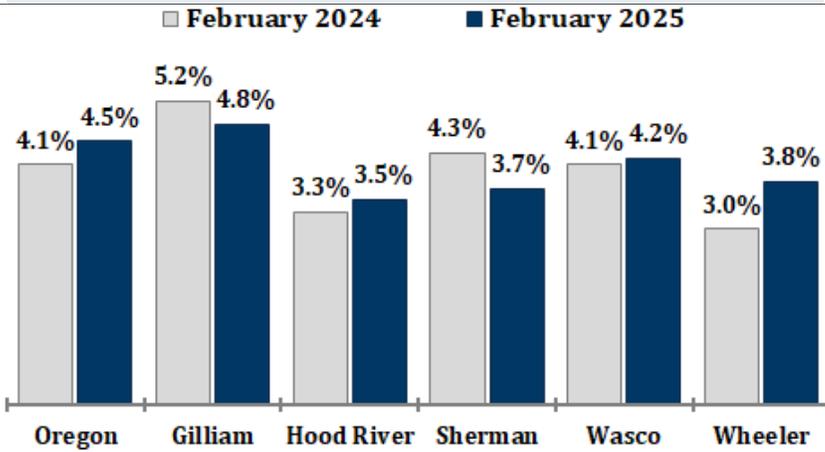




Columbia Gorge Economic Indicators

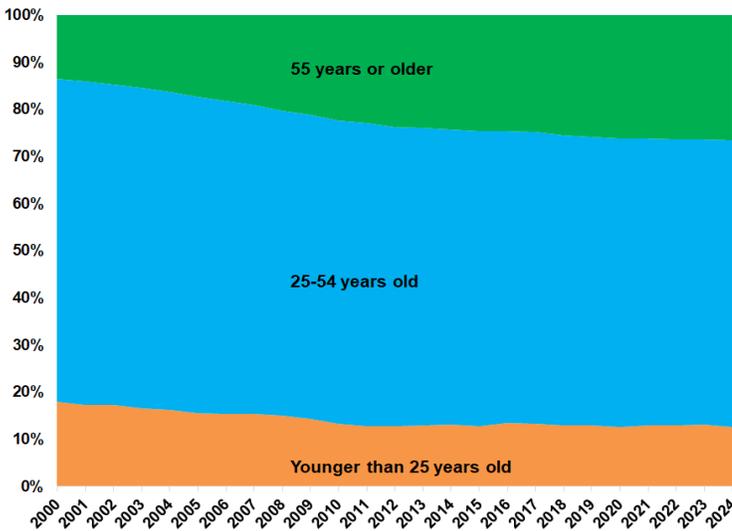
February 2025 Data

Local Area Unemployment Rates (Seasonally adjusted)



Graph of the Month (Columbia Gorge) Age of the Workforce

Source: Oregon Employment Department, US Census Bureau QWI



Using data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Quarterly Workforce Indicators, we can gain an insight into the age of the workforce. Due to data availability, Wheeler County was excluded from this analysis.

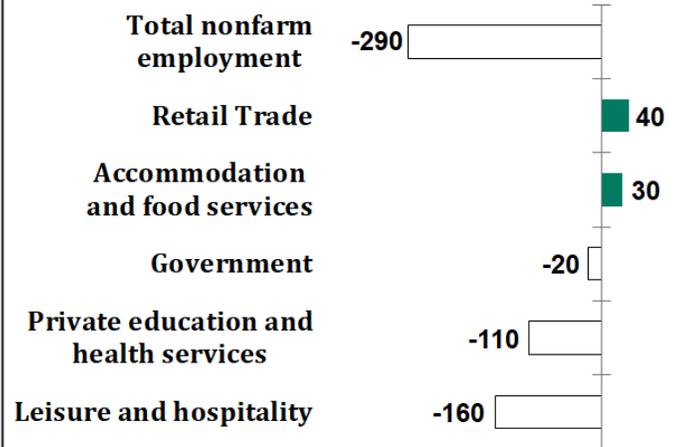
In 2000, 17.9% of workers were younger than 25, 68.5% were between the ages of 25 and 54, and 13.6% were older than 55.

Since 2000, the share of workers 55 and older has nearly doubled, growing to 26.5% in 2024. As a result, the shares of those between 25 and 54 years old has shrunk to 60.9% of the workforce, and those younger than 25 years old has shrunk to 12.6%.

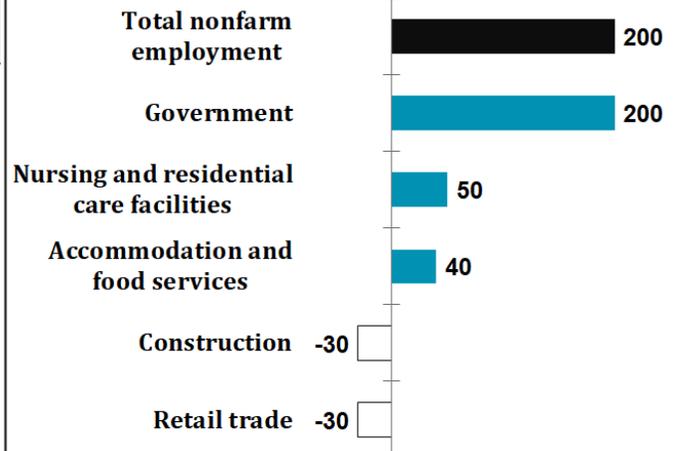
This shouldn't be a surprise; in 2000 baby boomers were between 36 and 54 years old. In 2024 they were between 60 and 78 years old.

Select Industry Gains and Losses (Over-the-year net employment change)

Hood River County



Wasco County



Notable Over-the-Year Changes

Gilliam

Total nonfarm employment (+200)
Local government (+10)
Professional and business services (-10)

Sherman

Total nonfarm employment (+30)
Trade, transport, and utilities (-10)
Government (+25)

Wheeler

Total nonfarm employment (+25)
Government (+20)
Leisure and hospitality (+15)

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