

# Regional Snapshot

# JOBS

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We call it "the economy". But it's so much more. It's our communities, our lives, our opportunities. Here are some things to keep in mind about the Portland region's economy today.

**1,032,000**

Total jobs in the 4-county region

**5.6%**

Unemployment rate\*



**46%**

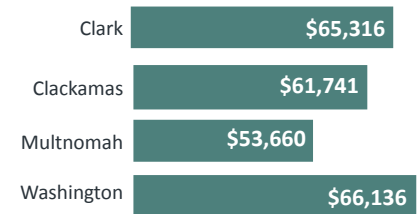
Jobs in the region located in Multnomah County

## Characteristics of our regional workforce

*"I'd rather have a career than a paycheck. Unfortunately, I have to worry about the job and the money. We should all think about careers. And we shouldn't have to work two or three jobs to afford an apartment and food."*

-Jeremy Whiz, 21

Median Household Income (2014)



**1 in 3** workers have a Bachelor's degree or higher



**1 in 10** workers are a person of color

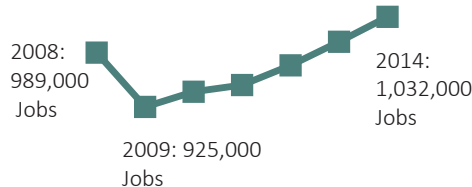


**1 in 4** people under the age of 17 are a person of color



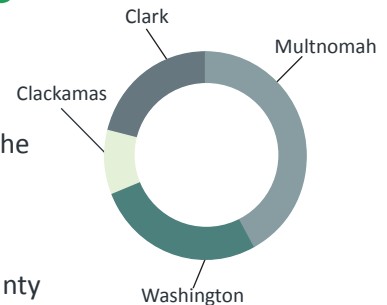
## What types of new jobs are being created?

**43,000** Net new jobs created since 2008.

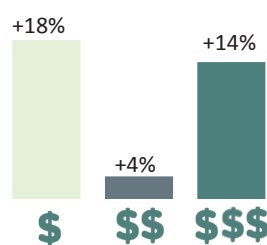


**42%**

42% of all new jobs created in the region between 2011 and 2014 were located in Multnomah County



While high and low income jobs are growing, middle income job growth has been limited\* (2005-2015)



*"People move here from all over the place because they want the fresh water, they want the mountains, the beach, everything Portland has. Talent's moving here because they want to live here."*

- Dann Black, talent recruiter, Tigard



For more information and the rest of the story, visit: [oregonmetro.gov/snapshot](http://oregonmetro.gov/snapshot)

Data Sources: US Census Bureau- American Community Survey, US Census Bureau- Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics Data, Oregon Employment Department- C. Kaylor Analysis and Greater Portland Pulse.  
\* data for the 7- country MSA, not 4 counties.