

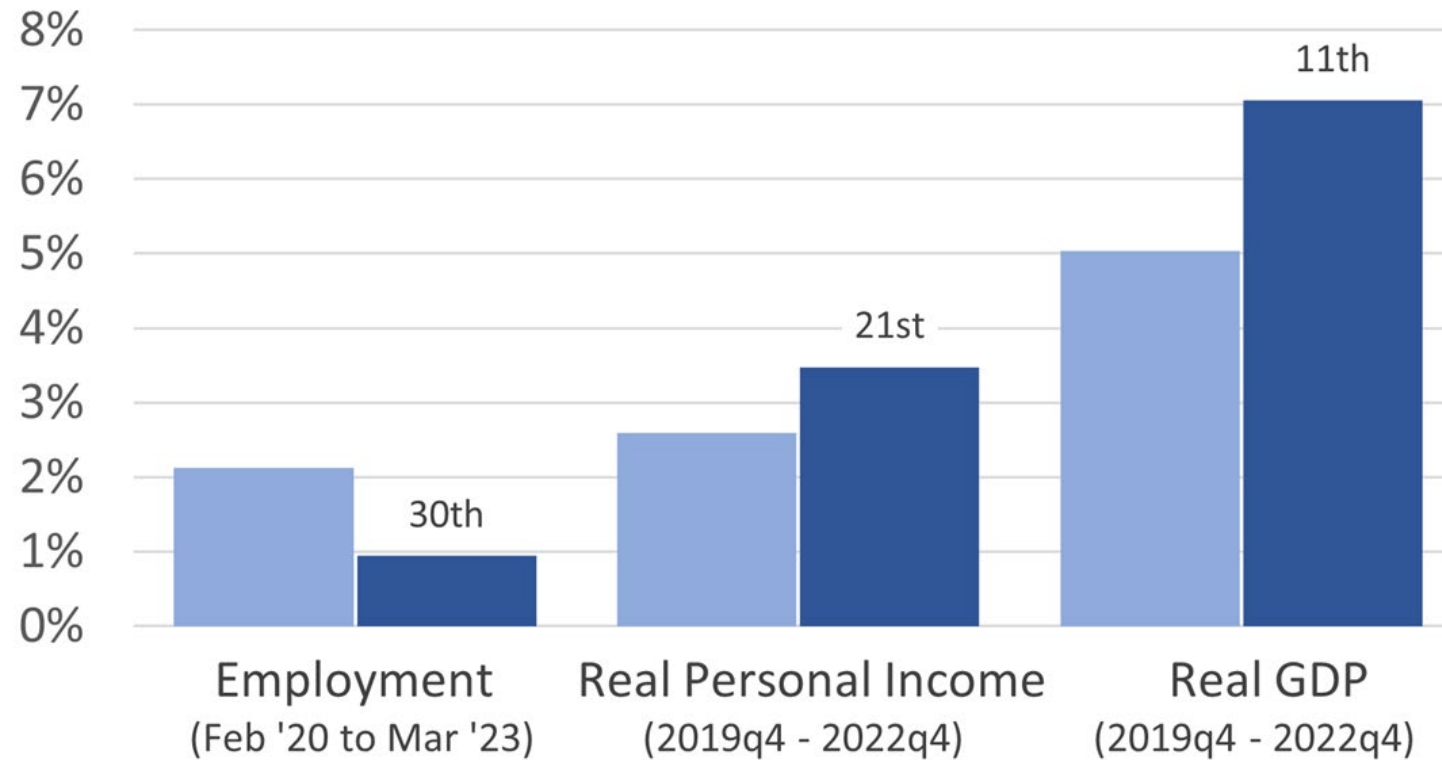
State of the Workforce- Columbia County

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Pandemic Economic Recovery

Percent change from pre-pandemic for *U.S.* and *Oregon*

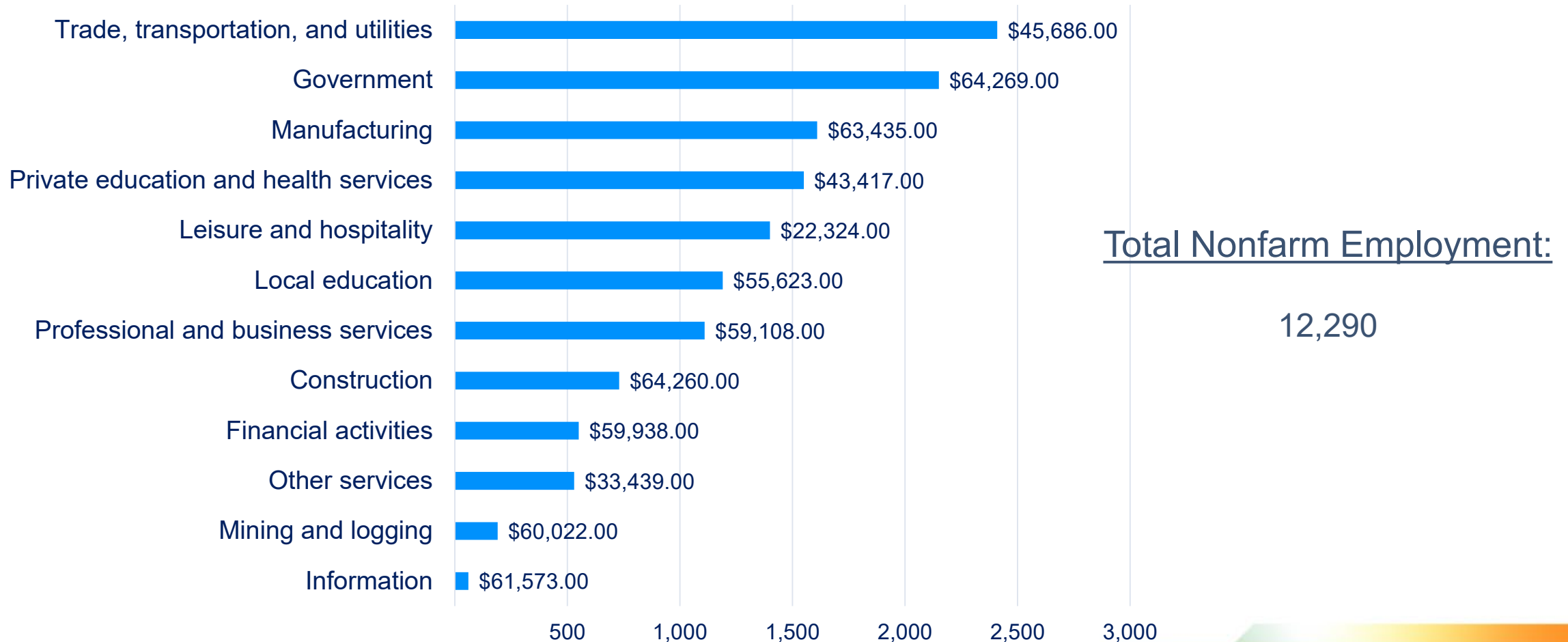


Source: BEA, BLS, Oregon Office of Economic Analysis

Total job numbers have recovered since Pandemic

Columbia County Employment and Wages

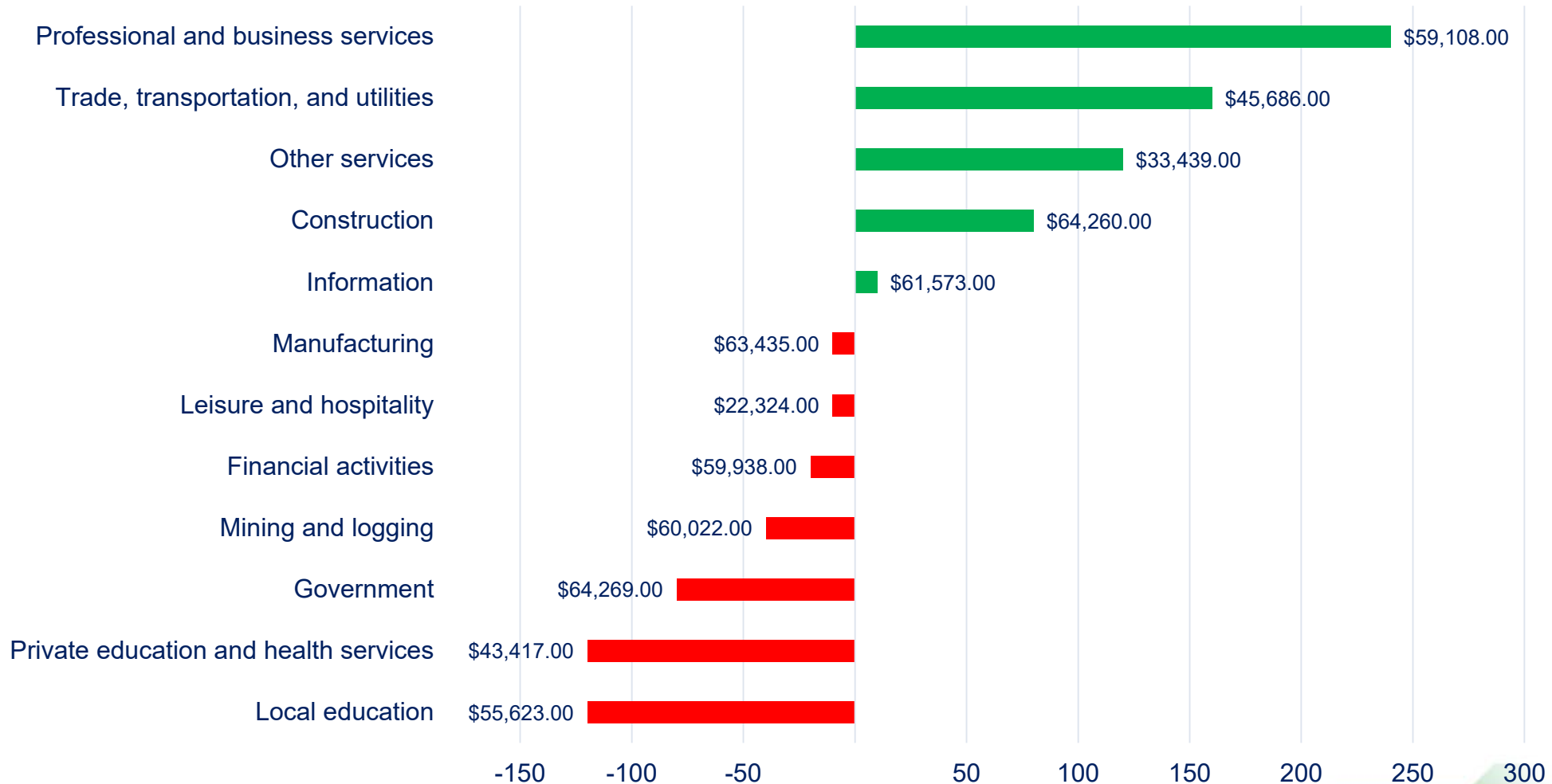
April 2023 Employment (not seasonally adjusted) and 2022 Annual Wages



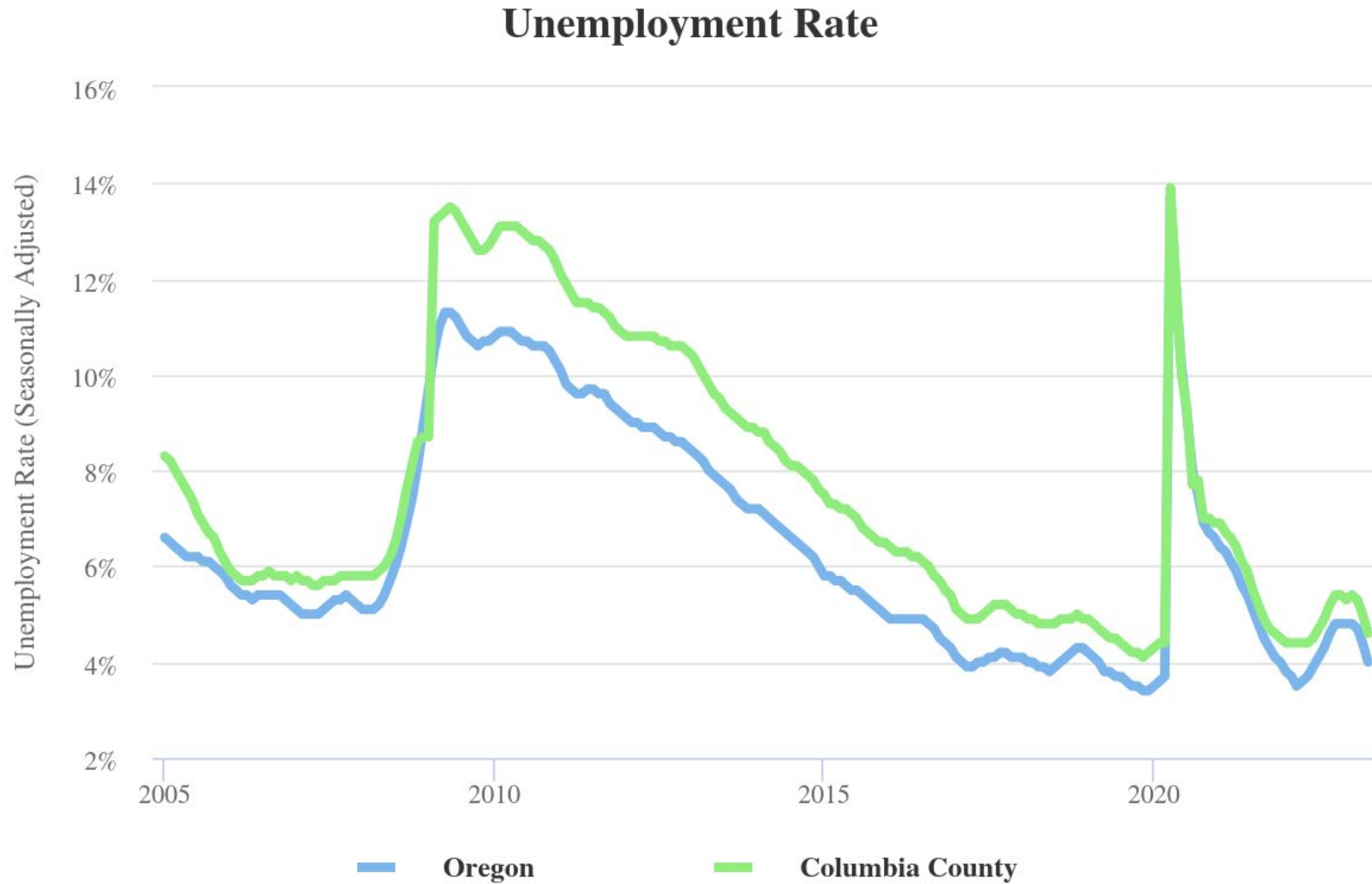
Source: Oregon Employment Department

But, industry composition has changed since pre-pandemic

Employment Change 2019-2023



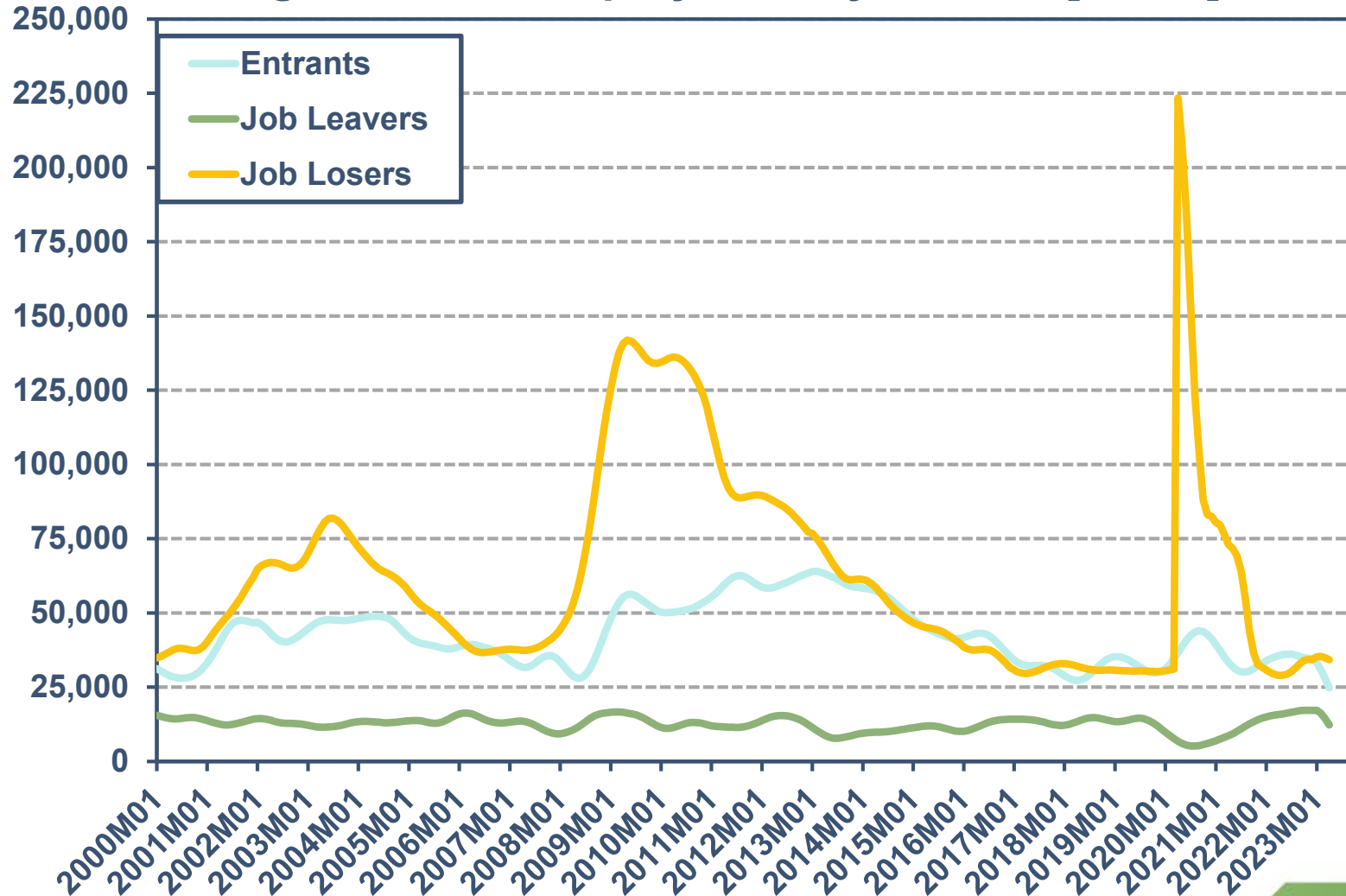
Near historic low unemployment rate, 4.6% in April



Source: Oregon Employment Department Qualityinfo.org

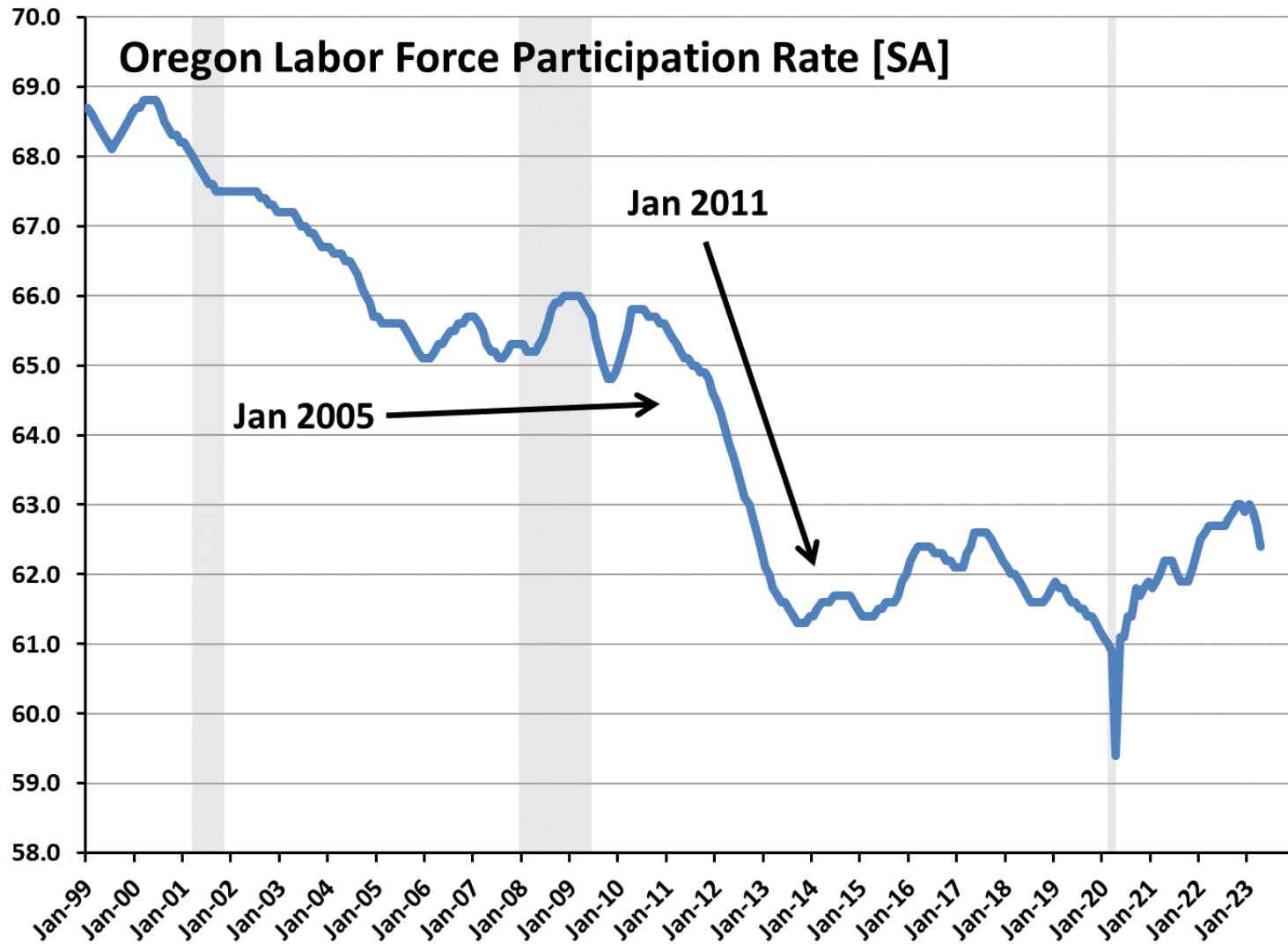
Job leavers and entrants down, job losers steady

Oregon CPS Unemployment by Reason [Trend]



Source: Oregon Employment Department

Statewide Labor Force Participation down to 62.7%

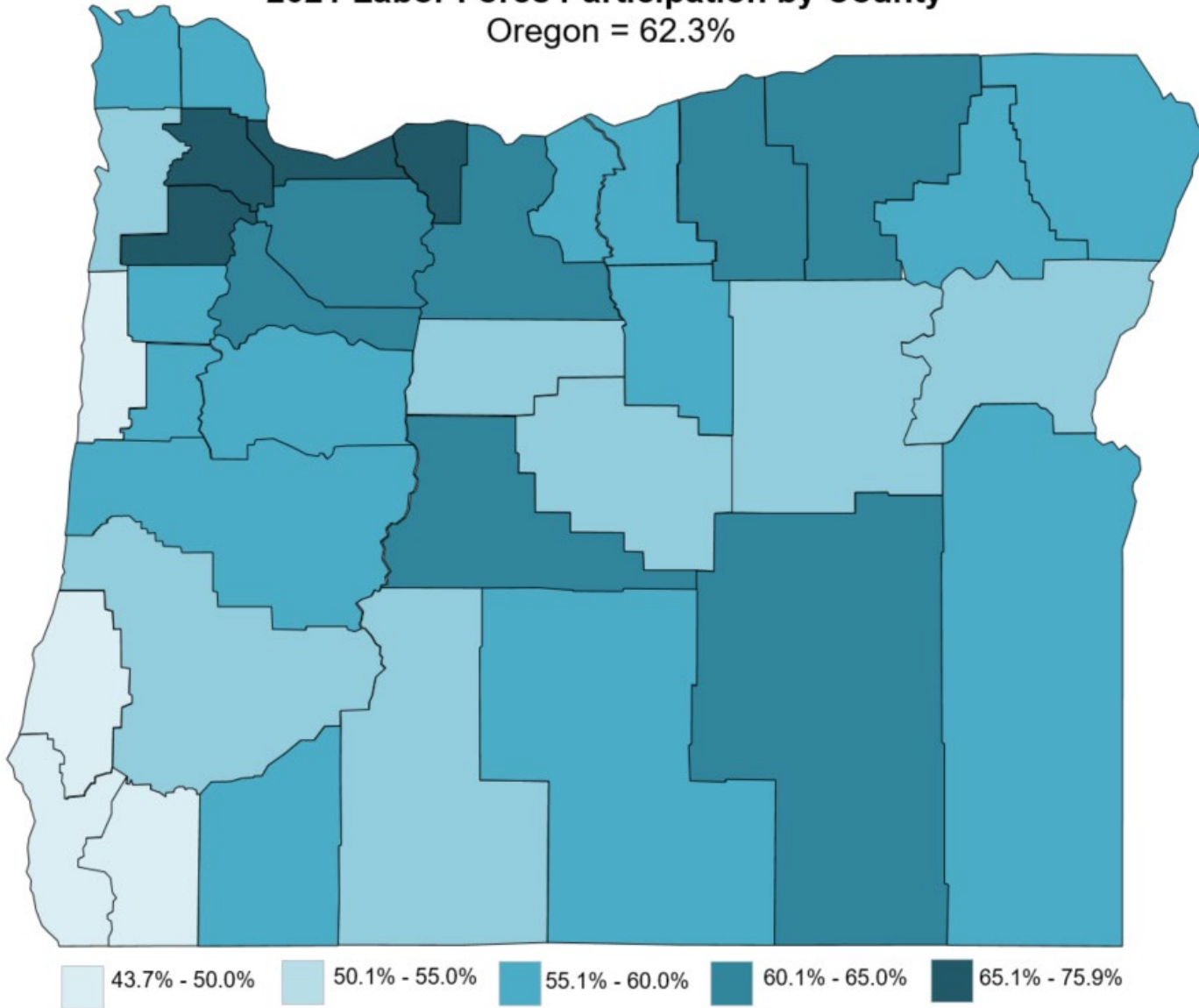


Source: Oregon Employment Department

Labor force participation rates vary widely across Oregon's counties.

2021 Labor Force Participation by County

Oregon = 62.3%



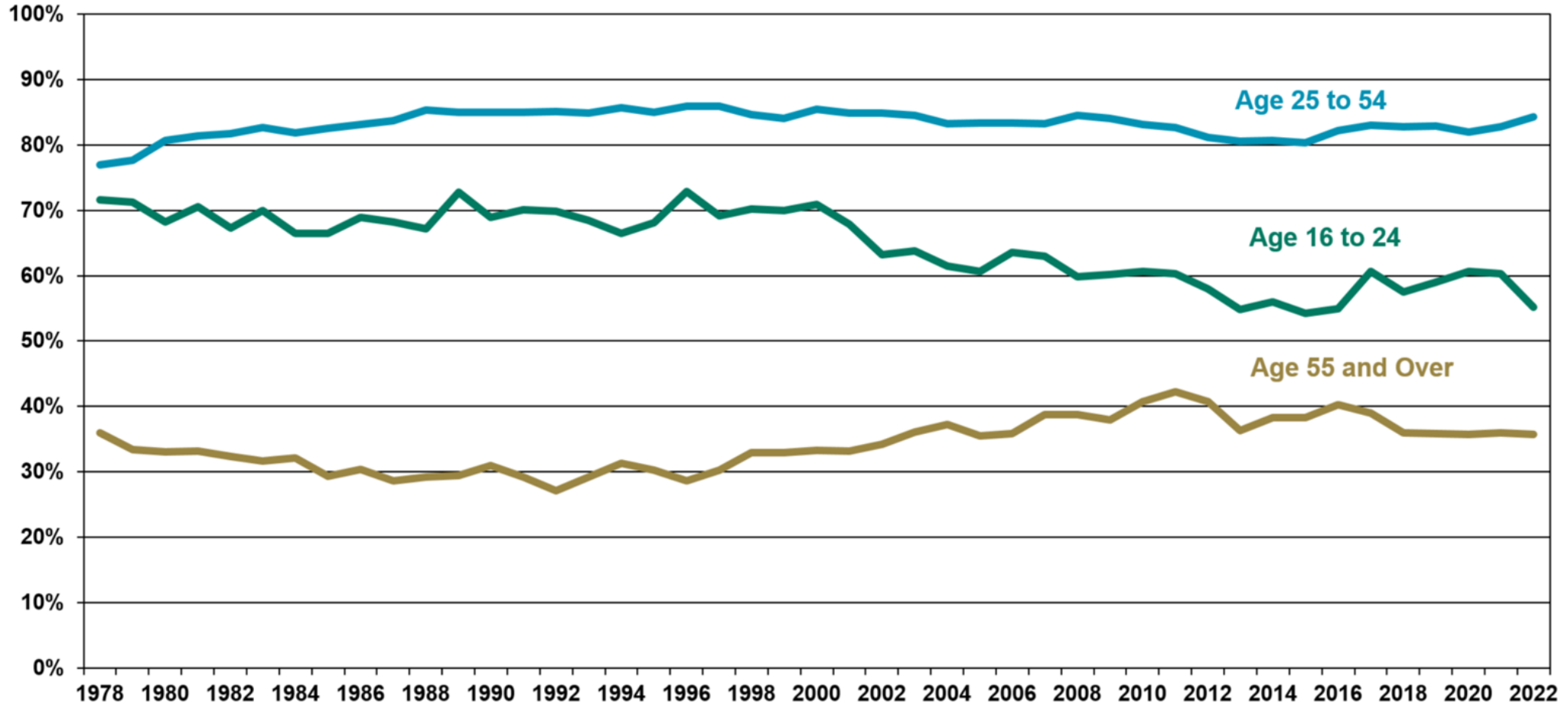
High
Hood River County
75.9%

Low
Curry County
43.7%

Source: Oregon Employment Department

LFPR decrease for younger workers/increase for older workers

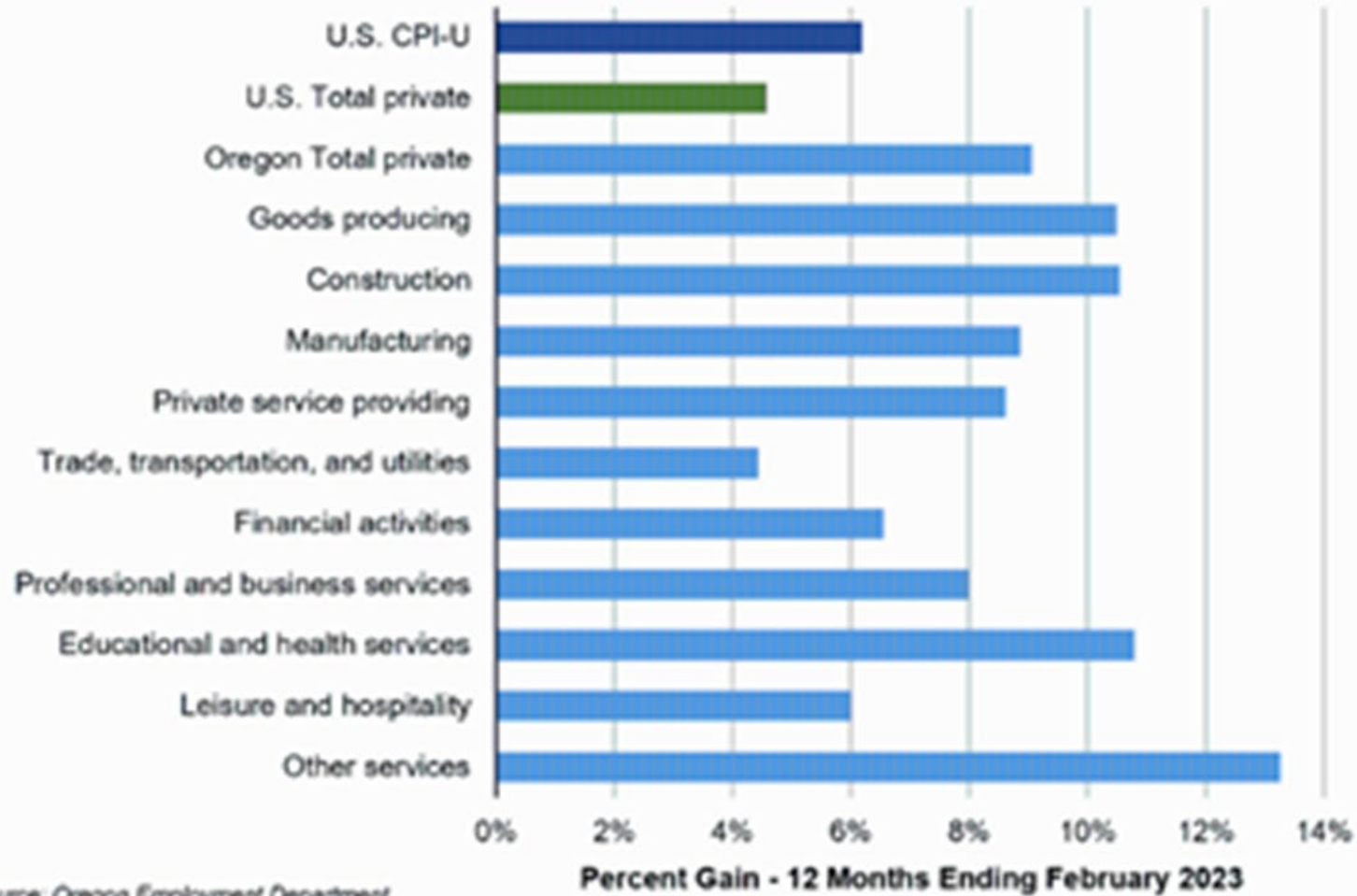
Oregon Labor Force Participation Rates by Age Group



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

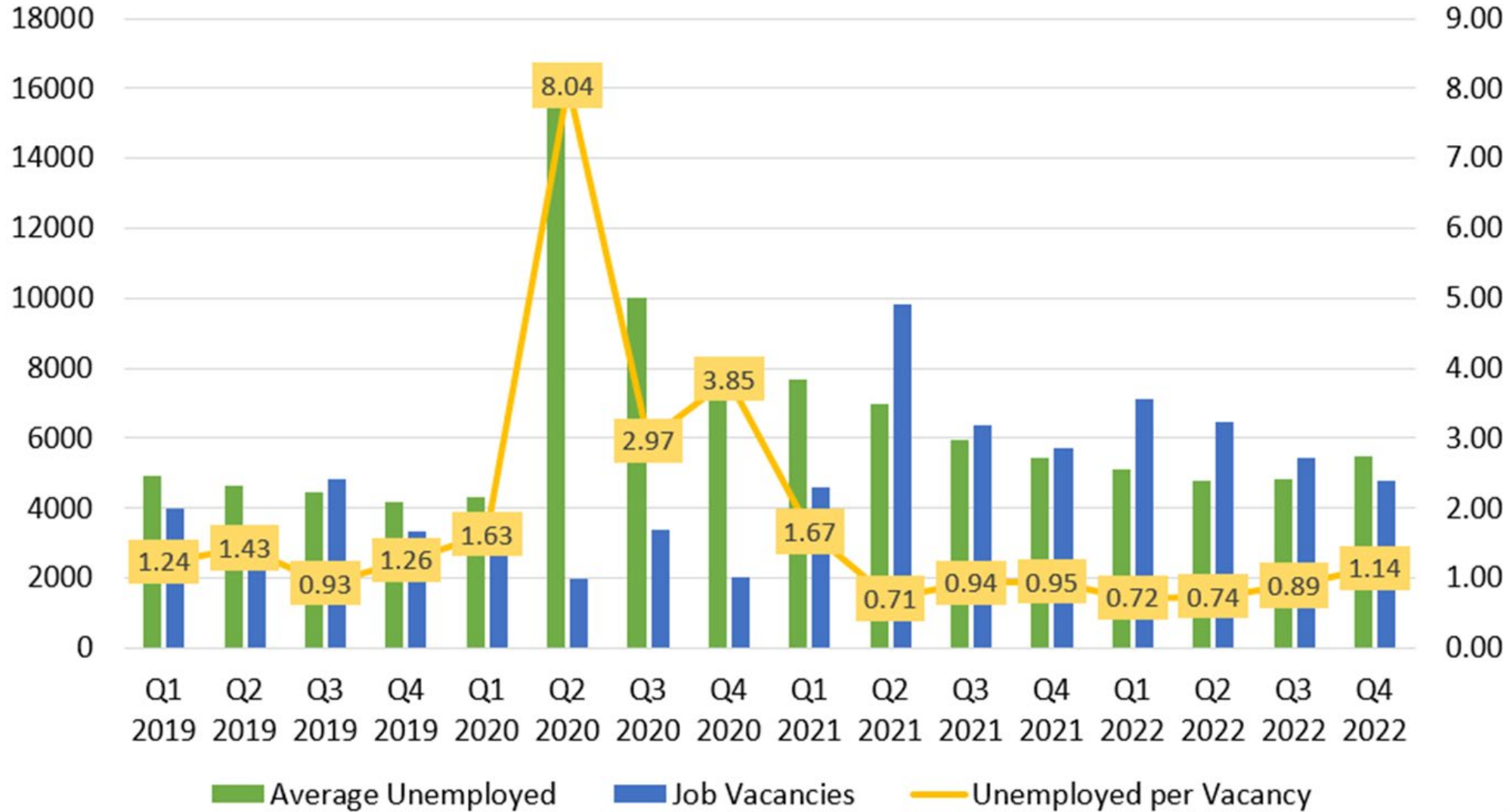
Hourly earnings outpaced inflation 2022-2023

Average Hourly Earnings of Oregon All Employees on Private Nonfarm Payrolls by Industry Sector



Source: Oregon Employment Department

Job vacancies have outnumbered unemployed in NW Oregon



Source: Oregon Employment Department

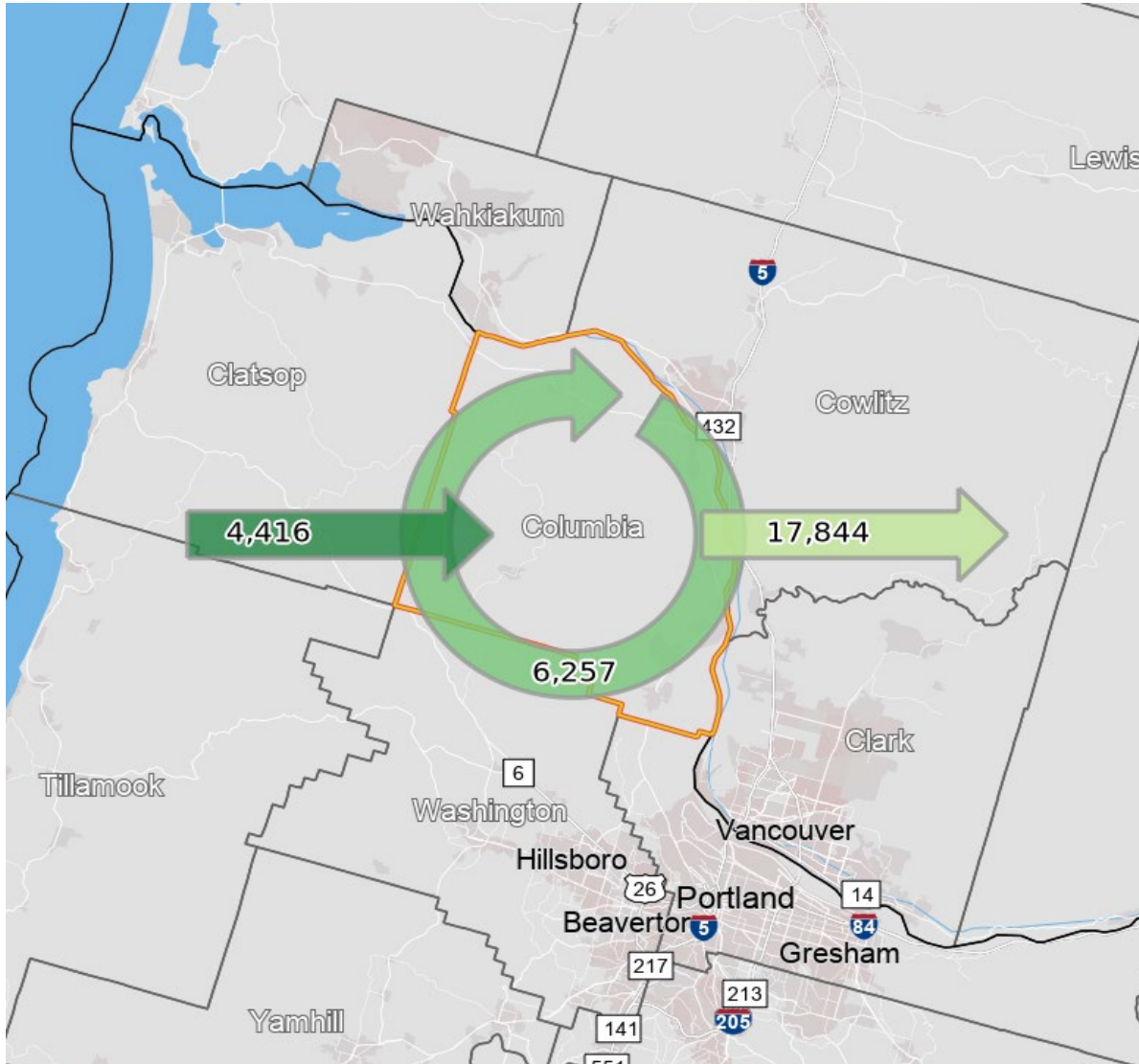
Almost half of vacancies started at \$15-\$19.99 in 2022

Northwest Oregon Job Vacancies by Hourly Wage Range, 2022

Wage (per hour)	Vacancies	Average Hourly Wage	Full-time Positions	Permanent Positions	Require Education Beyond High School	Require Previous Experience	Difficult to Fill
All Wage Ranges	6,624	\$20.18	74%	90%	21%	47%	79%
Less than \$15	1,210	\$13.56	44%	90%	6%	30%	77%
\$15 through \$19.99	3,153	\$16.45	76%	86%	8%	40%	85%
\$20 through \$24.99	820	\$21.20	97%	94%	24%	61%	83%
\$25 and up	959	\$39.96	91%	100%	73%	88%	89%
Unknown	482	-	70%	93%	29%	30%	22%

Source: Oregon Employment Department

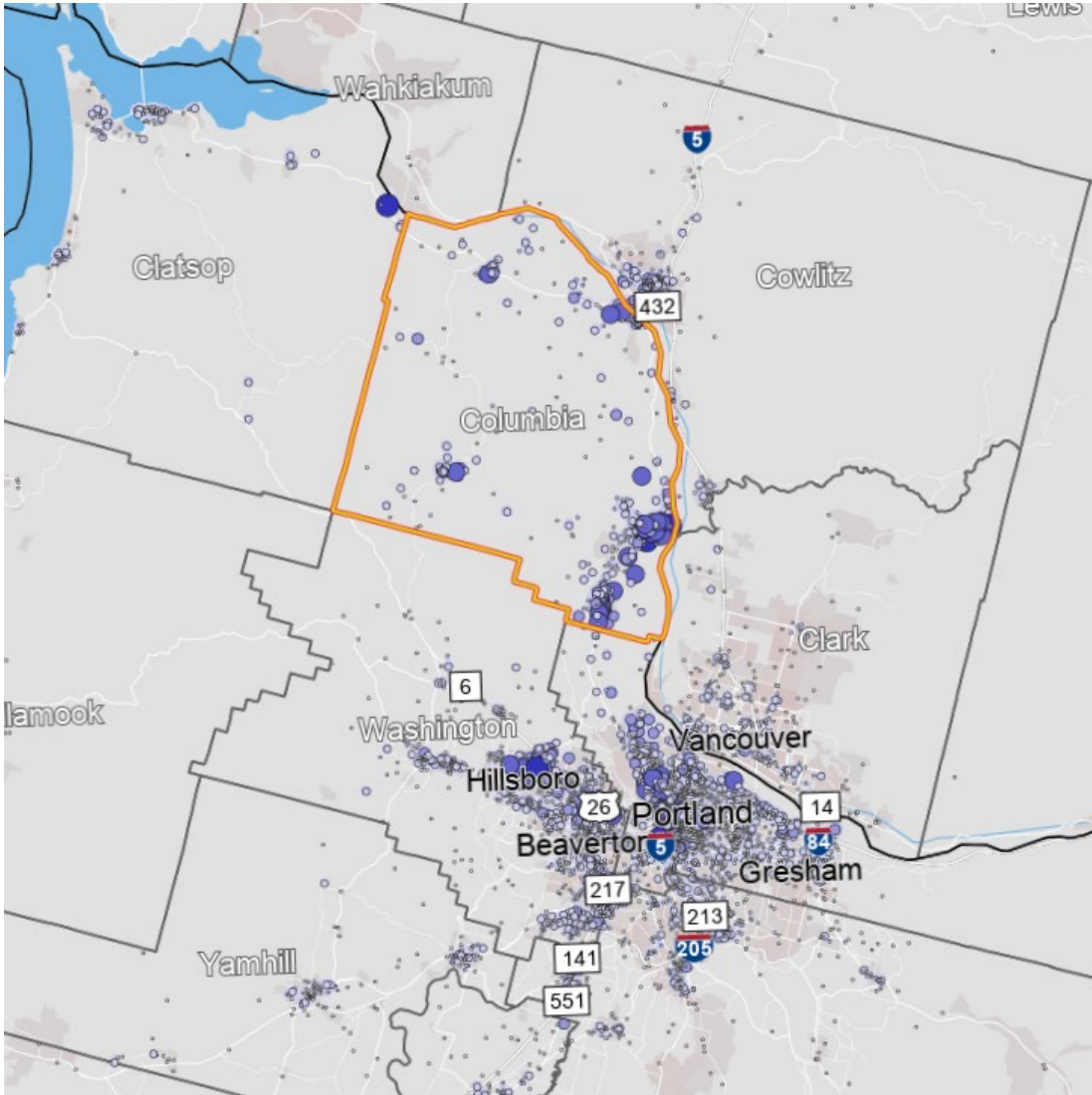
Most workers commute out, but 25% live and work in Columbia Co.



Live in Columbia Co. But Work Outside	17,844
Live AND Work in Columbia Co.	6,257
Live Outside but Work in Columbia Co.	4,416

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (Beginning of Quarter Employment, 2nd Quarter of 2002-2020).

Most workers commute south to Portland



Jobs Counts by Places (Cities, CDPs, etc.) Where Workers are Employed - All Jobs

	2020	
	Count	Share
Portland city, OR	6,232	25.9%
St. Helens city, OR	2,464	10.2%
Hillsboro city, OR	1,833	7.6%
Scappoose city, OR	1,040	4.3%
Beaverton city, OR	714	3.0%
Salem city, OR	636	2.6%
Longview city, WA	561	2.3%
Tigard city, OR	457	1.9%
Clatskanie city, OR	430	1.8%
Gresham city, OR	374	1.6%
All Other Locations	9,360	38.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (Beginning of Quarter Employment, 2nd Quarter of 2002-2020).

Most incorporated areas have grown in population

Geographic Area	2022 Population	2020-2022 Population Change	Population Change Percent
Columbia City	1943	-11	-0.6%
Rainier city	1913	6	0.3%
Prescott city	81	1	1.3%
Clatskanie city	1751	23	1.3%
Vernonia city	2417	38	1.6%
Scappoose city	8230	210	2.6%
St. Helens city	14369	457	3.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for Incorporated Places in Oregon: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022

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