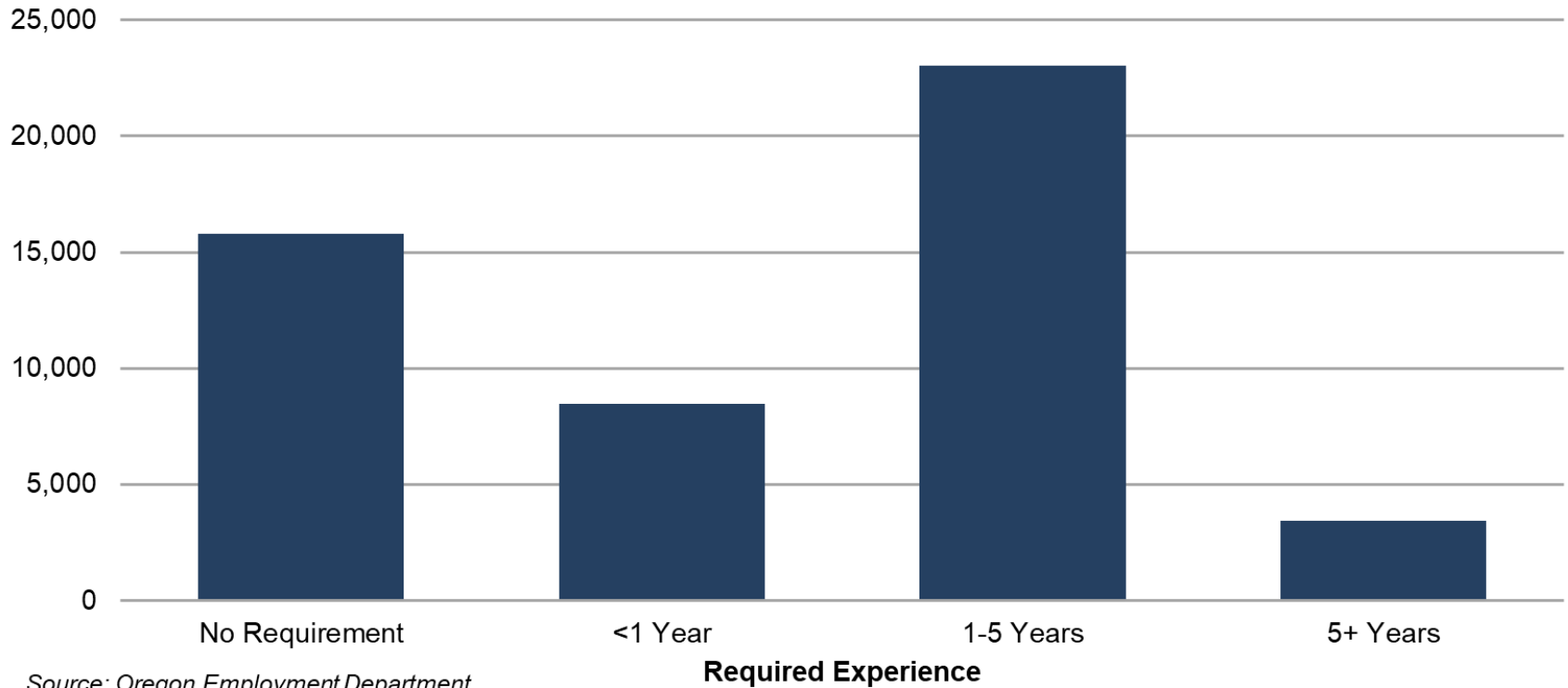
Source: Oregon Employment Department

Average Hourly Wage for Oregon Job Vacancies, by Educational Requirement, Winter 2025



Source: Oregon Employment Department

Oregon Job Vacancies Requiring Previous Experience Winter 2025

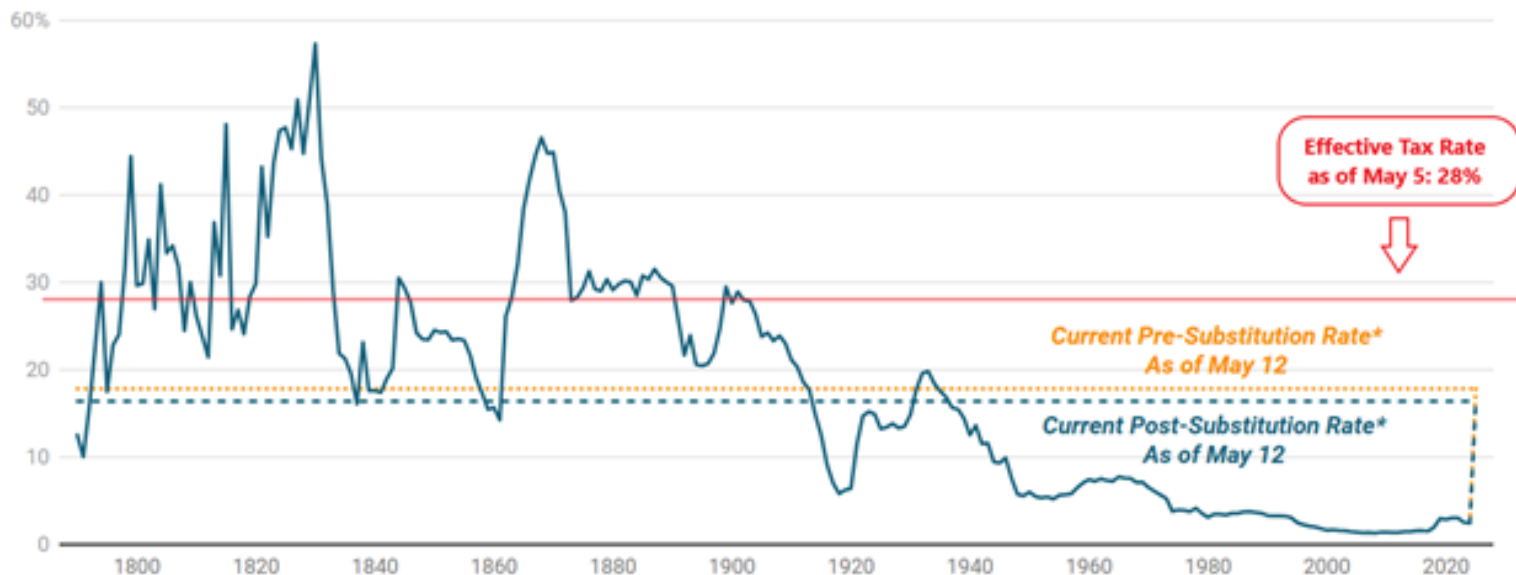


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Tariffs Impact on Oregon

Tariff Rates Are Generationally High High

U.S Average Effective Tariff Rate Since 1790

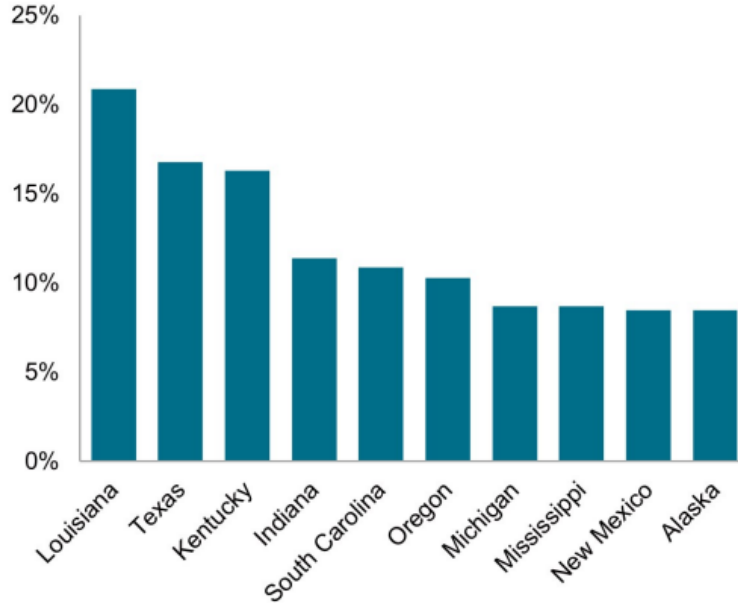


* Assumes revised April 9 tariffs stay in place.

Chart: The Budget Lab • Source: Historical Statistics of the United States Ea424-434, Monthly Treasury Statement, Bureau of Economic Analysis, The Budget Lab analysis. • Created with [Datawrapper](#)

Oregon Export Activity

Exports as a share of gross state product, 2024



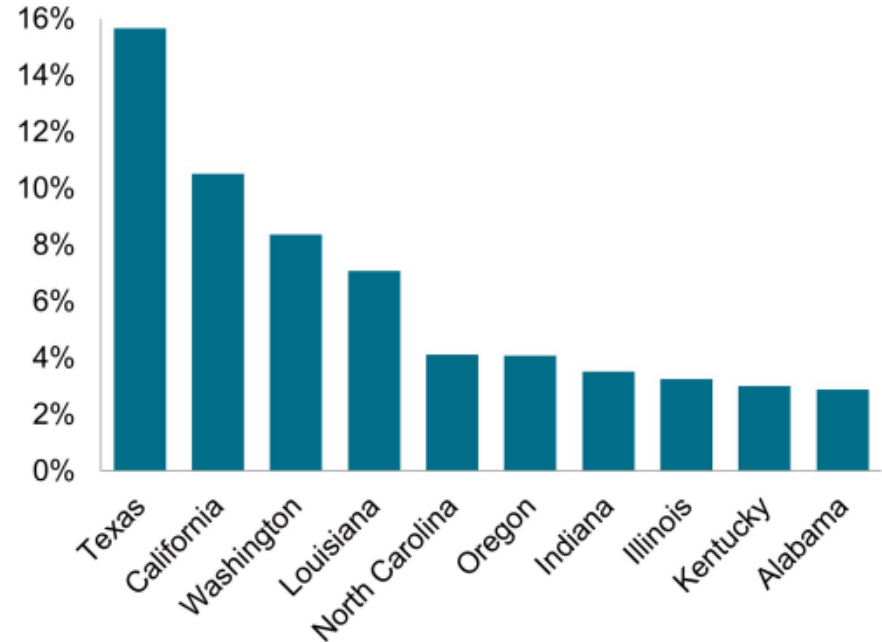
Data compiled March 2025.

Excludes agricultural products in Louisiana.

Sources: US Census Bureau; S&P Global Market Intelligence.

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Share of US exports to mainland China, 2024



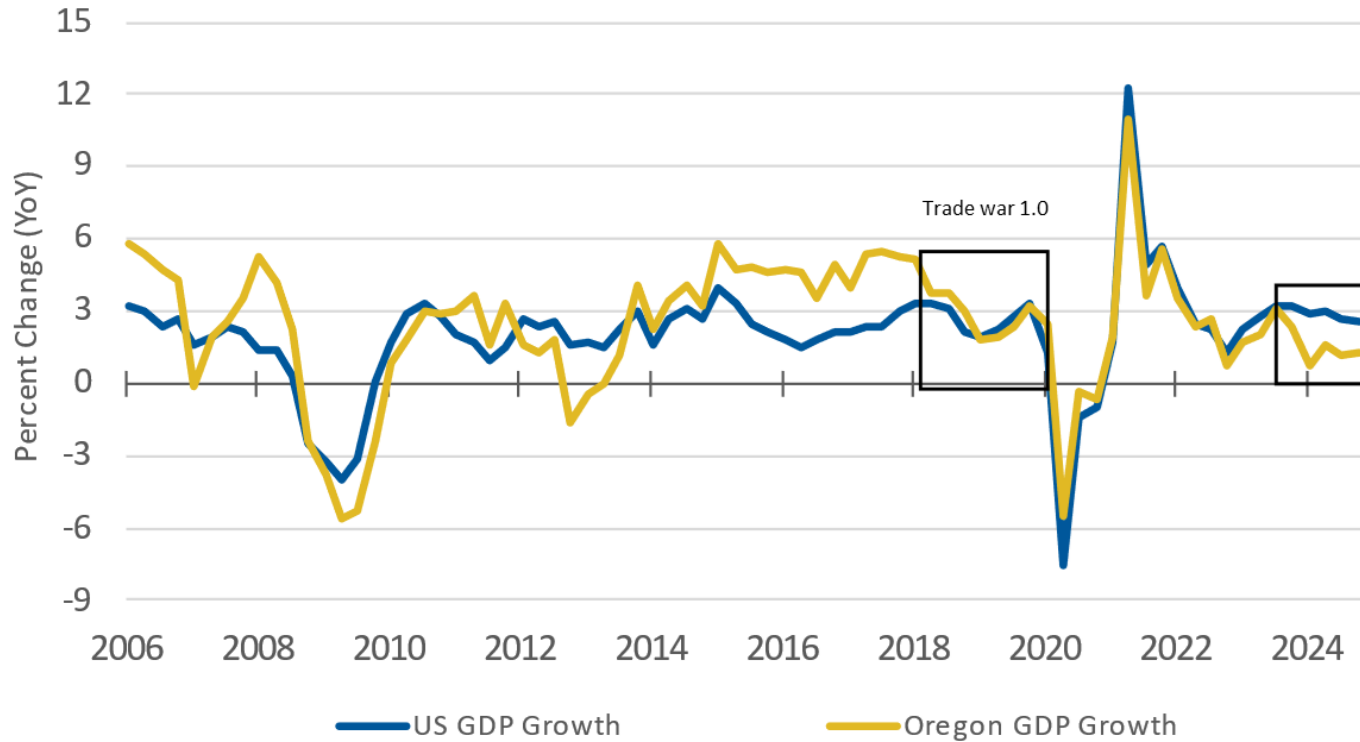
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Oregon and US Real GDP Growth Over Time

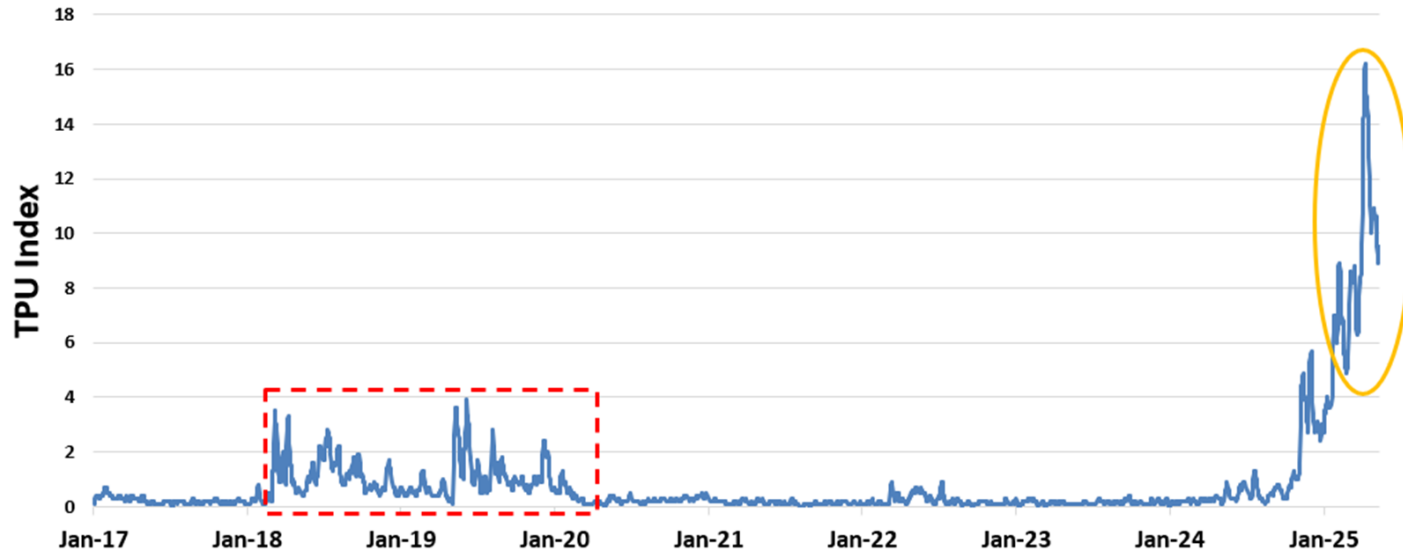
Quarterly Data, Percent Change



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis/Haver Analytics

Tariff Uncertainty Might Have Peaked

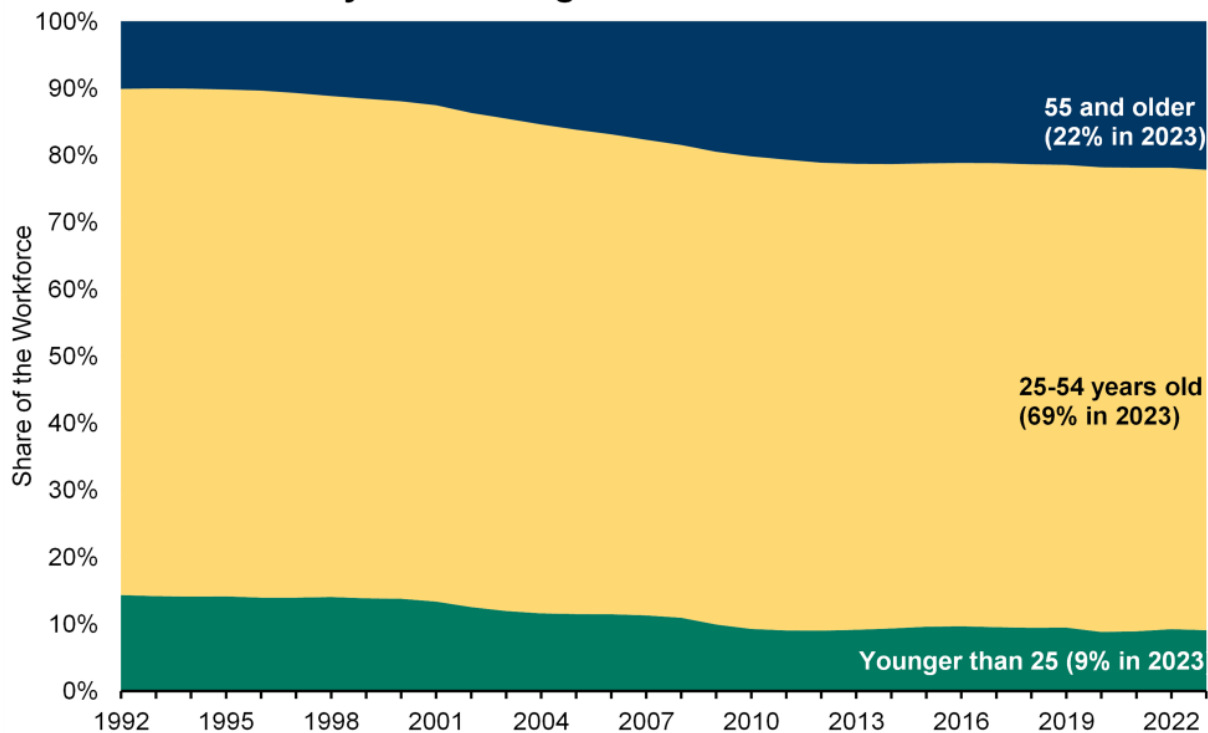
Bloomberg Economics Global Trade Policy Uncertainty (TPU)



Source: Bloomberg/OEA

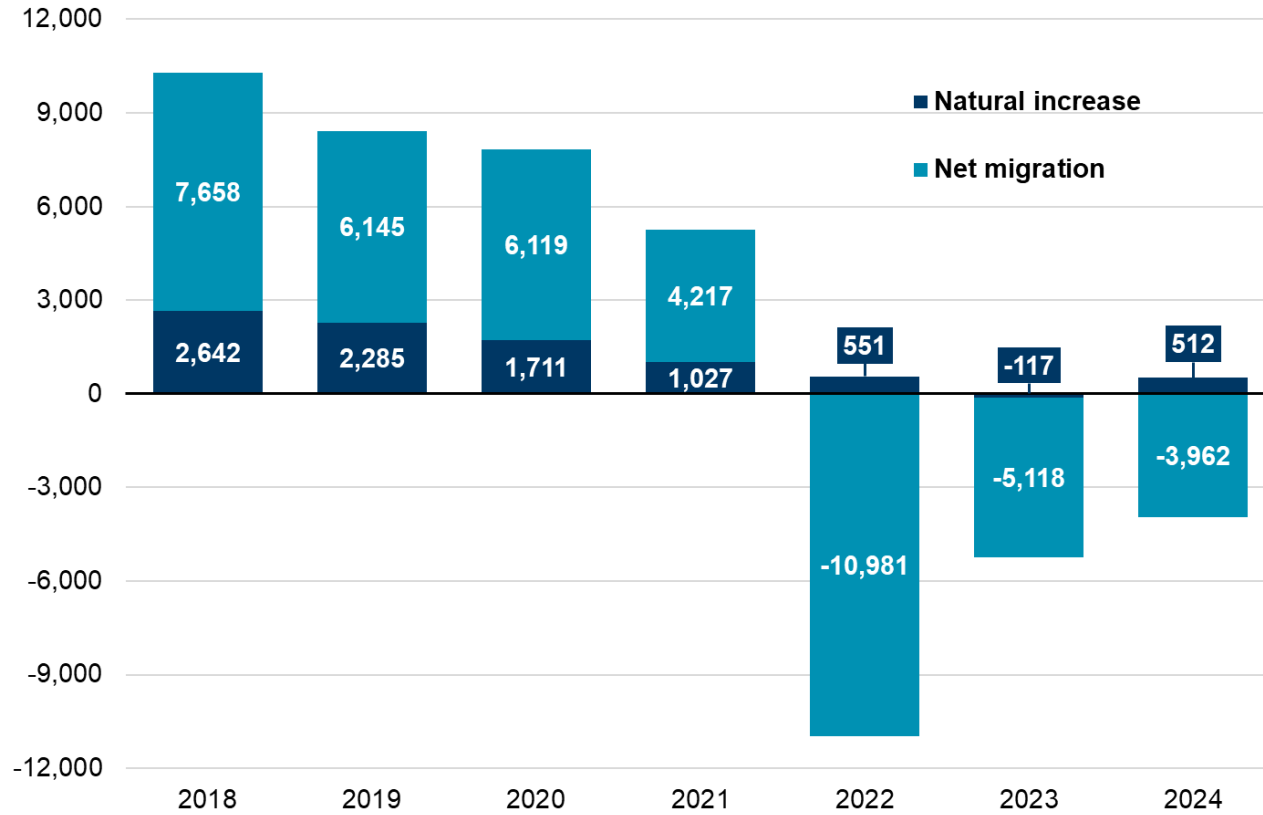
Long-Term Labor Market in Oregon

More Than One out of Five Multnomah County Jobs Held by Workers Ages 55 or Older in 2023



Source: Oregon Employment Department and U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Workforce Indicators

Multnomah County Population Change by Component

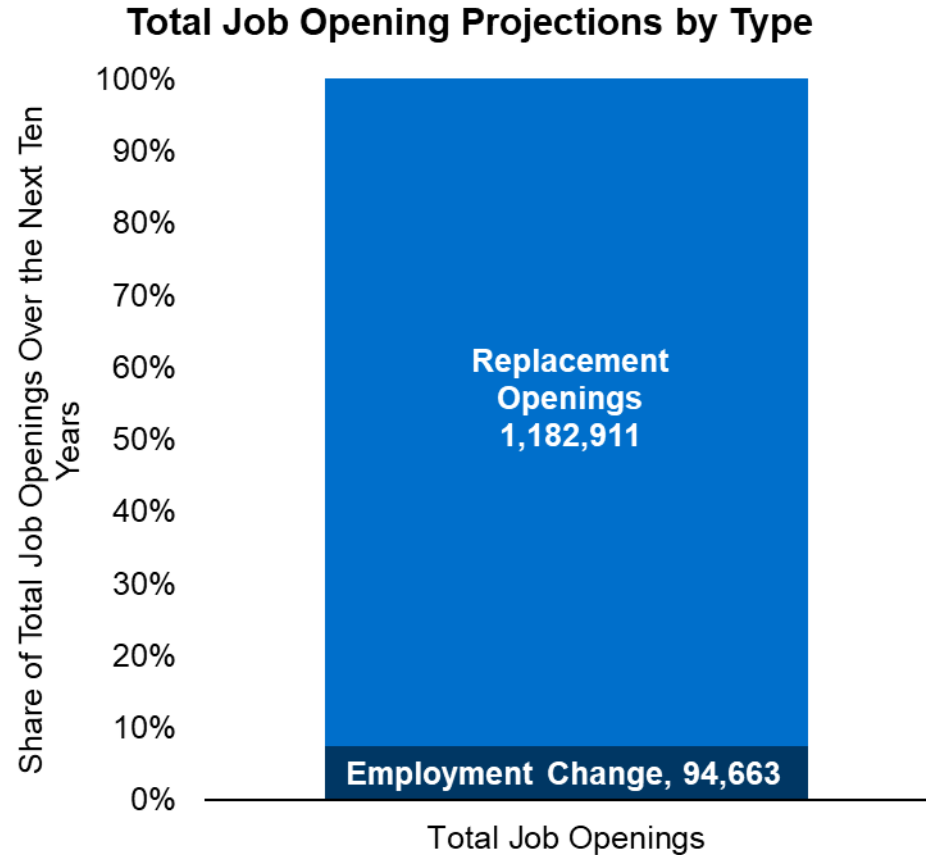


Source: Portland State University Population Research Center

Job Demand In The Future

Replacement Workers Will Be Needed

- Over 90% of job openings in the Portland Tri-County over the next decade will be replacement openings
- Workers will be needed for all industries even if an industry is not projected to grow in employment numbers

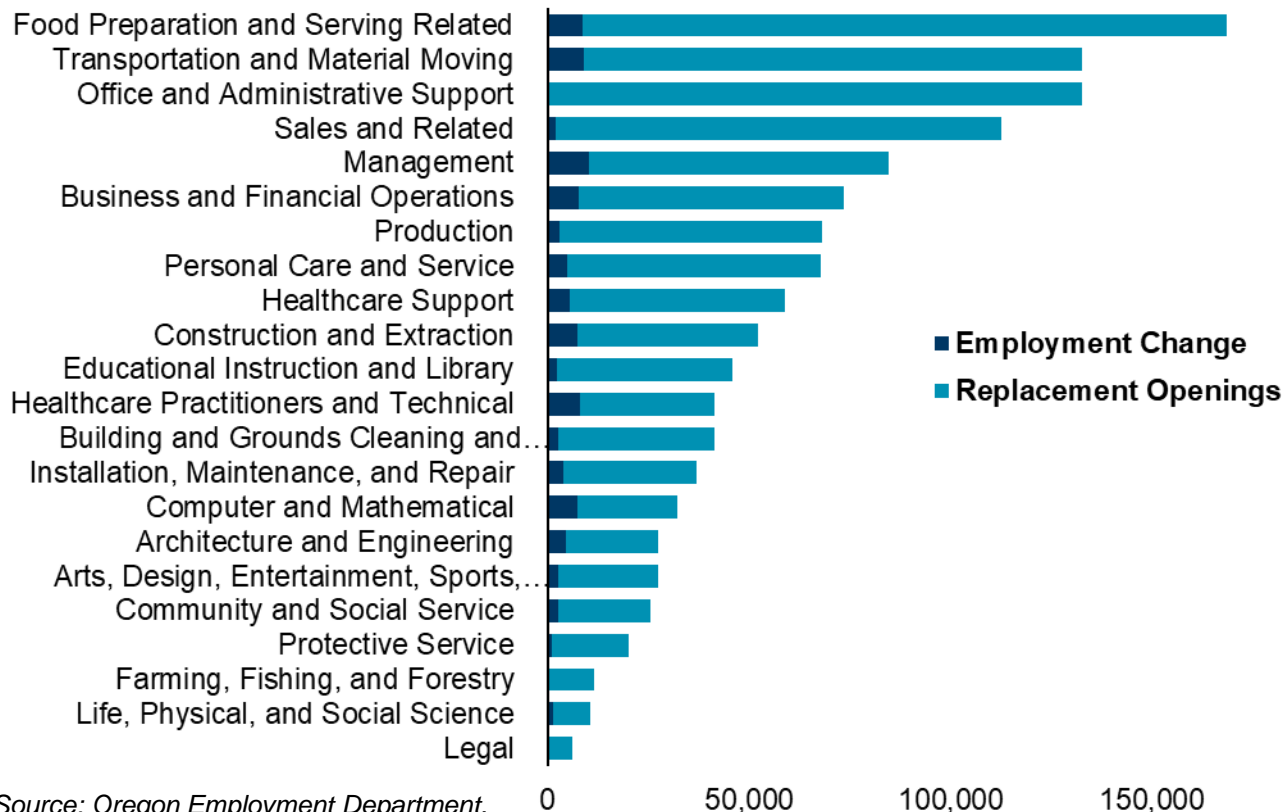


Source: Oregon Employment Department, Occupational Projections 2023-2033

Service-Related Occupations Have the Most Jobs Openings Among Occupational Groups

- The fast growth in health care occupations is attributed to the aging of Oregon's population
- The fast growth in service occupations is mainly caused by the job losses incurred in 2020

Total Job Openings by Occupational Groupings



Source: Oregon Employment Department,
Occupational Projections 2023-2033

Most Openings Requiring and Associate's Degree

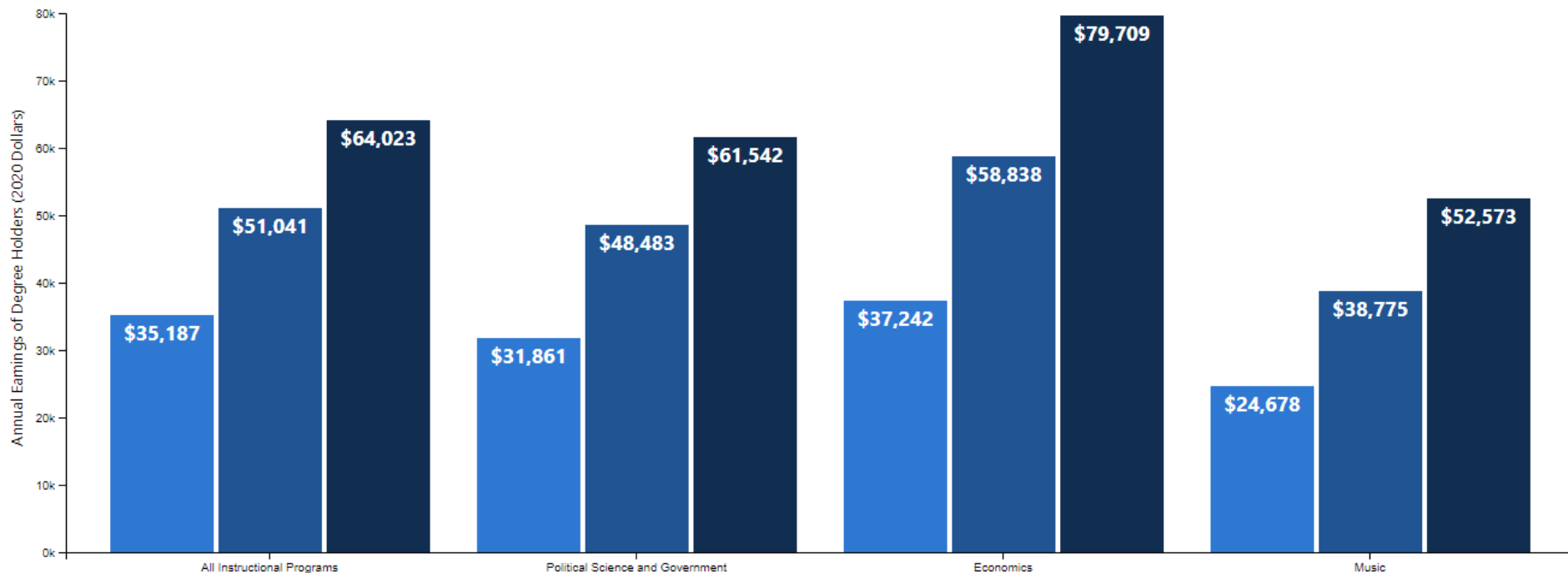
Occupation Title	Total Openings
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	4,966
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	3,183
Construction Managers	2,932
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians	2,217
Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	1,579
Biological Technicians	1,352
Dental Hygienists	1,153
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	1,096
Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	899
Life, Physical, and Social Science Technicians, All Other	667

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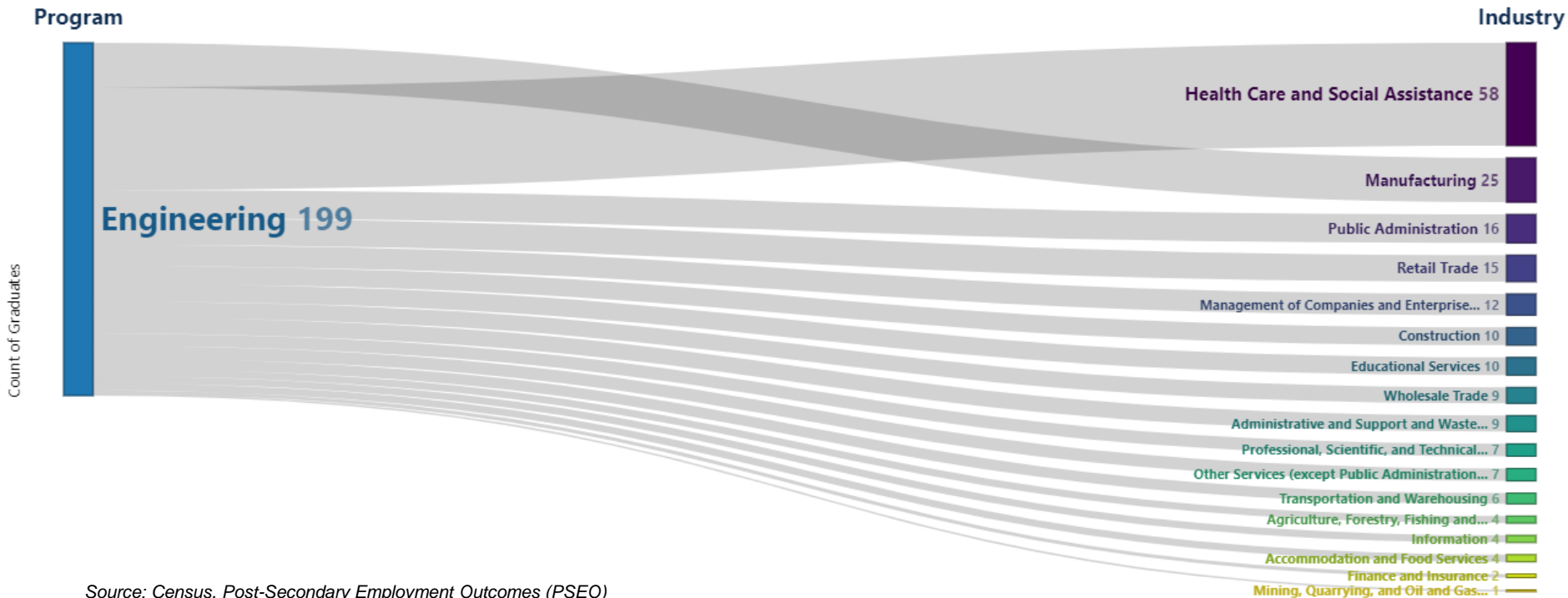
Tools for Career Exploration

Post-Secondary Outcomes Explorer (PSEO)

<https://lehd.ces.census.gov/applications/pseo/>



PCC Engineering Flows to Industry



Source: Census, Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes (PSEO)

QualityInfo.org

Career Explorer

Occupation Profile

Career Explorer



All Occupations
Portland Tri-County (Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington)
41 Occupations Found

Additional Filters:
Education: Associate's Degree

+ View Chart

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Occupation	2021 Emp.	2021- 2031 Emp. Growth	Typical Education	2022 Median Annual Salary	Current Job Listings	Projected Annual Openings	STEM	High Wage	High Skill	High Demand
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	3,272	30.9%	Associate's degree	\$38,268	72	441	--	--	x	x
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	366	23.8%	Associate's degree	\$41,909	77	40	--	--	x	x
Agricultural and Food Science Technicians	--	--	Associate's degree	\$41,932 see note	2	--	x	--	x	x
Morticians, Undertakers, and Funeral Directors	79	22.8%	Associate's degree	\$48,065	2	11	x	--	x	--
Electro-Mechanical Technicians	43	9.3%	Associate's degree	\$48,933	6	3	x	--	x	--
Biological Technicians	1,330	12.6%	Associate's degree	\$49,997	139	158	x	--	x	x
Chemical Technicians	209	16.7%	Associate's degree	\$50,778	6	24	x	x	x	--
Embalmers	--	--	Associate's degree	\$50,989	0	--	x	x	x	--
Life, Physical, and Social Science Technicians, All Other	680	26.5%	Associate's degree	\$51,058	1	102	x	x	x	x
Geological and Petroleum Technicians	--	--	Associate's degree	\$52,550 see note	0	--	x	x	x	--

Occupation Profiles

Economists (193011)
Oregon (All Counties)

Median Hourly Wage

\$86.22

2021 Employment

211

Job Openings per Year

17

10-Year Growth

14.2%

Description

Conduct research, prepare reports, or formulate plans to address economic problems related to the production and distribution of goods and services or monetary and fiscal policy. May collect and process economic and statistical data using sampling techniques and econometric methods. Excludes "Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists" (13-1161).

+ Expand All

+ Job Openings Listed with the Oregon Employment Department

+ Job Openings from Other Websites

+ State of Oregon Licenses & Certifications

+ Wage Range 2022

+ Employment Outlook

+ Area Employment Projections

+ Industries of Employment

- Educational Requirements for Economists

The typical entry level education for this occupation is a Bachelor's degree. Those with a Master's degree have a competitive advantage in the labor market.

+ Knowledge, Skills, Abilities, and Work Activities

+ Schools and Training Providers

+ Related Occupations





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