

High Tech in Oregon

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What Makes 'High Tech' High Tech?

- Classification is based on the percentage of jobs in an industry that are in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM).
- The average STEM concentration of an industry in the United States is around 6%.
- Industries with a concentration 5 times above and higher were designated as core high tech, and industries with a concentration 2.5 times and above this level were designated as peripheral high tech.

Core High Tech

2022 Core High Tech Employment and Wages in Oregon

Industry Sector	Employment	Payroll	Annual Avg. Wage	Location Quotient	Location Quotient Rank
Total Core High-Tech Employment	102,149	\$13,613,731,498	\$133,274		
Pharmaceutical and Medicine Manufacturing	1,250	\$98,344,090	\$78,670	0.28	42
Computer and Peripheral Equipment Manufacturing	1,197	\$110,066,765	\$91,971	0.57	10
Communications Equipment Manufacturing	441	\$39,923,584	\$90,495	0.39	29
Audio and Video Equipment Manufacturing	752	\$60,214,750	\$80,126	2.99	2
Semiconductor and Other Electronic Component Mfg.	33,839	\$5,467,870,360	\$161,584	6.75	1
Navigational, Measuring, Electromedical, and Control Instruments Mfg.	4,797	\$495,812,752	\$103,366	0.87	18
Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	3,050	\$277,515,645	\$90,976	0.47	23
Software Publishers	14,260	\$2,114,516,969	\$148,282	1.74	4
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services	18,420	\$1,722,711,309	\$93,526	0.89	24
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	17,706	\$2,488,740,456	\$140,560	0.55	36
Scientific Research and Development Services	6,437	\$738,014,818	\$114,648	0.56	24

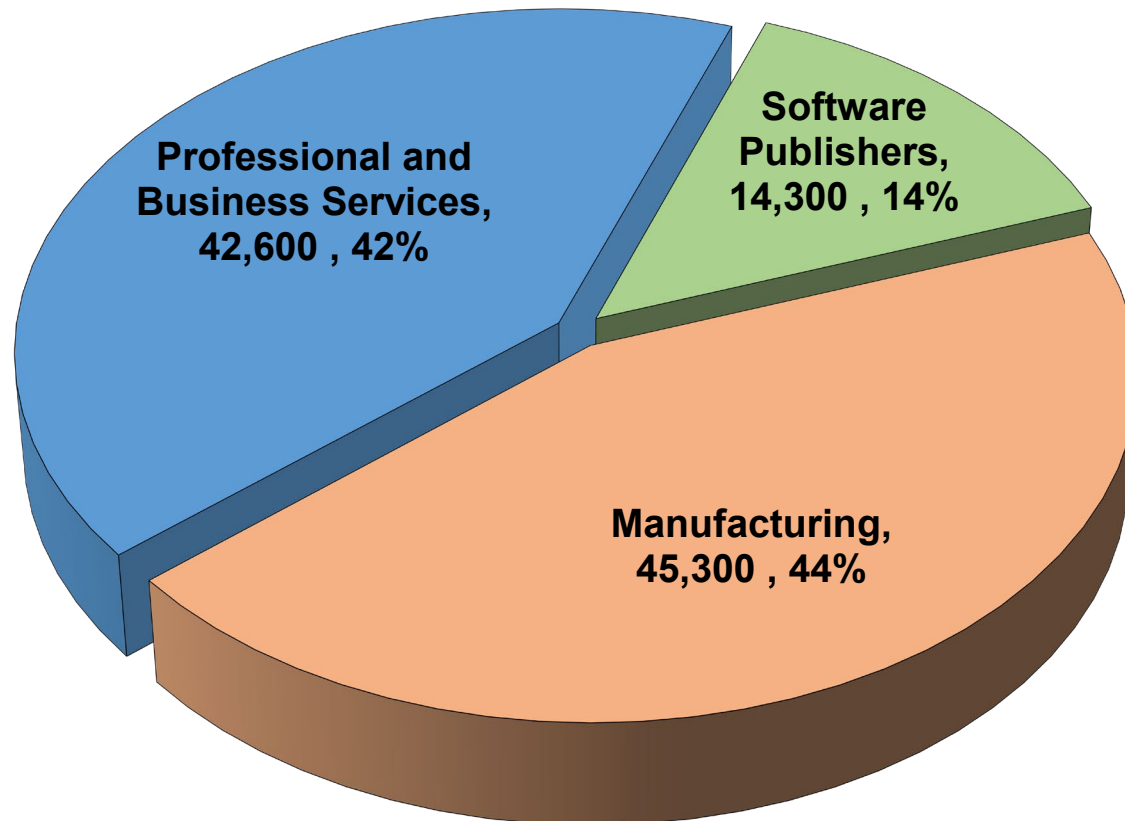
Core high tech makes up 6.1% of total private-sector employment in Oregon, and 12.4% of total payroll.

Wages are twice the statewide average (\$65,389).

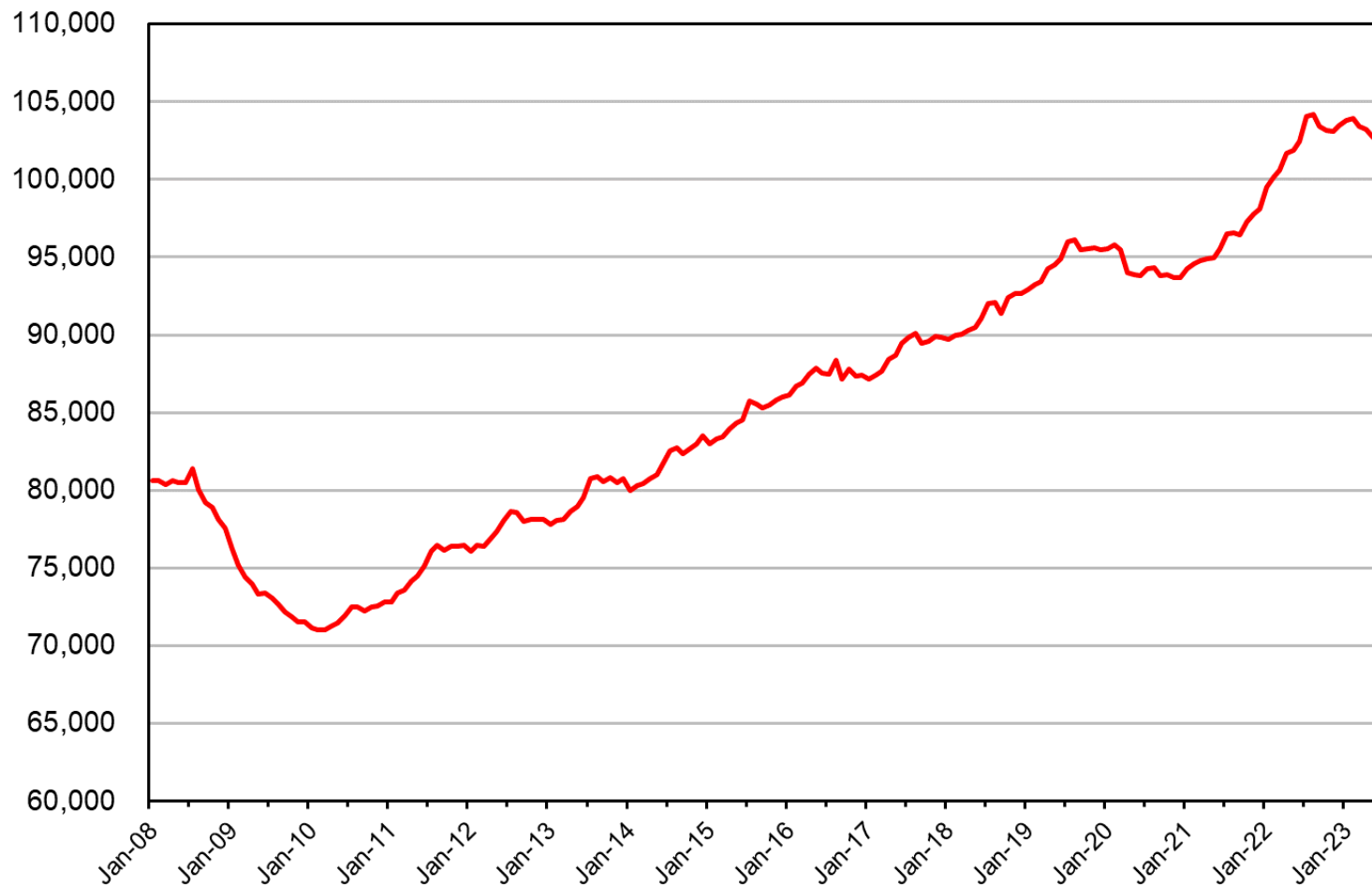
Source: Oregon Employment Department, Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Three main components

Core High Tech Employment by Broad Industry, Oregon (2022)



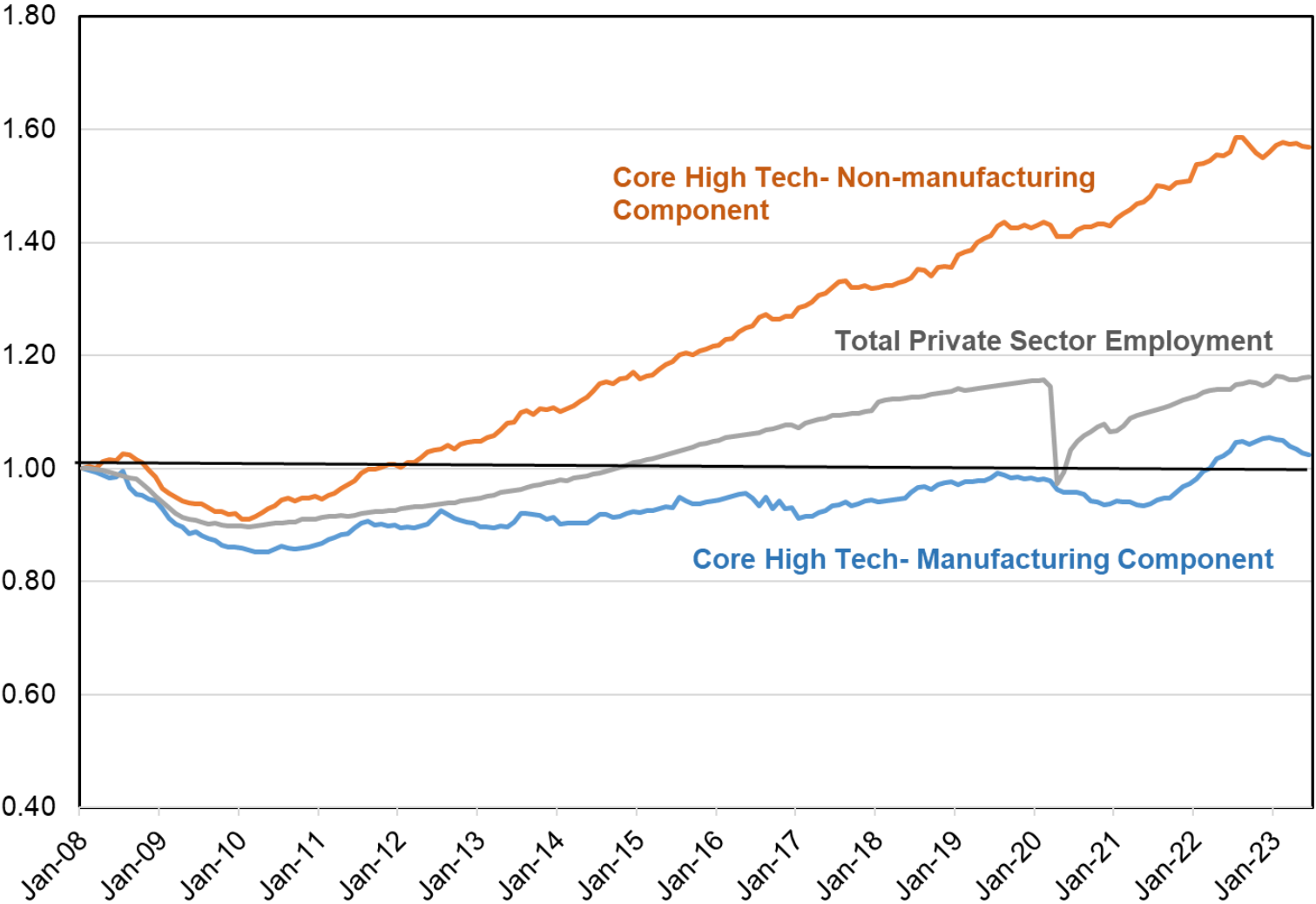
Oregon's Core High-Tech Employment



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

CORE HIGH TECH GROWTH OUTPERFORMS ALL INDUSTRIES OVER THE LONG TERM.

Components of Core High Tech Compared to All Industries

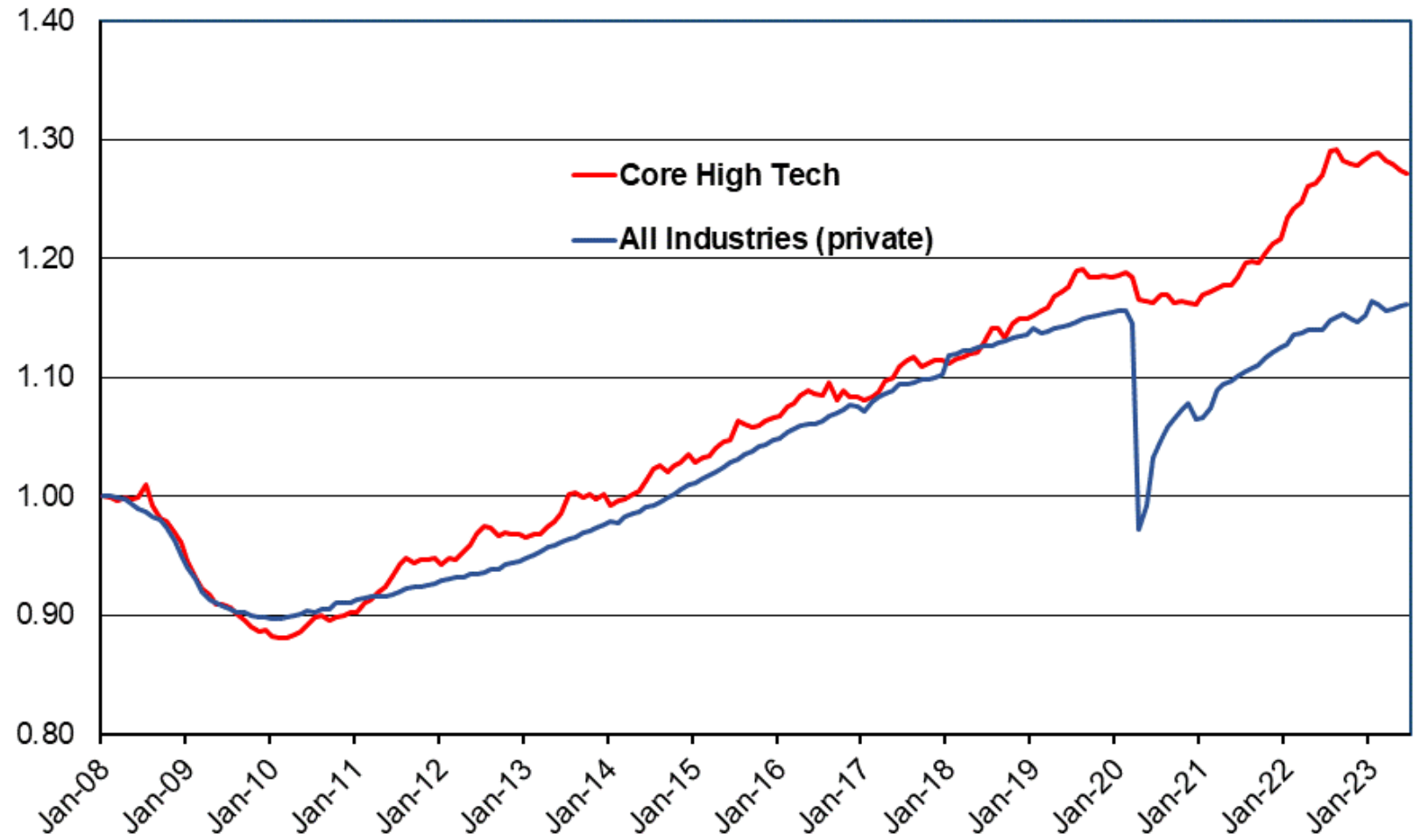


The non-manufacturing components of core high tech have propelled most of the growth over the past 15 years.

The manufacturing component reached a 25-year high in 2022.

CORE HIGH TECH JOB GROWTH OUTPERFORMS ALL INDUSTRIES OVER TIME.

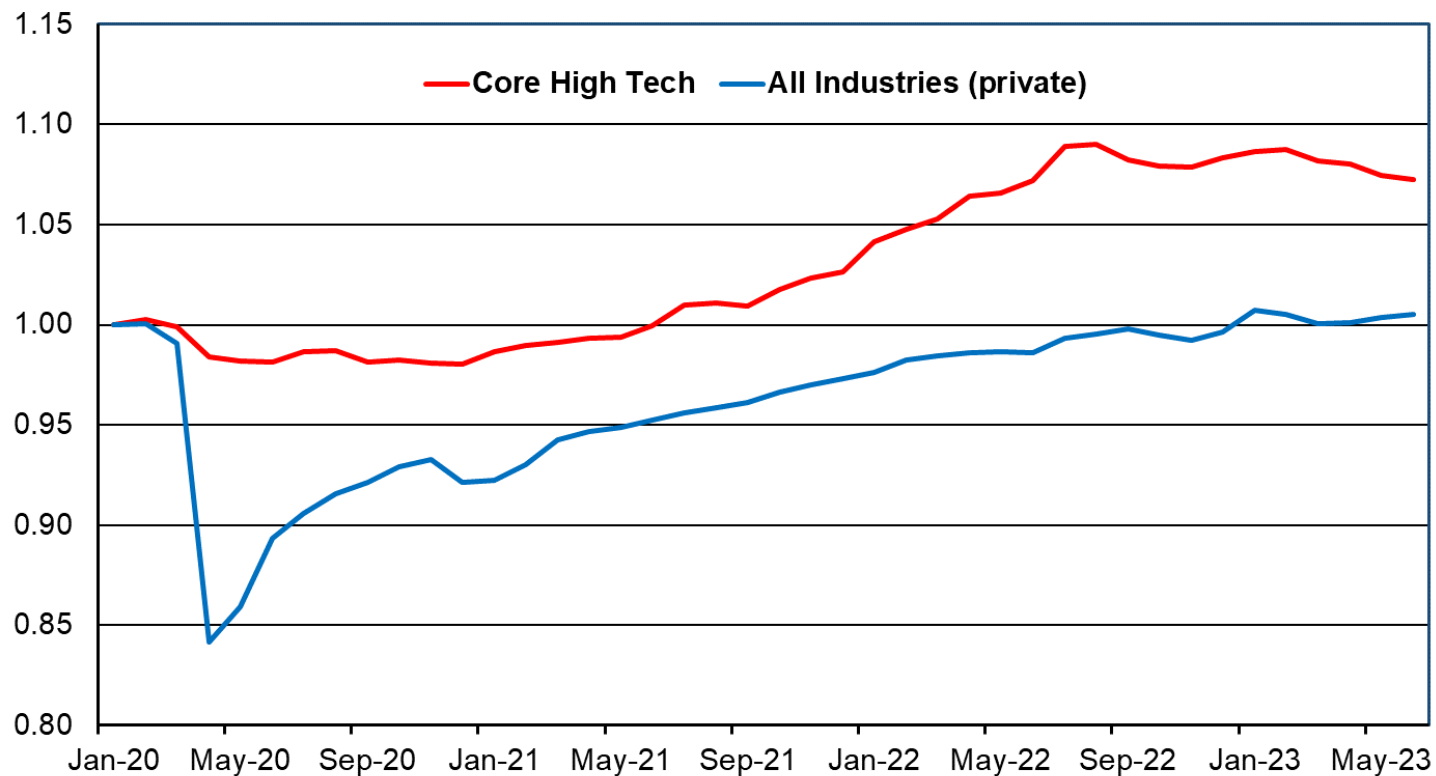
Core High Tech Compared to All Industries: Oregon 2008 indexed to 1



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages and Current Employment Statistics

CORE HIGH TECH IS FULLY RECOVERED FROM PANDEMIC RECESSION.

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Core High Tech lost 1,800 jobs in the first few months of the pandemic, or -1.9%

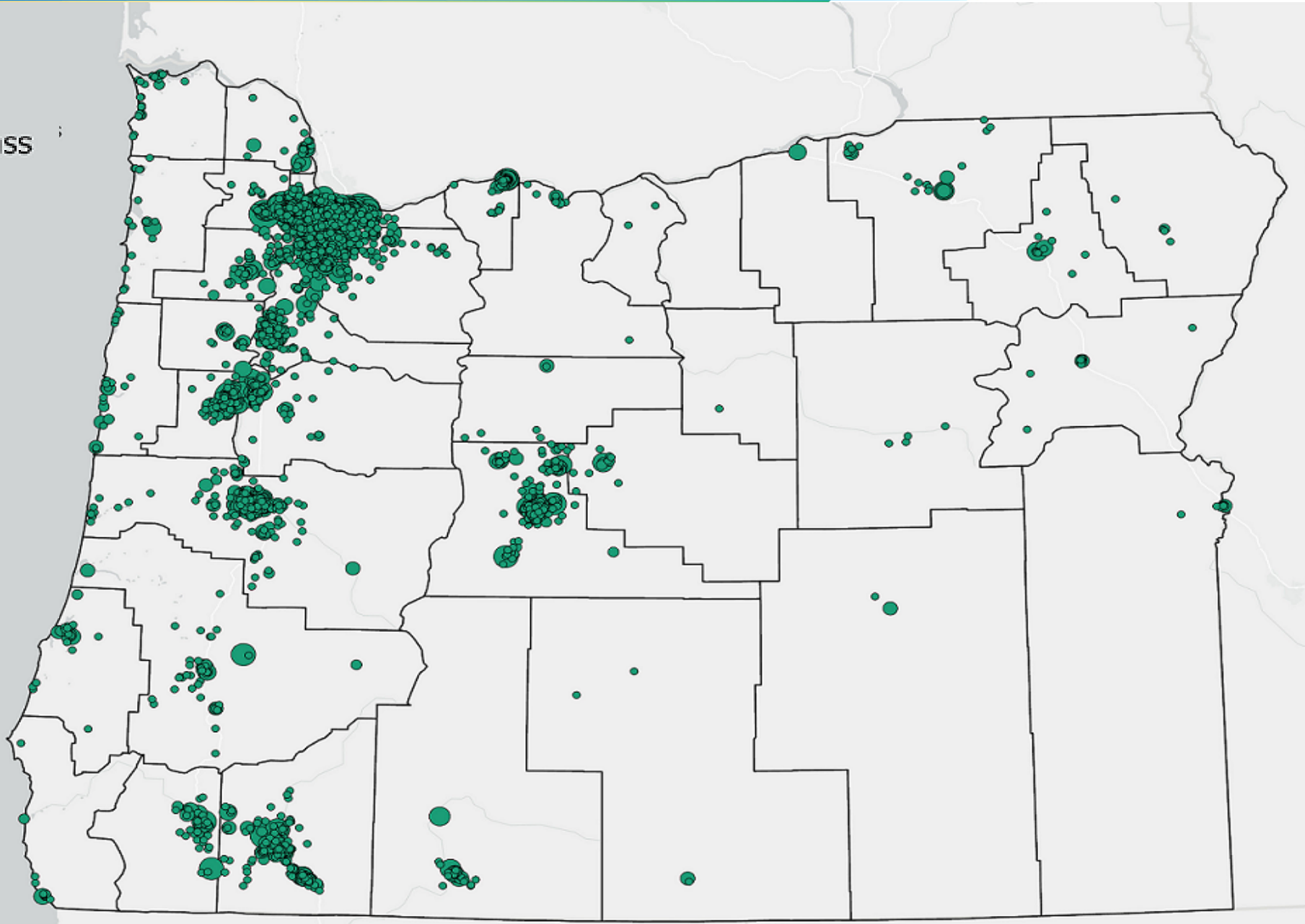
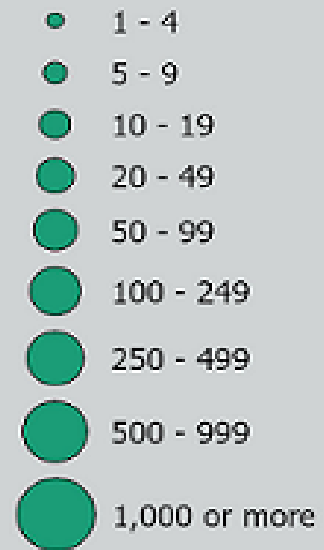
No real recovery for nearly a year

Full recovery in June 2021, 7,000 new jobs since (+7%)

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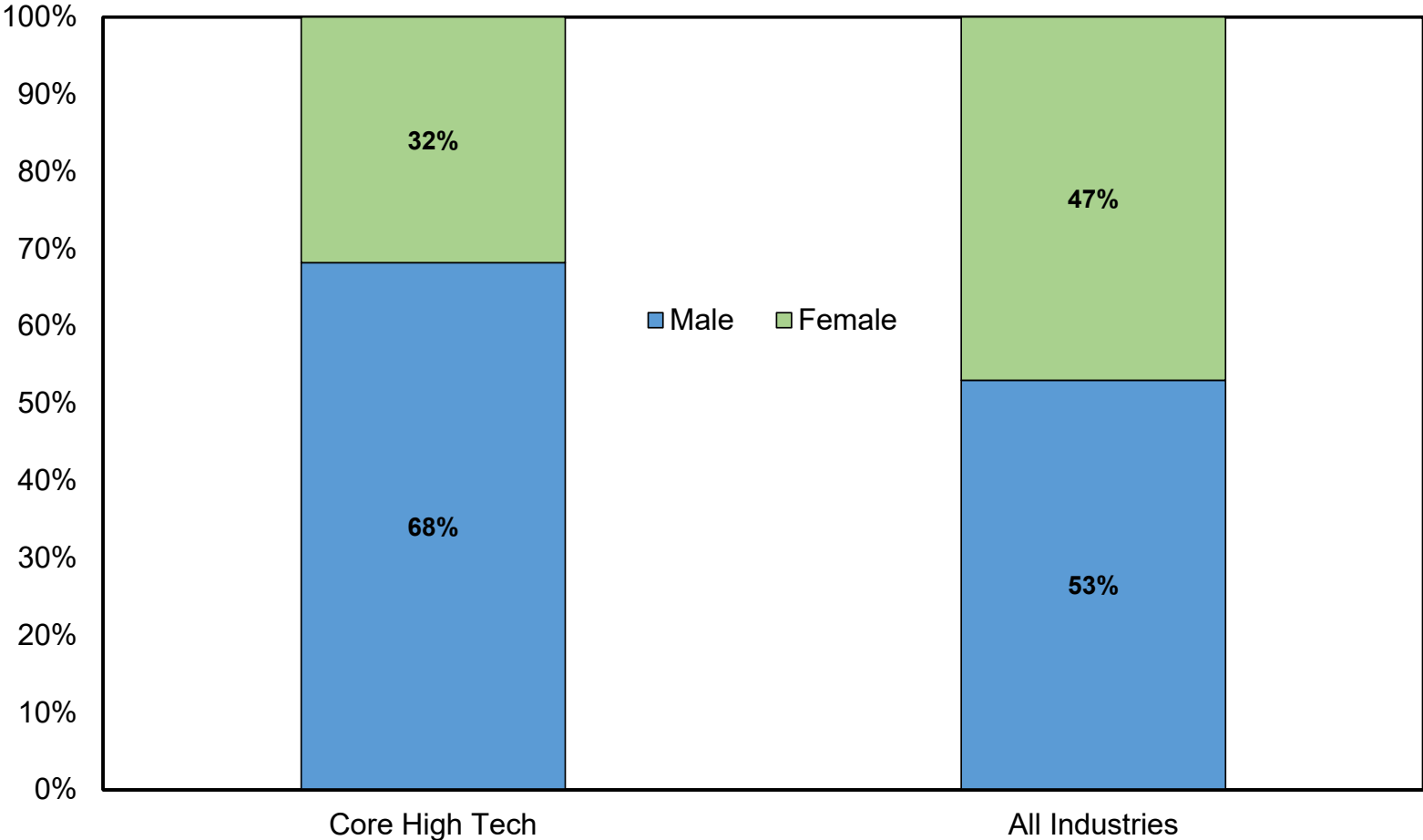
Where is Core High Tech?

High Tech
Companies
Employment Class
Size



Core High Tech Industry Workforce Demographics: Gender

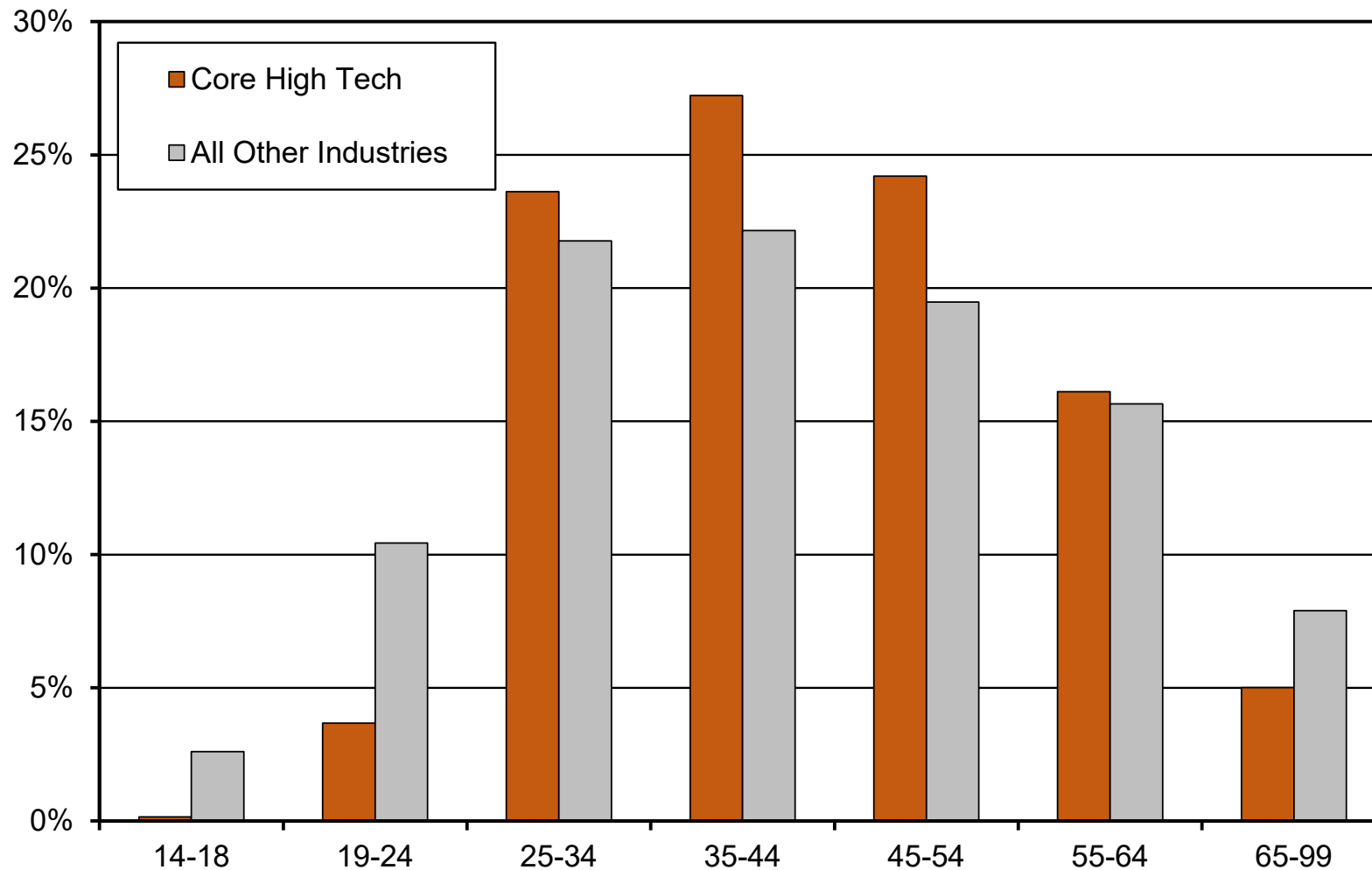
Oregon Employment by Gender



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Workforce Indicators, 2021

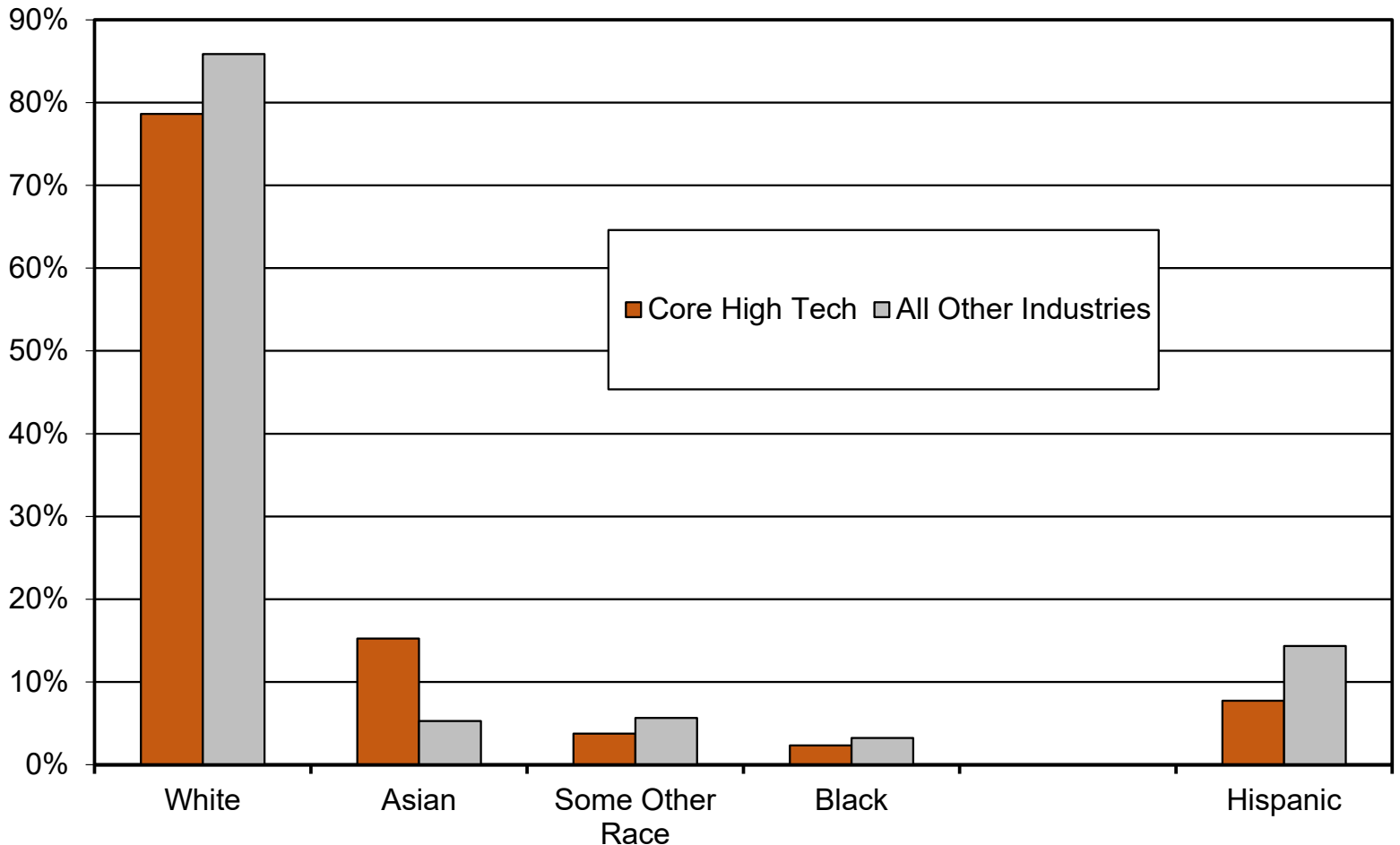
Core High Tech Industry Workforce Demographics: Age

Core High Tech Employment by Age Oregon, 2022



Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics

Core High Tech Employment by Race and Ethnicity Oregon, 2022



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Largest Occupations in Core High Tech

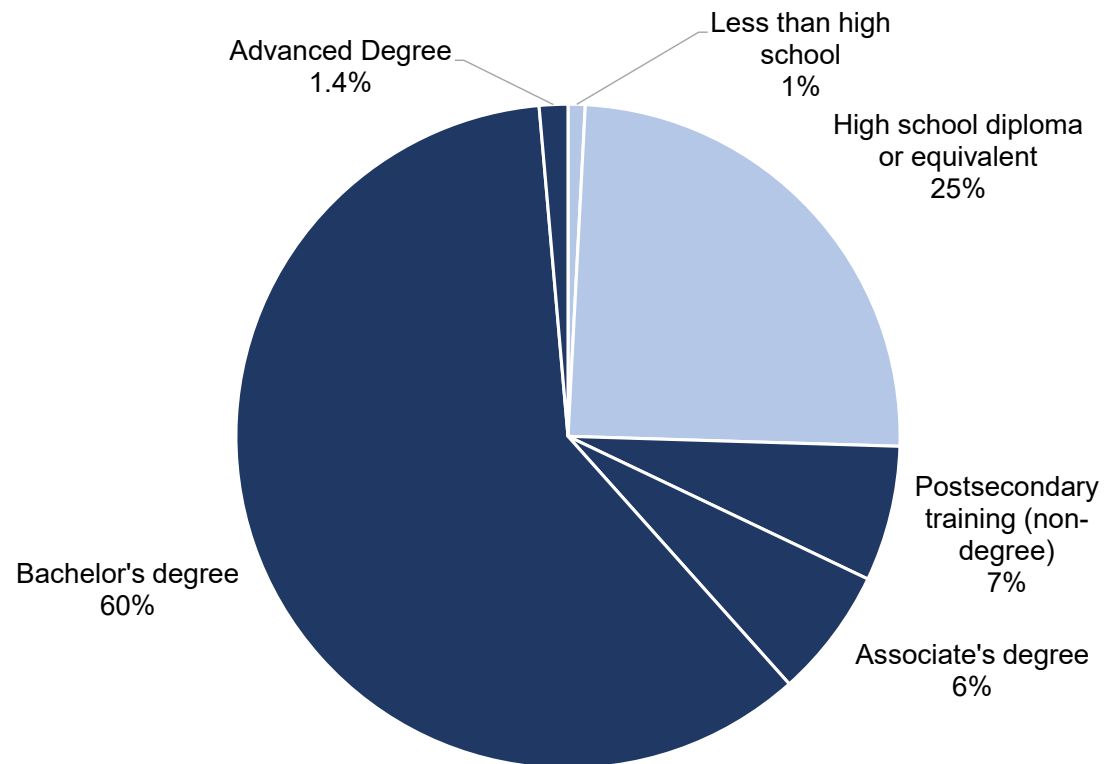
Largest Occupations in Core High Tech

Title	Employment (2021)	Wages (2022)
Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	10,100	\$56.46
Electronics Engineers, Except Computer	4,500	\$48.63
Semiconductor Processing Technicians	4,300	\$25.78
Electrical, Electronic, and Electromechanical Assemblers, Except Coil Winders, Tapers, and Finishers	2,700	\$20.68
Civil Engineers	2,600	\$45.87
Architectural and Engineering Managers	2,400	\$74.31
Project Management Specialists and Business Operations Specialists, All Other	2,400	
Computer User Support Specialists	2,300	\$29.07
Industrial Engineers	2,300	\$49.65
Computer and Information Systems Managers	2,200	\$71.81
<i>All Occupations, All Industries</i>		\$30.14

Source: Oregon Employment Department

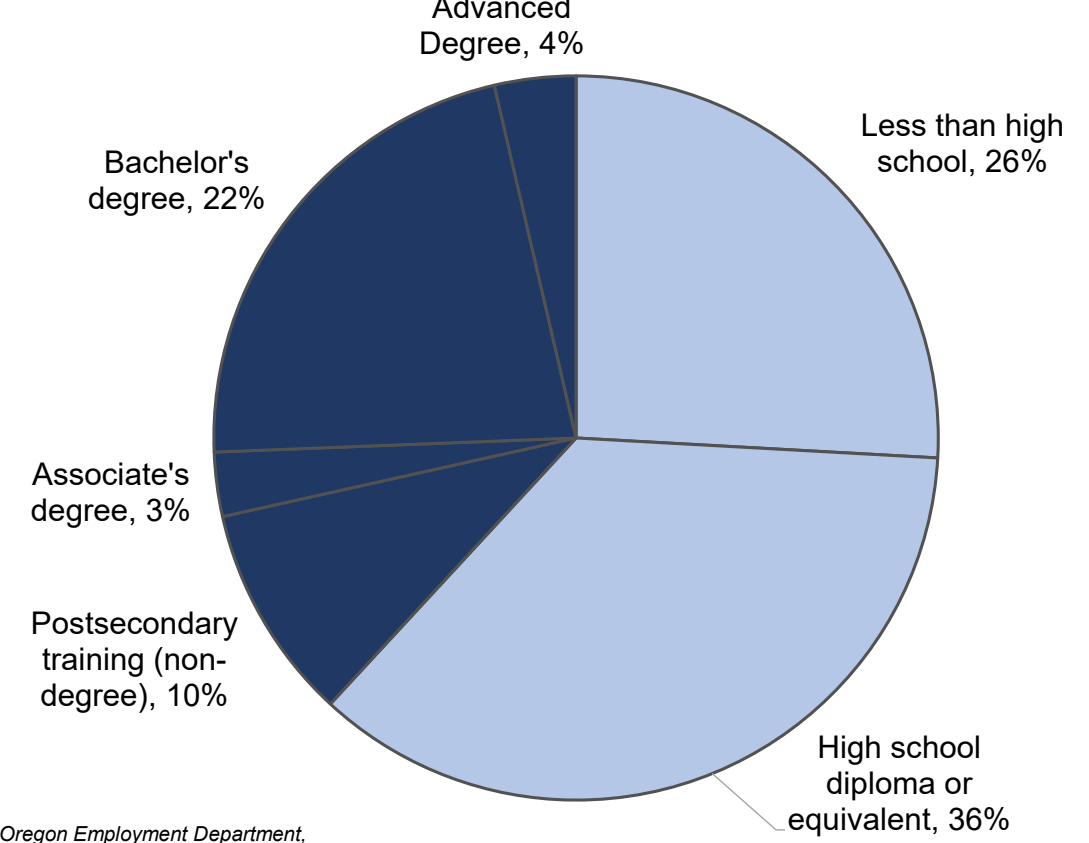
Core High Tech Jobs More Likely to Require Higher Education

Typical Entry-Level Education Requirements for Core High Tech Jobs in Oregon, 2021



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Occupational Employment Projections 2021-2031

Typical Entry-Level Education Requirements for All Jobs in Oregon, 2021



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Occupational Employment Projections 2021-2031

Oregon's 2022 Job Vacancies: Focus on 10 Top Core High Tech Occupations

	Largest 10 Core HighTech Occupations	All Industries
Vacancies	2,243	103,977
Average Hourly Wage	\$39.26	\$21.66
Full-time Positions	94%	81%
Permanent Positions	97%	94%
High School	69%	29%
Requiring Previous Experience	88%	52%
Open 60+ Days	30%	33%
Difficult to Fill	68%	72%

Job vacancies in the ten largest core high tech occupations are far more likely to require previous experience and education than vacancies across the entire economy.

They also pay higher wages than the overall average.

Source: Oregon Employment Department

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