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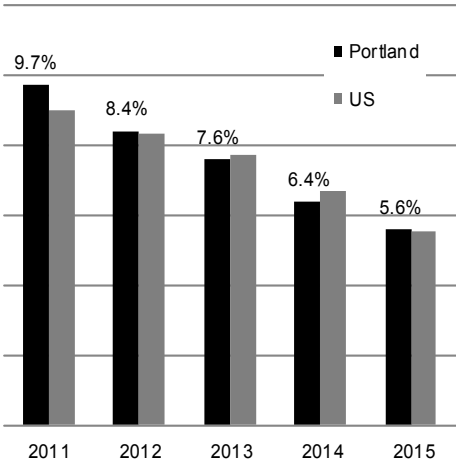
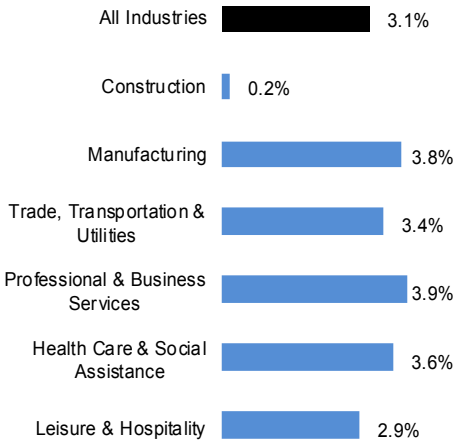
Unemployment Rate
Annual : Portland Metro and US



Employment Growth
Portland Metro by Industry: Feb 2015 / Feb 2014



Labor Trends

The unemployment rate in February 2015 was 5.6 percent, almost 1 percentage point lower than the February 2014 rate.

Over the last 12 months, the region has enjoyed impressive job growth in almost every major industry, with the exception of construction.

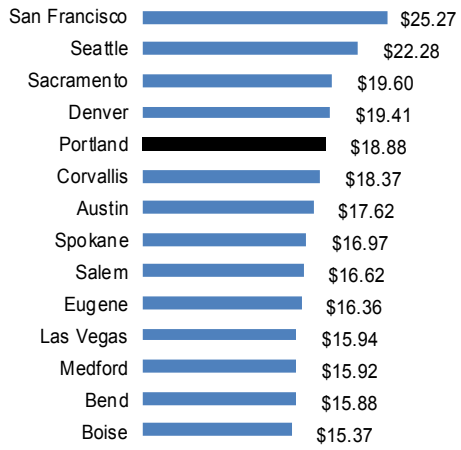
Wages

New data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows the median wage in the Portland Metro region is almost 20 percent lower than in the Seattle region. On the other hand, Portland wages are almost 20 percent higher than Las Vegas, Medford, Bend and Boise Metros.

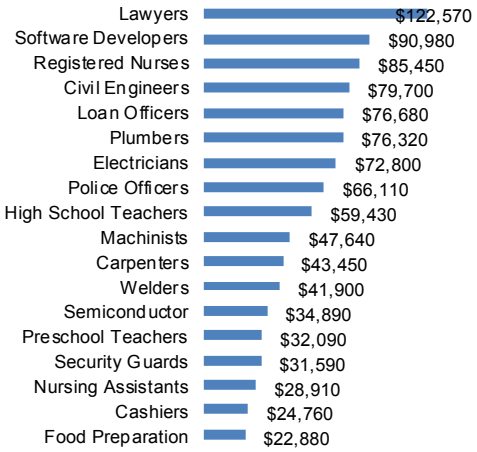
While the average job in the Portland area pays about $19 an hour there is a wide range of occupations paying much more and much less.

To see the complete list, check out the BLS site here: www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_38900.htm

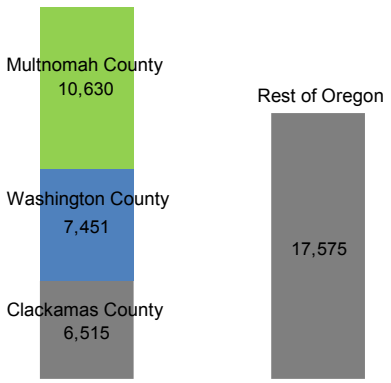
Median Wage by Metro Region
May 2014



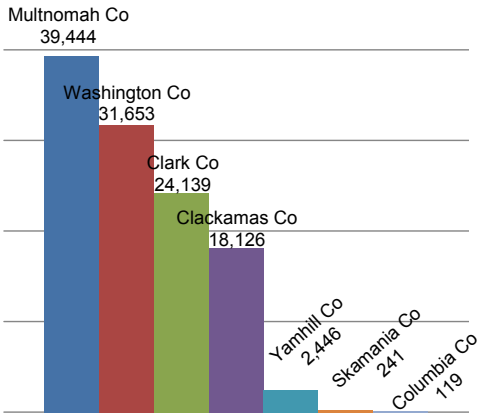
Median Wage by Occupation
Portland Metro - May 2014



Population Growth by County
2013 to 2014 - US Census Estimate



Population Growth by County
2010 to 2014 - US Census Estimate



County Population Growth

The majority of Oregon's population growth in 2014 occurred in three Portland area counties: Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas

Adding four other counties, Deschutes, Marion, Lane and Jackson, totals to just seven counties with 70 percent of Oregon's population representing 90 percent of Oregon's population growth.

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