# Lane County Economic Update Leadership Eugene Springfield 2024

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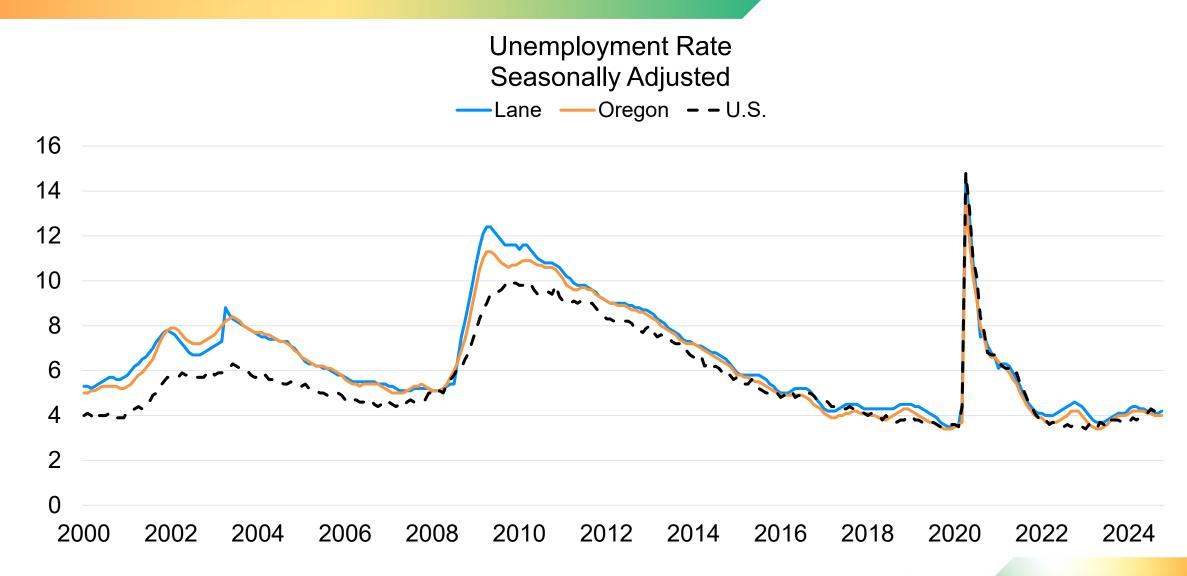
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# What do current economic conditions look like?



# Unemployment remains near record lows

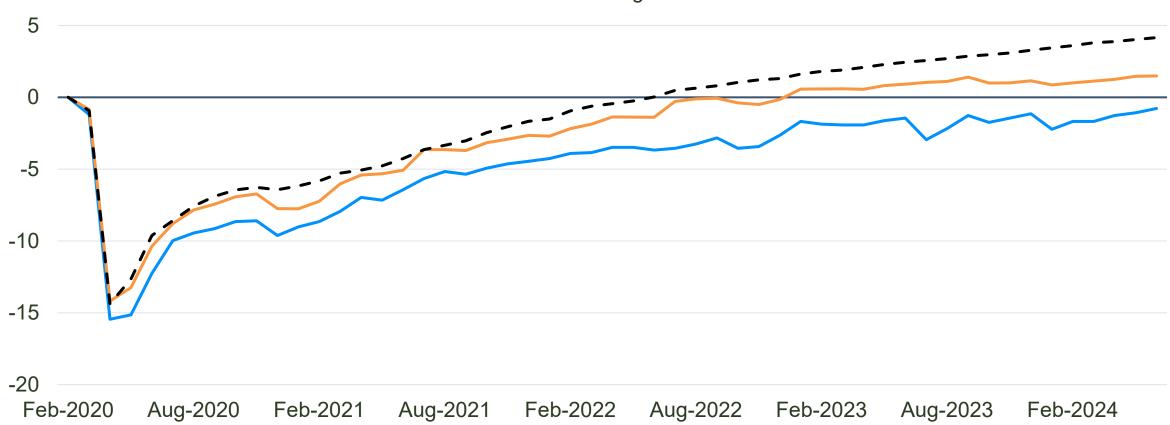




# Oregon and Lane County are lagging the U.S. jobs recovery

Job Recovery from COVID Recession Total Nonfarm Employment Index, Feb. 2020 = 0

—Lane —Oregon -- U.S.



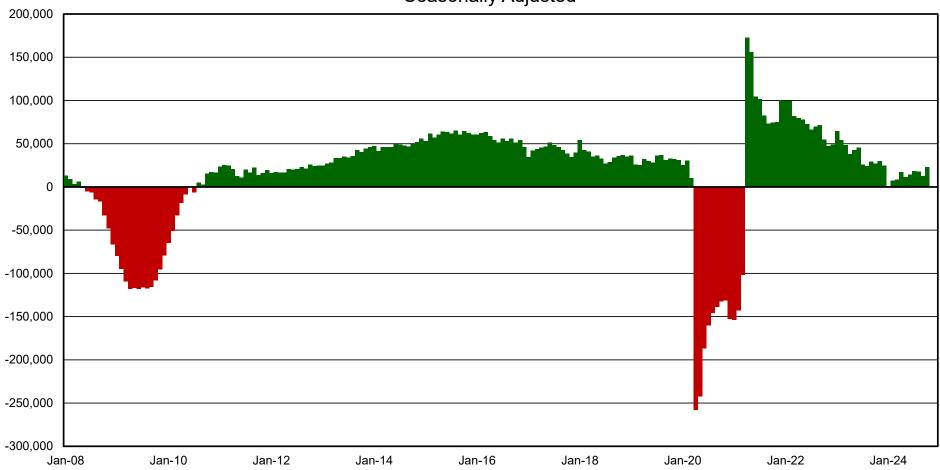
Source: Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics



## Employment grew by 22,700 jobs from October 2023 to October 2024.

### **Oregon's Year-Over-Year Job Growth/Decline**

Seasonally Adjusted

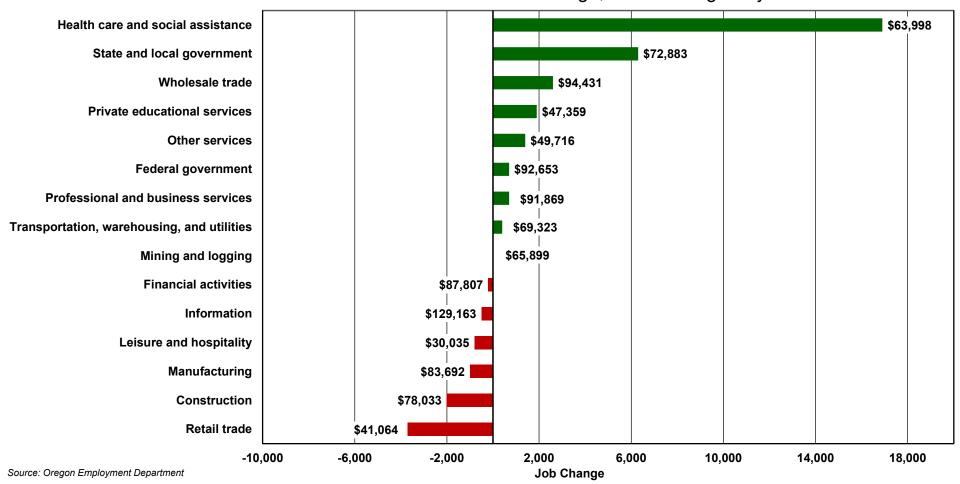


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## Many broad sectors of Oregon's economy have gained jobs over the past year.

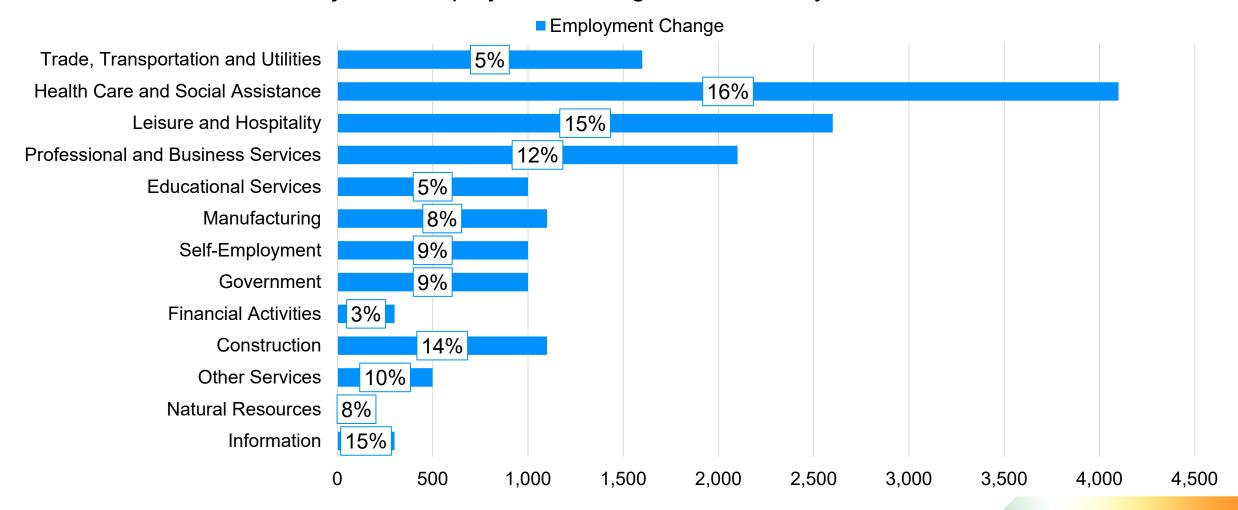
### **Oregon Job Change and Average Pay by Industry**

October 2023 - October 2024 Job Change, 2023 Average Pay



# All major industries are projected to add jobs over 10 years

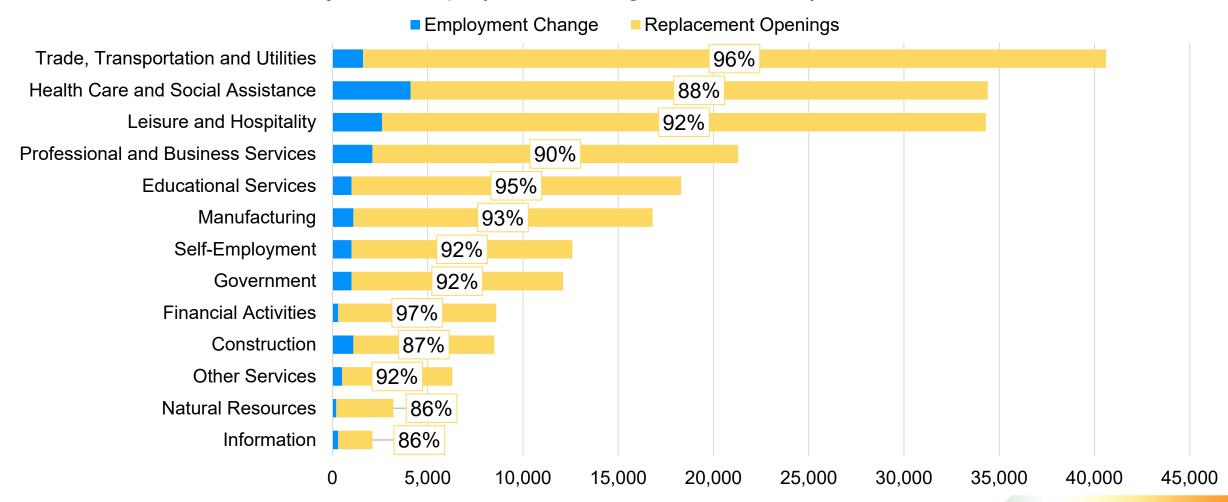
### Projected Employment Change, Lane County 2022-2032





# Most job openings are due to replacement needs

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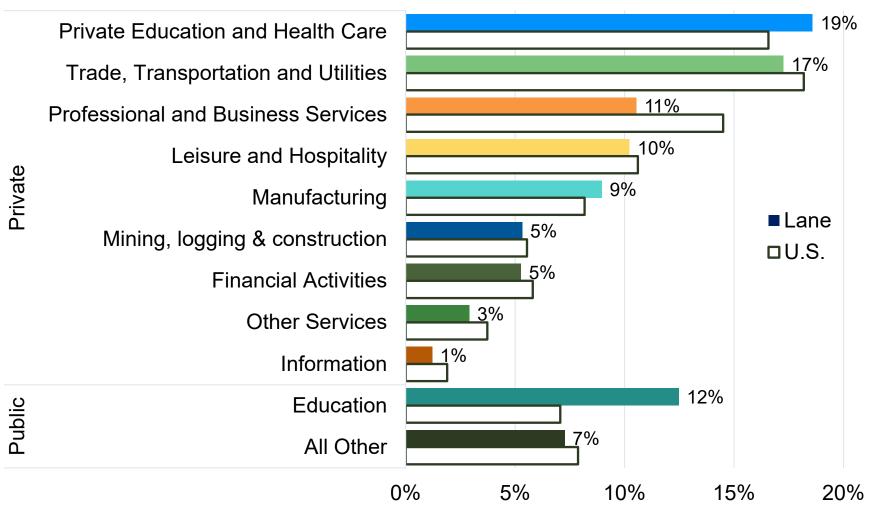


# What are Lane's key sectors?



# Lane has a diverse economy with multiple base industries

## Employment by Industry, Apr. 2024 Not Seasonally Adjusted



#### Greater concentration in:

- Private education and health care
- Manufacturing
- Public education

#### Less concentration in:

- Professional services
- Information



# Lane Workforce Partnership's sector strategies approach

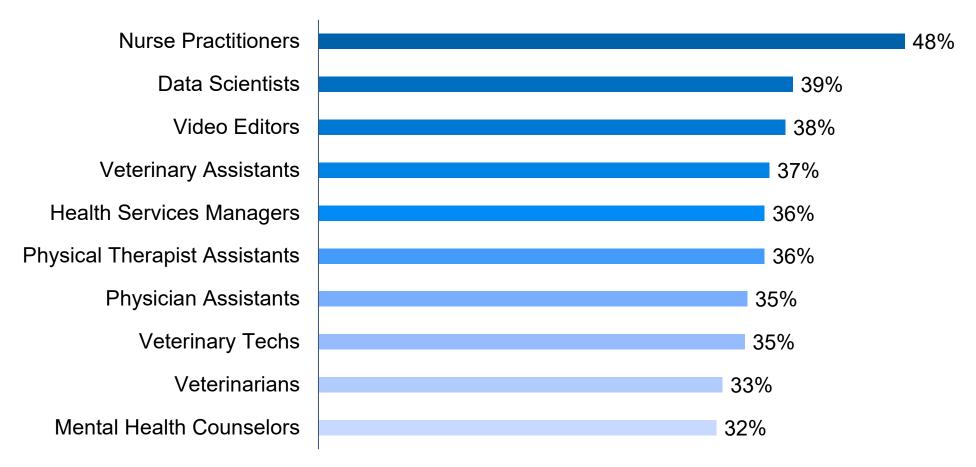
## **Employment and Wages in Lane County Sectors, Annual Average 2023**

Industry	Establishments	Annual Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Wage	
All Industries	14,202	157,204	8,853,706,374	\$56,320	
Bioscience	190	1,473	\$131,197,575	\$89,068	
Child Care	146	1,030	\$31,296,005	\$30,392	
Construction Aggregate	1,331	8,188	\$544,377,367	\$66,485	
Creative Sector	716	3,477	\$193,074,860	\$55,525	
Food and Beverage	188	4,291	\$238,671,063	\$55,621	
Health Care	1,167	21,782	\$1,576,768,392	\$72,389	
Leisure and Hospitality	1,293	18,410	\$466,293,129	\$25,329	
Tech	749	3,714	\$368,701,170	\$99,273	
Transportation	211	2,548	\$143,975,137	\$56,505	
Wood Products	223	5,818	\$386,699,636	\$66,466	

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

# The *fastest growing* jobs are skewed towards health and tech

# Fastest Growing Jobs 2022-2032 Lane County occupations employing 50+ in 2022



Occupations on average are projected to grow 10% during this time

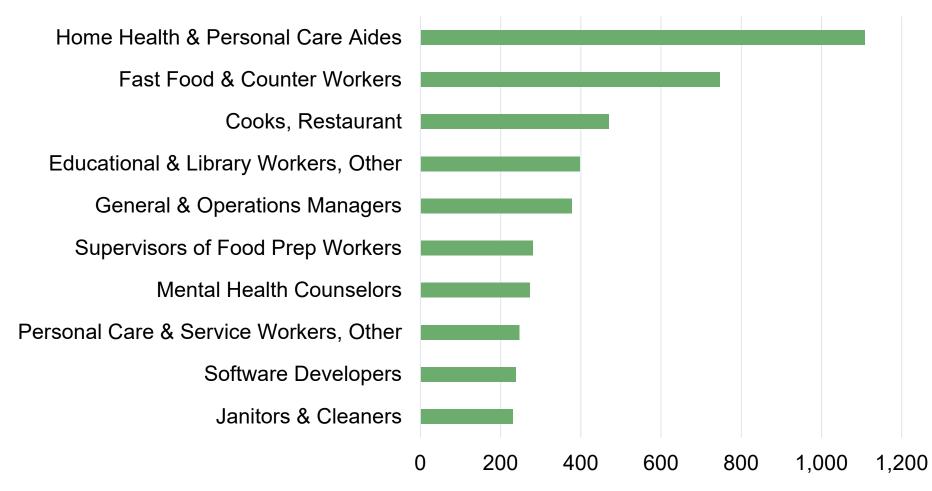
Vet Assistants, Vet
Techs, and PT
Assistants only
occupations on this list
with competitive entry
level education of AA or
less

Source: Oregon Employment Department, 2022-2032 Occupational Employment Projections



# While jobs with the *most growth openings* are more varied

Lane County occupations with the most growth openings, 2022-2032



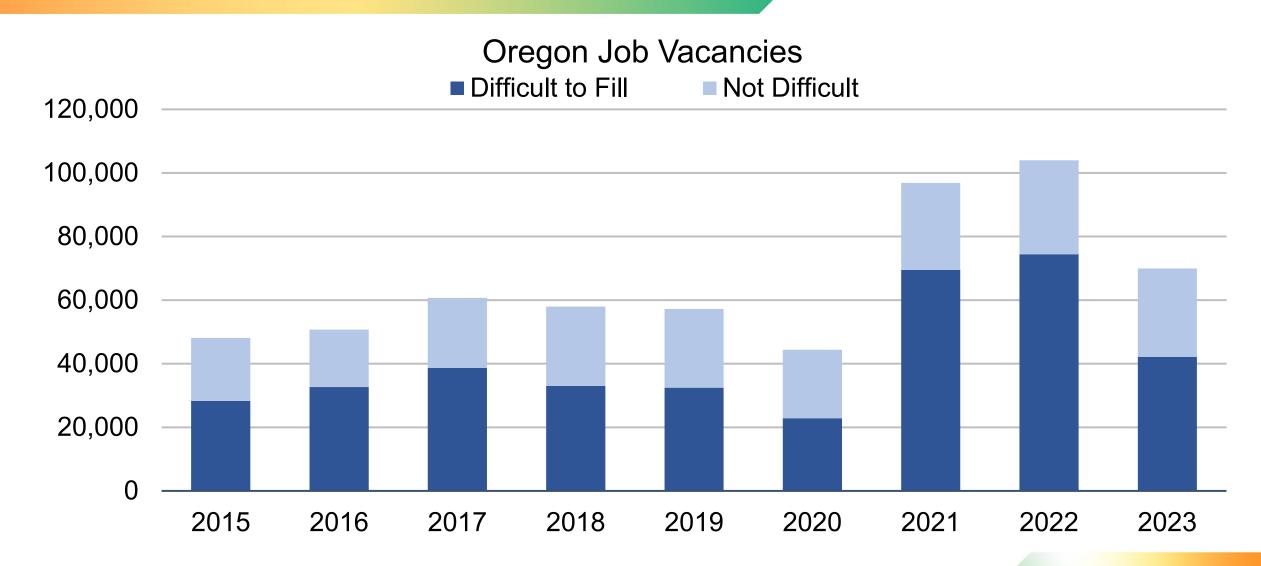
Educational requirements are more varied in this group

Four of 10 have competitive entry level education of a Bachelor's degree

# How difficult is it for businesses to find workers?



# 2023 saw fewer job vacancies, but still elevated

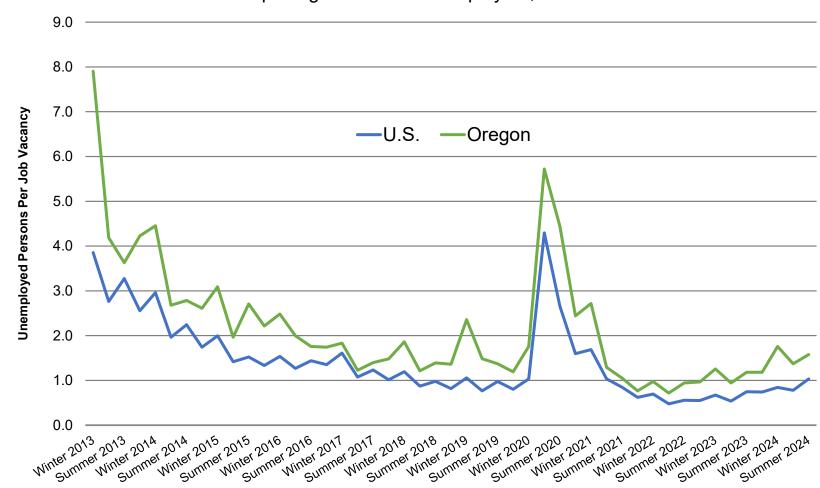




# The labor market remains relatively tight

# U.S. and Oregon Unemployed to Job Vacancy Ratios Rising Slowly after Record Lows

Job Openings with Private Employers, 2013-2024



The U.S. ratio was 1.0 in July 2024, its 12th straight quarter at or below 1.0. It reached 4.3 in April 2020 after several years around 1-to-1.

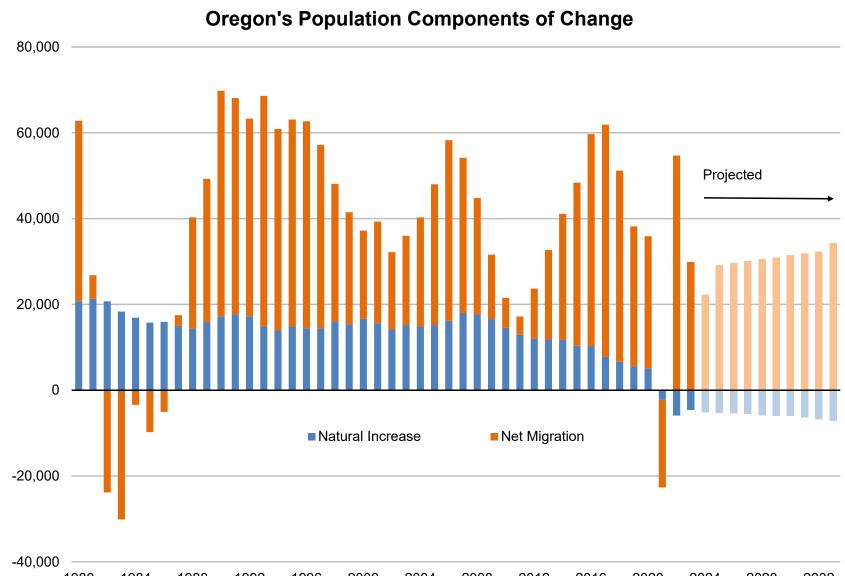
Oregon had about 3 unemployed for every 2 job openings (ratio of 1.6) in summer 2024, still much lower than the peak of 5.7 in May 2020.



# What demographic trends impact Lane's workforce?



# Slowing Labor Force Growth: slower population growth

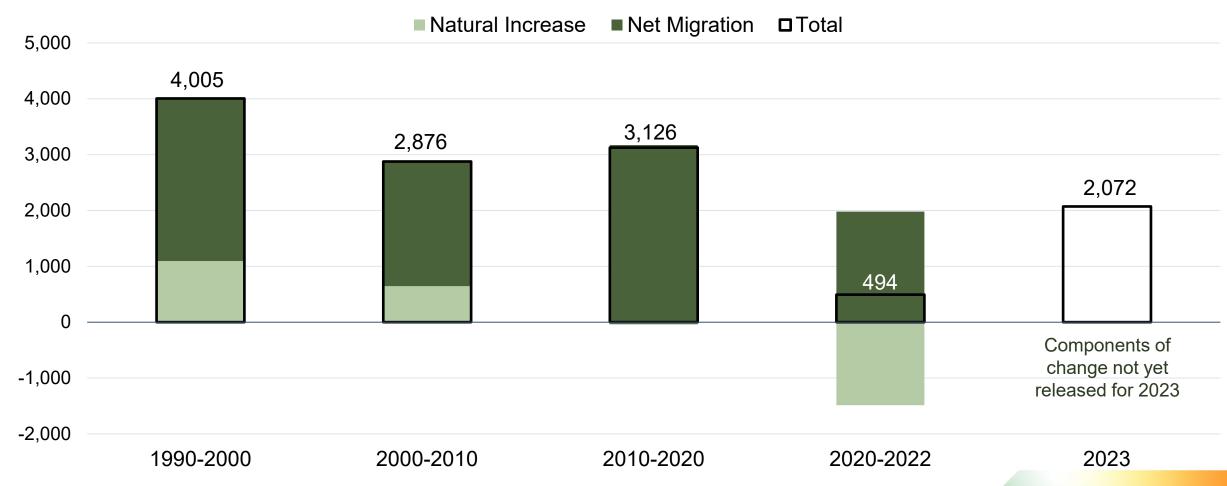


Portland State University estimates show a rebound in 2022, but population growth is projected to be slower in the coming years than historical norms.



# Lane depends on migration for population growth









# The workforce continues aging, in Oregon and the U.S.

Oregon Jobs in 2022	All Workers	Age 55+	% Age 55+
All Sectors	1,908,164	455,792	24%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	52,269	17,026	33%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1,787	574	32%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	30,756	8,795	29%
Utilities	8,025	2,230	28%
Other Services	65,394	17,780	27%
Public Administration	75,343	20,117	27%
Wholesale Trade	77,229	20,205	26%
Educational Services	144,633	37,806	26%
Manufacturing	188,469	49,178	26%
Transportation and Warehousing	80,059	20,392	25%
Finance and Insurance	55,032	13,480	24%
Health Care and Social Assistance	284,182	69,324	24%
Retail Trade	209,208	47,907	23%
Administrative and Waste Services	108,487	24,775	23%
Construction	122,998	28,005	23%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	111,361	24,248	22%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	29,817	6,345	21%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	51,883	10,705	21%
Information	41,014	7,684	19%
Accommodation and Food Services	170,218	29,216	17%

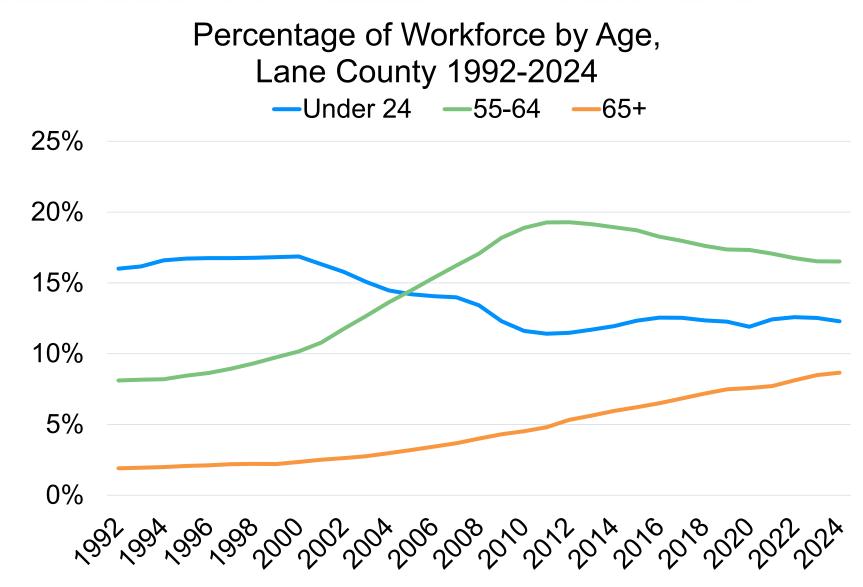
In the early 1990s, one out of 10 jobs was held by a worker age 55 or older.

By 2022, nearly one-fourth of all jobs in Oregon and the U.S. were held by workers 55+ years old.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Quarterly Workforce Indicators



## There are fewer young workers in Lane, and more workers 65+



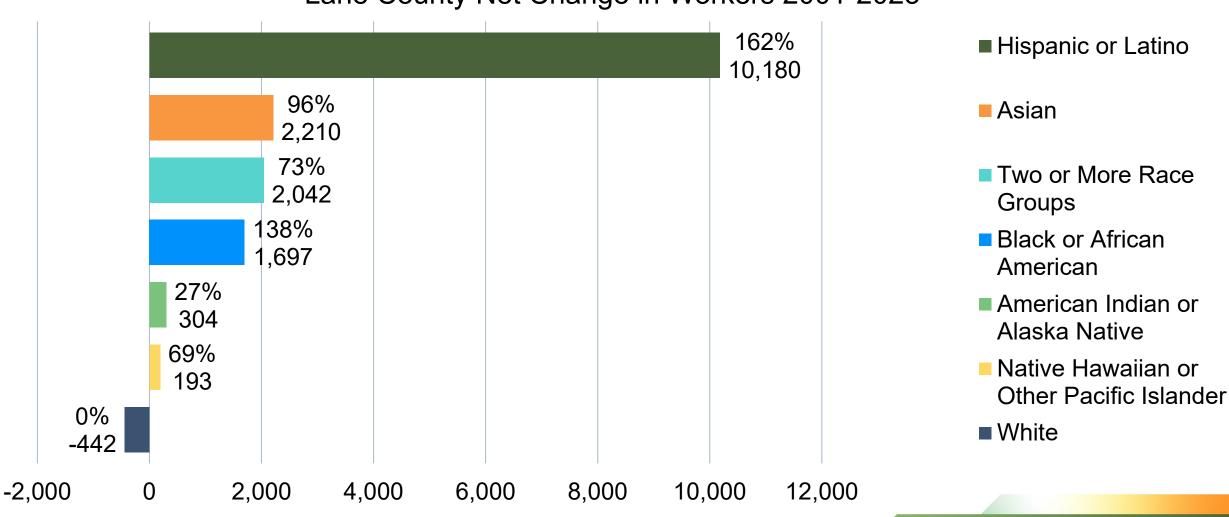
Declining workforce participation for young people is multifaceted, and replicated nationwide.

The number of older workers is also not unique to Lane, and represents a growing segment of the population as well as cost pressures and voluntary choice.



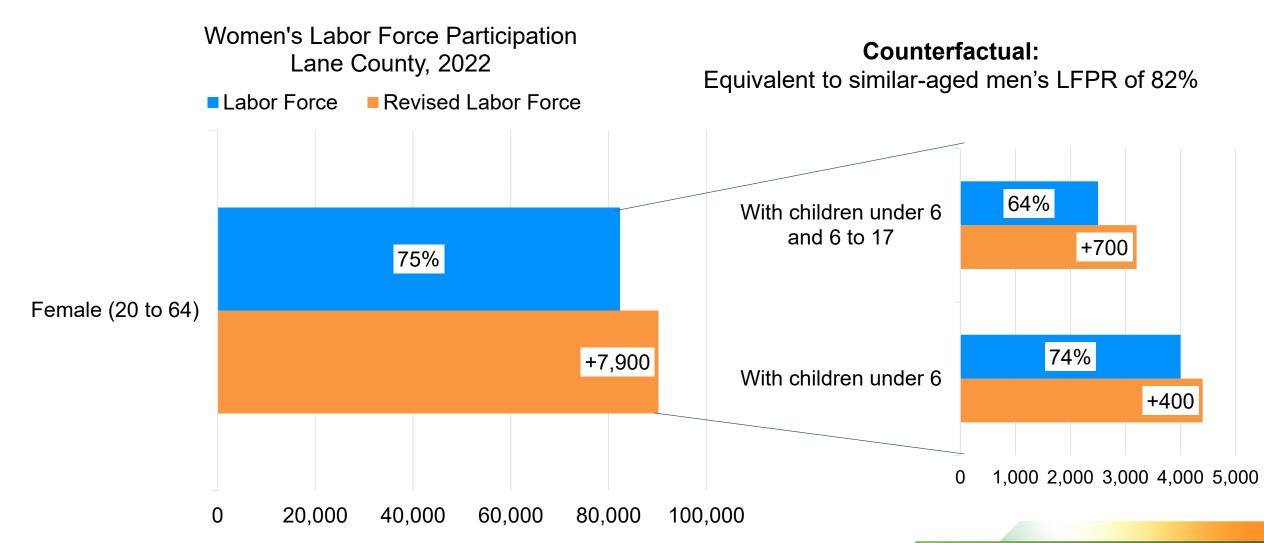
# The workforce is diversifying rapidly in recent years

## Lane County Net Change in Workers 2001-2023

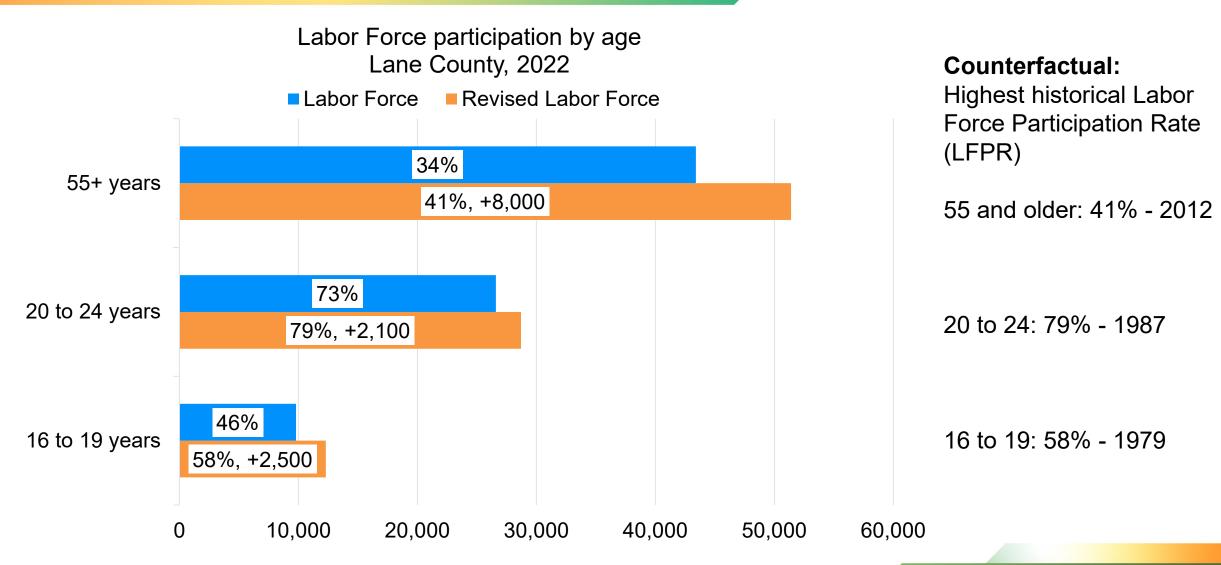




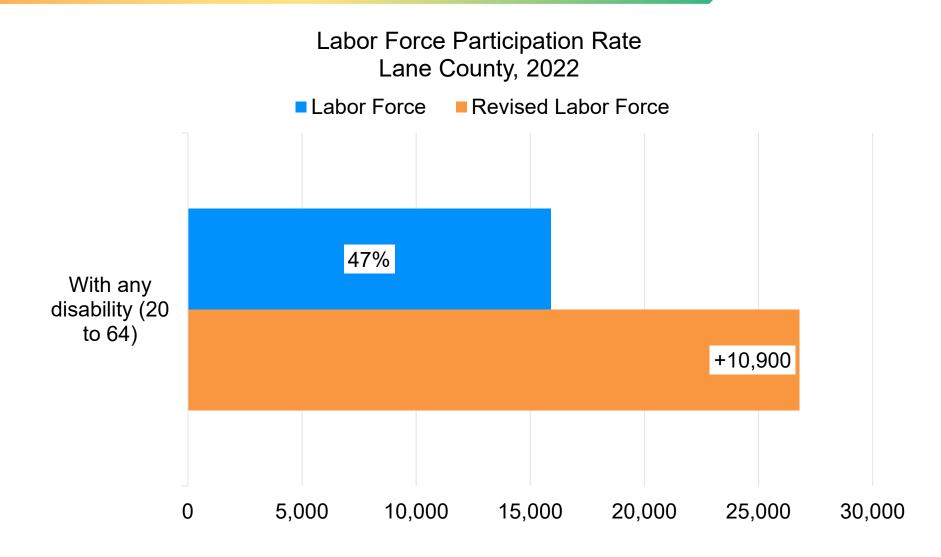
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### **Counterfactual:**

Equivalent to LFPR of total population in age range (79%)

Source: Oregon Employment Department, U.S. Census Bureau ACS table S2301

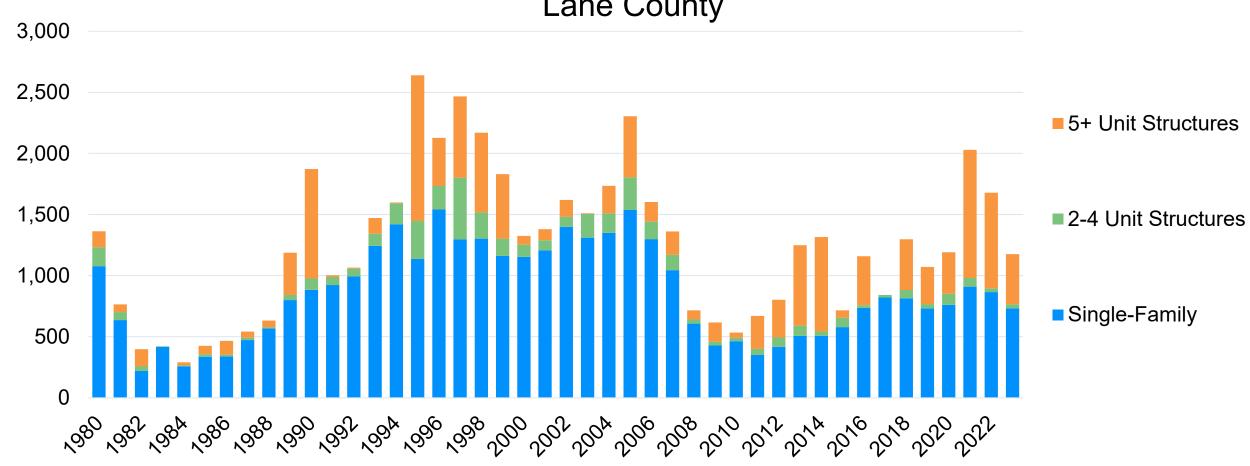


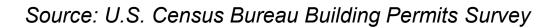
# What is the state of housing affordability in Lane County?



# Housing construction lags population growth in recent years

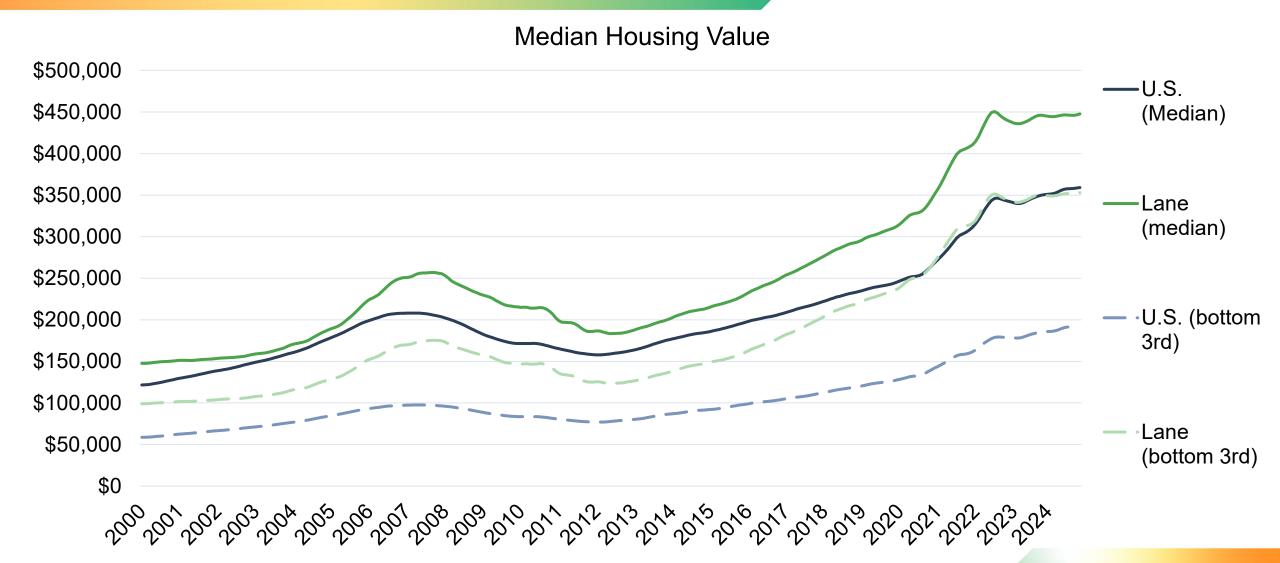


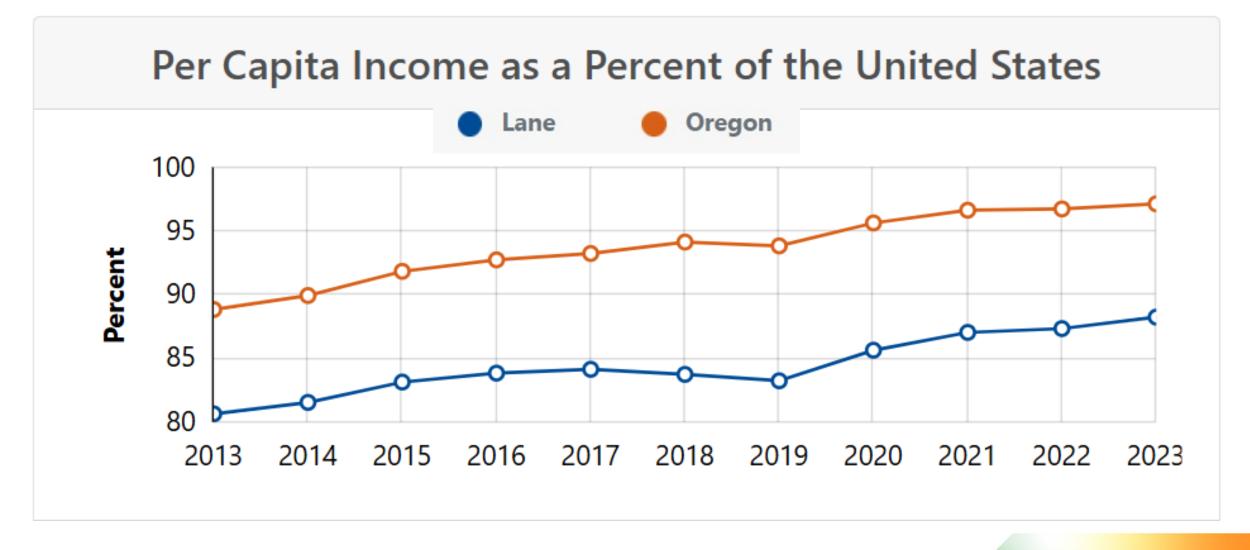




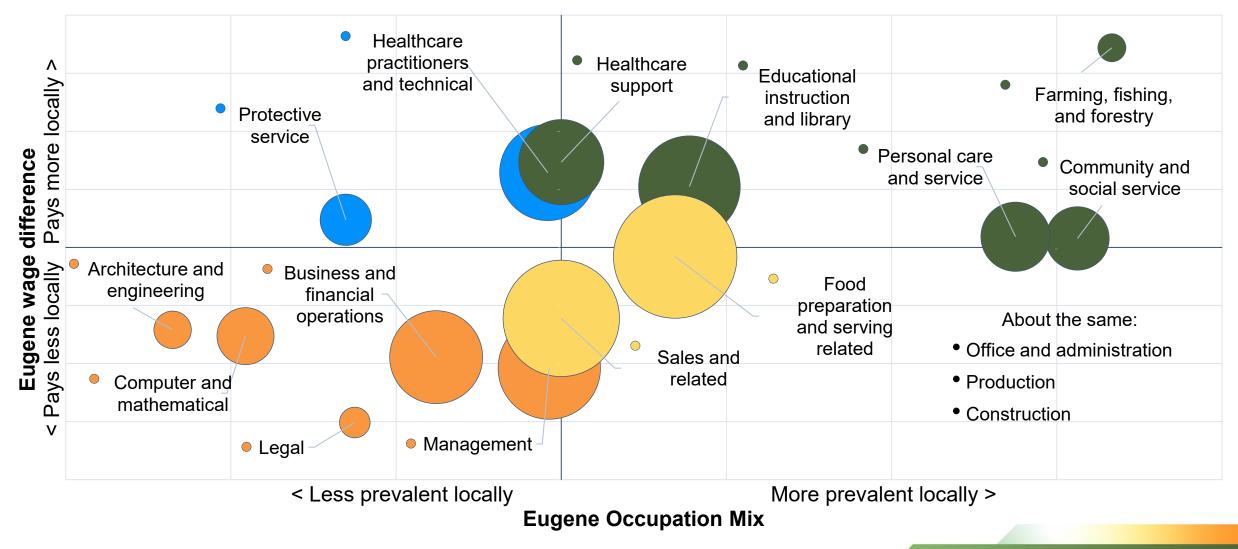


# Housing costs have risen, particularly on the affordable end

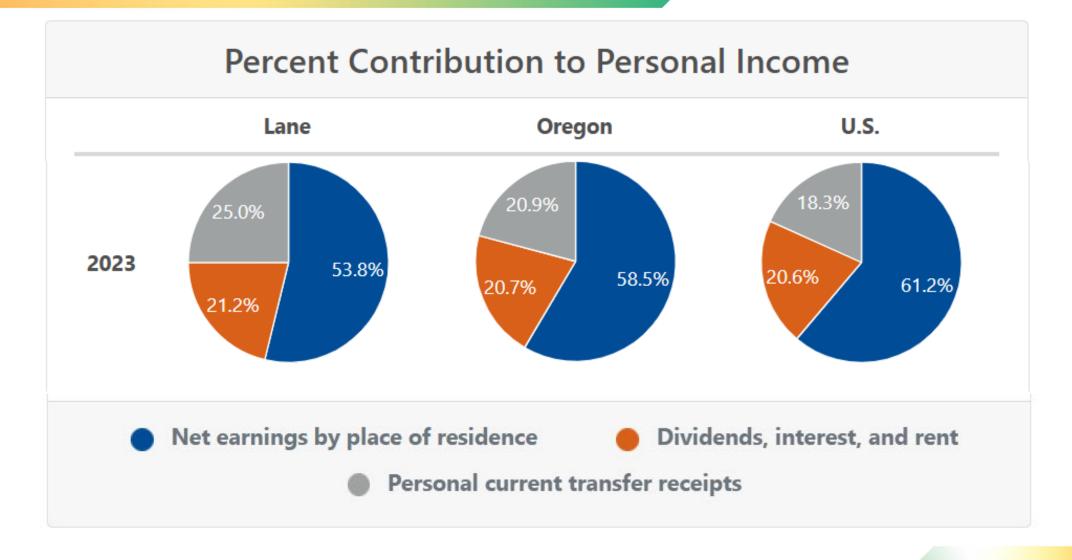




# Key contributor to the wage gap: the occupation mix



### More of our dollars come from transfers than the U.S.



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