

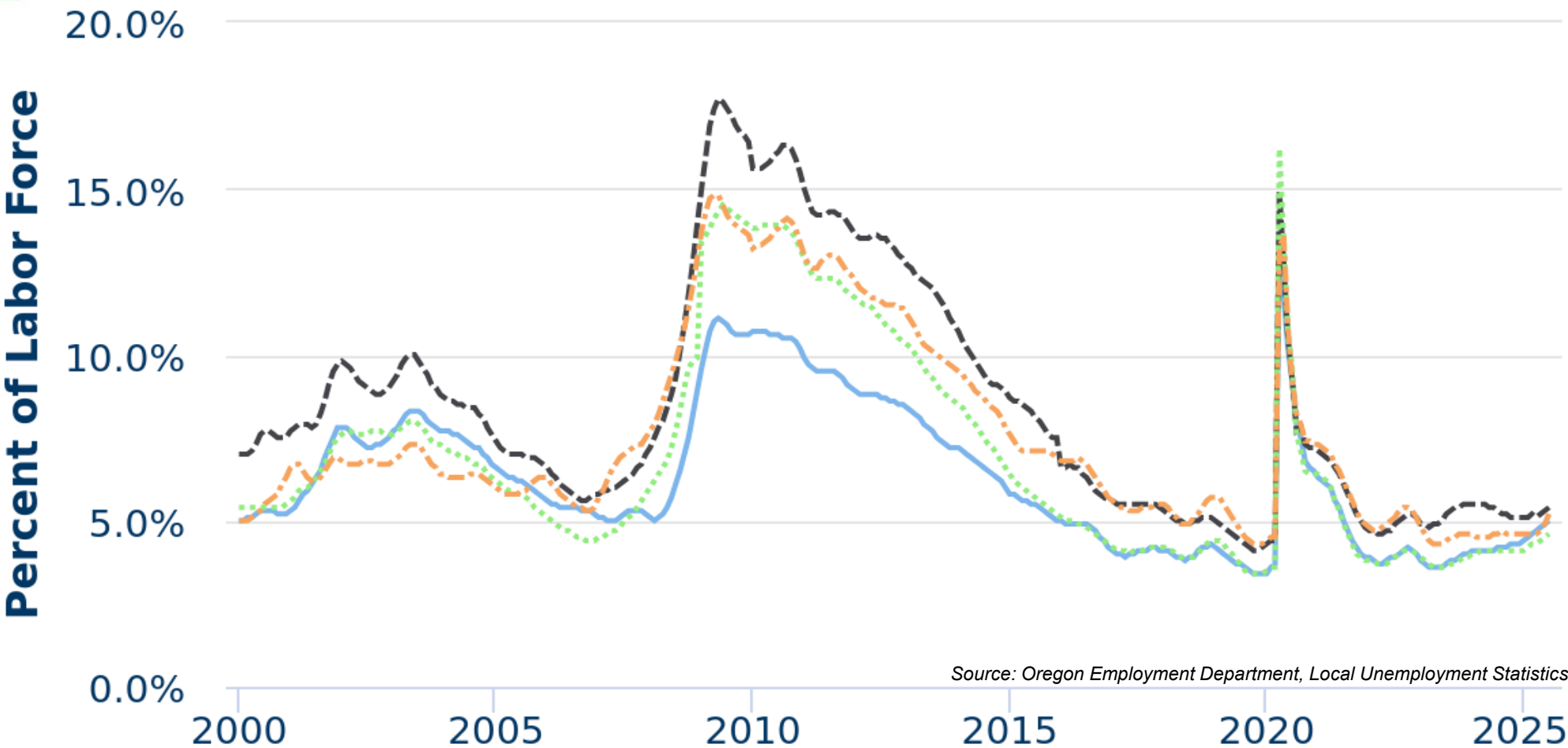
OREGON CONSTRUCTION: STATEWIDE TO REGIONAL LABOR TRENDS

Central Oregon Builders Association (COBA)
Industry-Education Happy Hour
September 23rd, 2025

THE BACKDROP: STATE LEVEL DATA

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)
Current Population Survey (CPS)
Current Employment Statistics (CES)
Quarterly Forecast from Oregon Office of Economic Analysis (EOA)
OED Industry and Occupational Projections

Unemployment Rate



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Local Unemployment Statistics

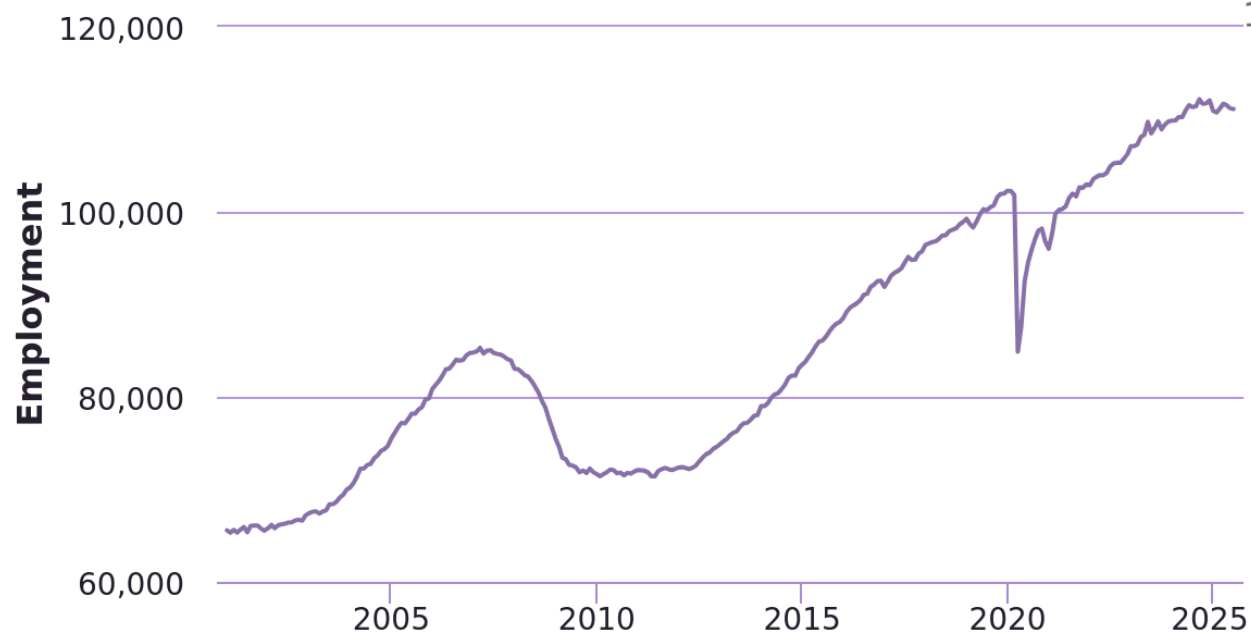
July 2025

- Oregon (Seasonally Adjusted): **5.0%**
- Crook County (Seasonally Adjusted): **5.4%**
- Deschutes County (Seasonally Adjusted): **4.6%**
- Jefferson County (Seasonally Adjusted): **5.2%**

NONFARM HAS BEEN TRENDING DOWNWARD

**EMPLOYERS DROPPED 2,700 OREGON
NONFARM PAYROLLS JOBS IN JULY**

**Bend, OR MSA
Total nonfarm employment**
(seasonally adjusted)
Official Oregon Series

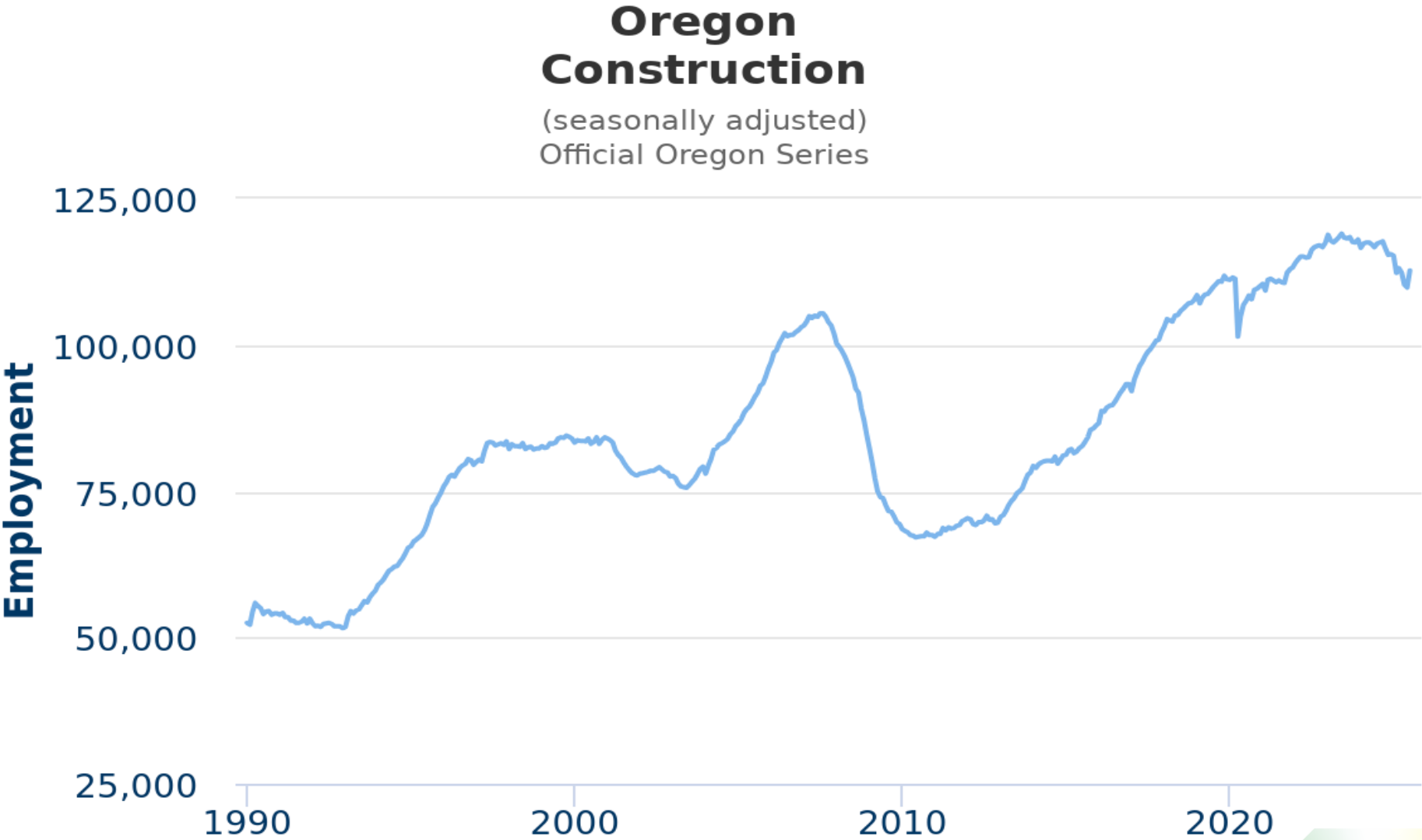


**Oregon
Total nonfarm employment**
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**EMPLOYERS DROPPED 80 CENTRAL OREGON
NONFARM PAYROLLS JOBS IN JULY**

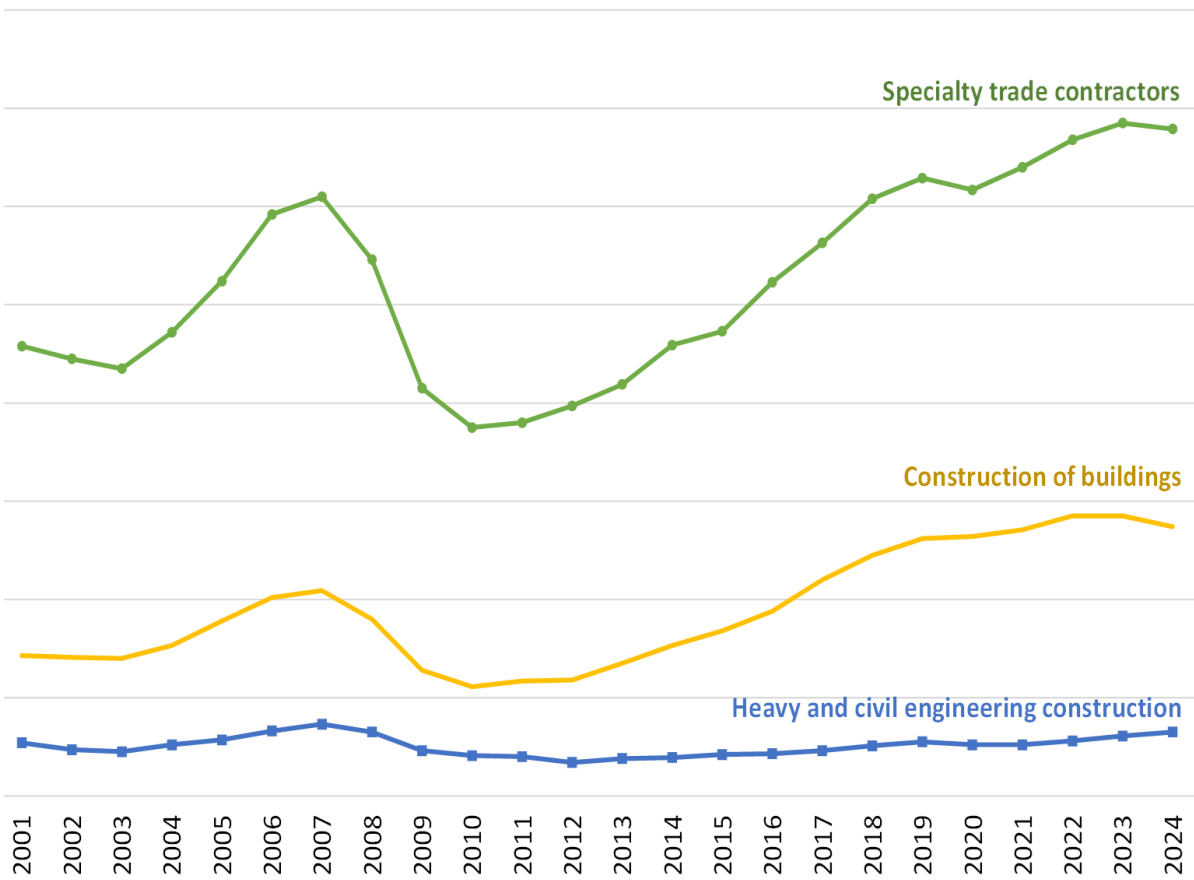
Source: Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Estimates



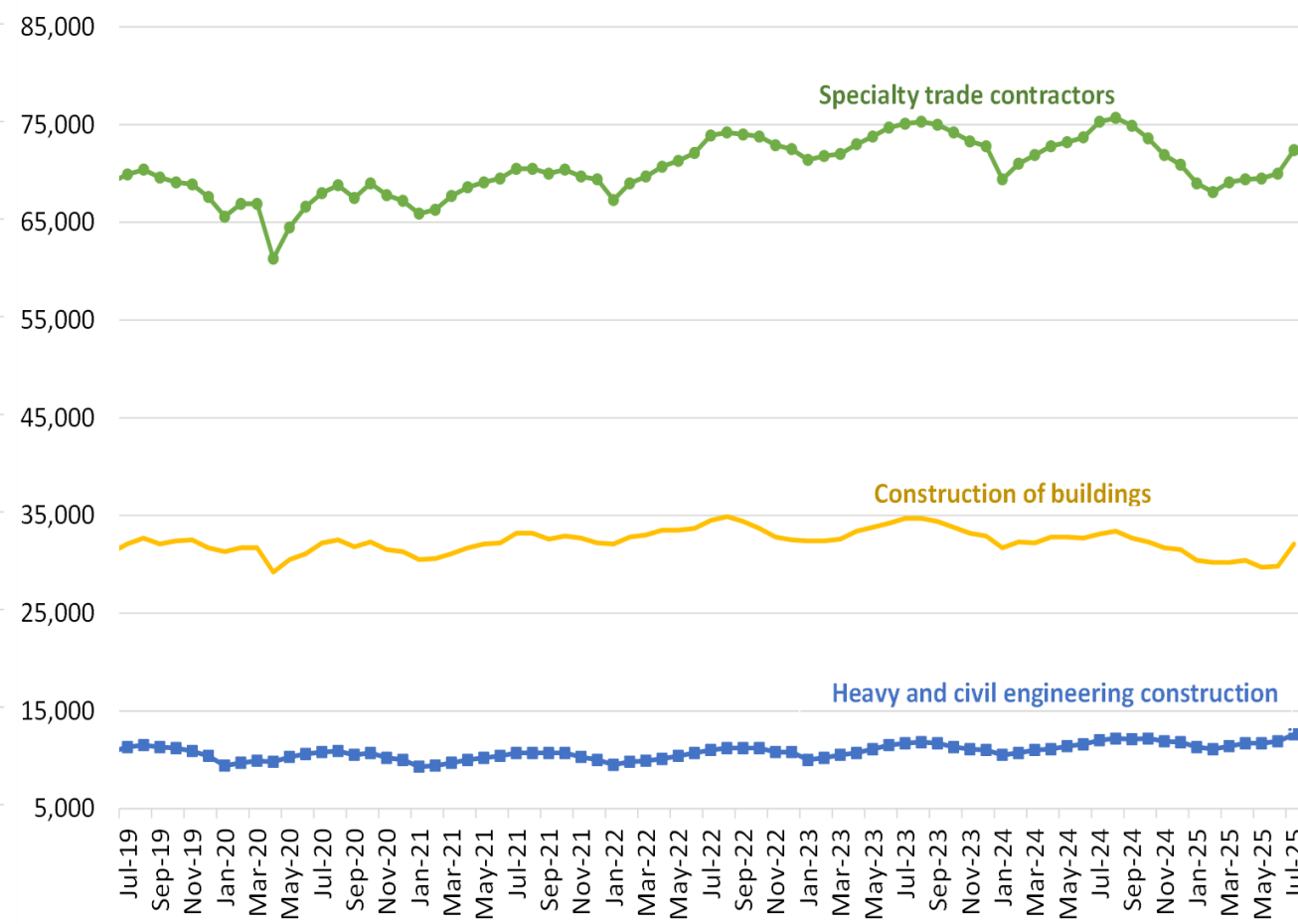
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HEAVY AND CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION HAS SEEN SLOW BUT STEADY JOB GROWTH

Construction Industry Yearly Employment by Supersector,
Oregon not seasonally adjusted data, 2001 - 2024

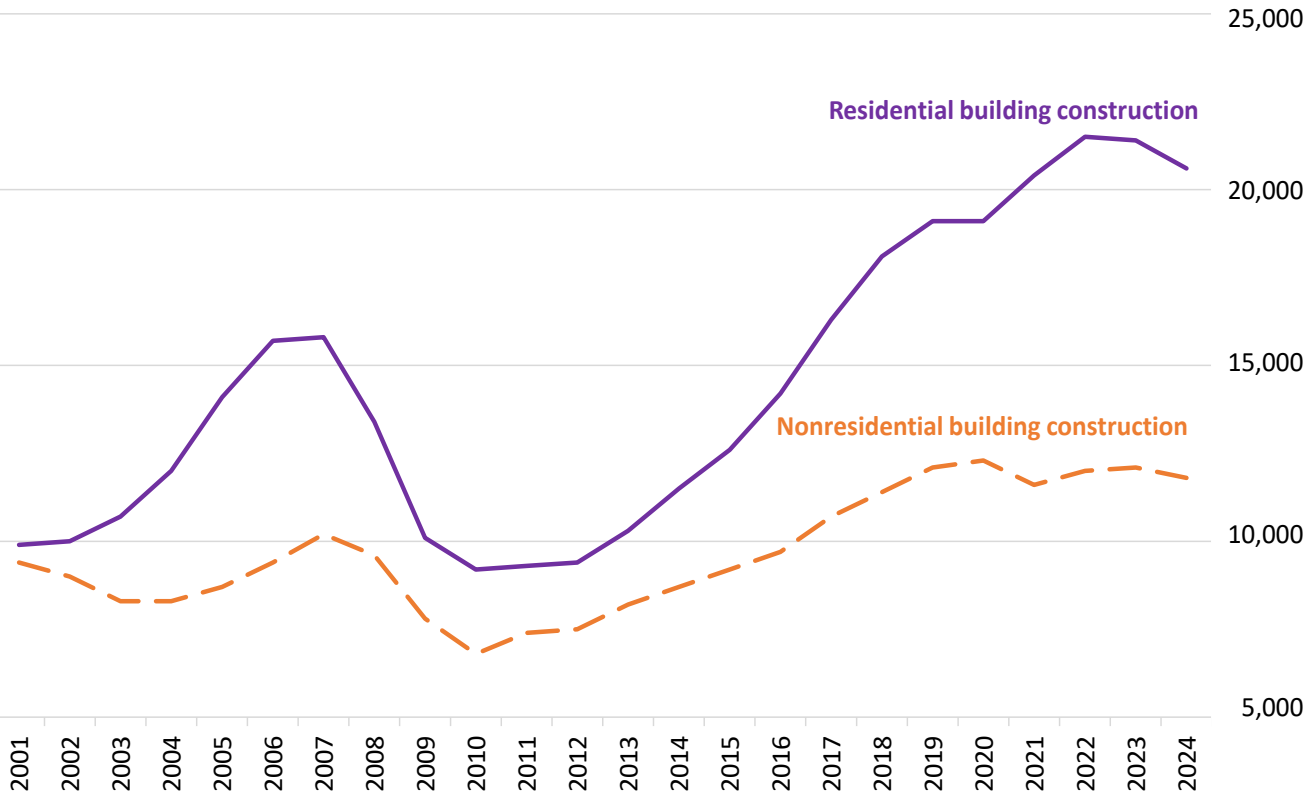


Construction Industry Employment by Supersector
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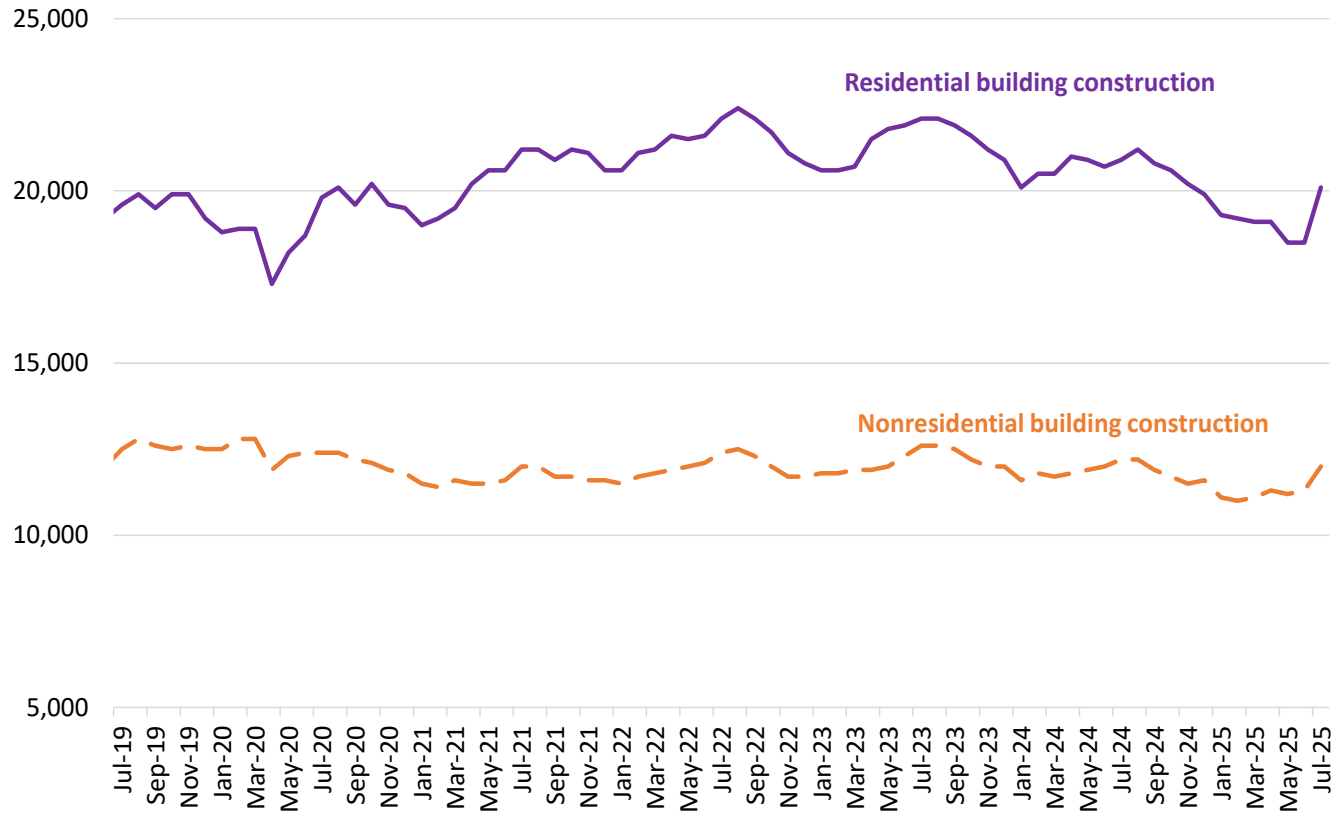


2024 SAW JOBS IN CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS DECLINE BUT MOST RECENT DATA POSITIVE

Construction of Buildings Yearly Employment by Subsector
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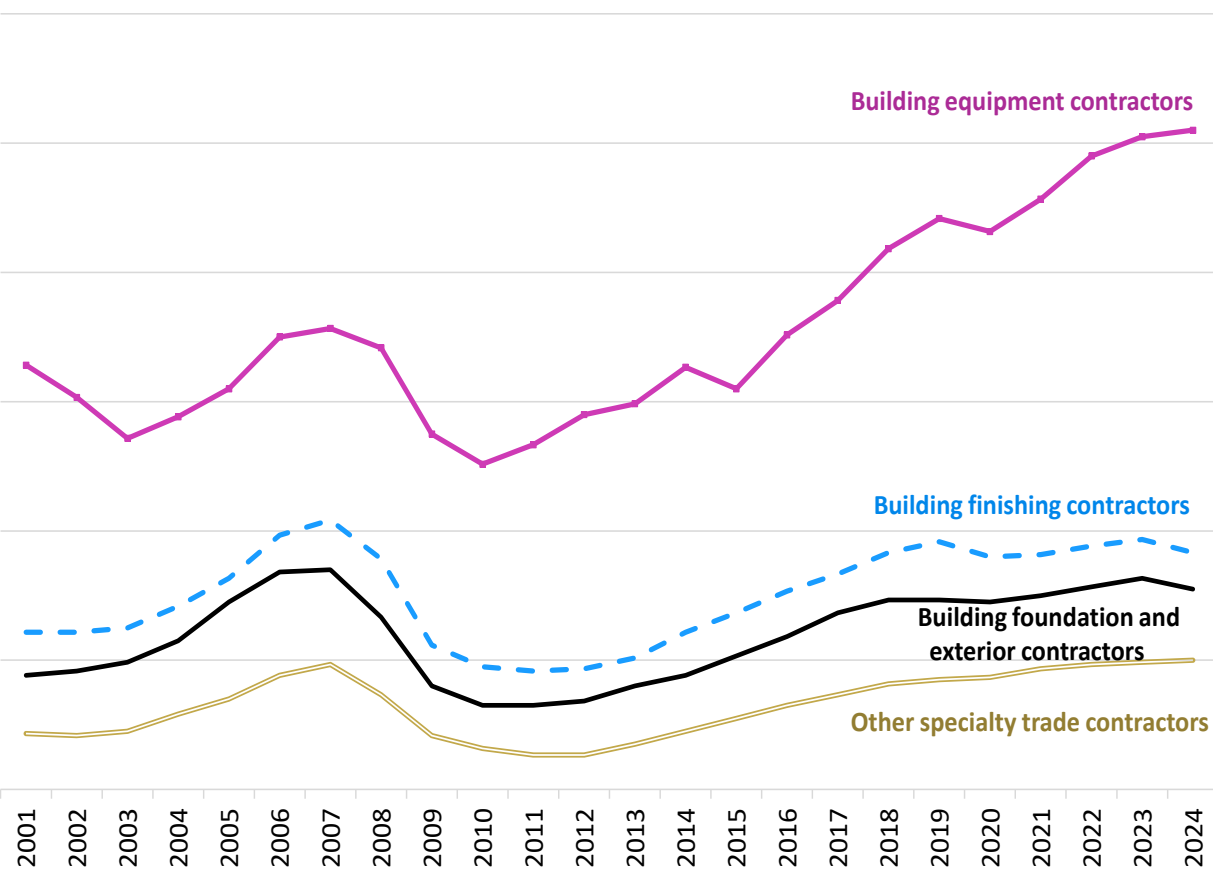


Construction of Buildings Monthly Employment by Subsector
Oregon, not seasonally adjusted, July 2019 - July 2025

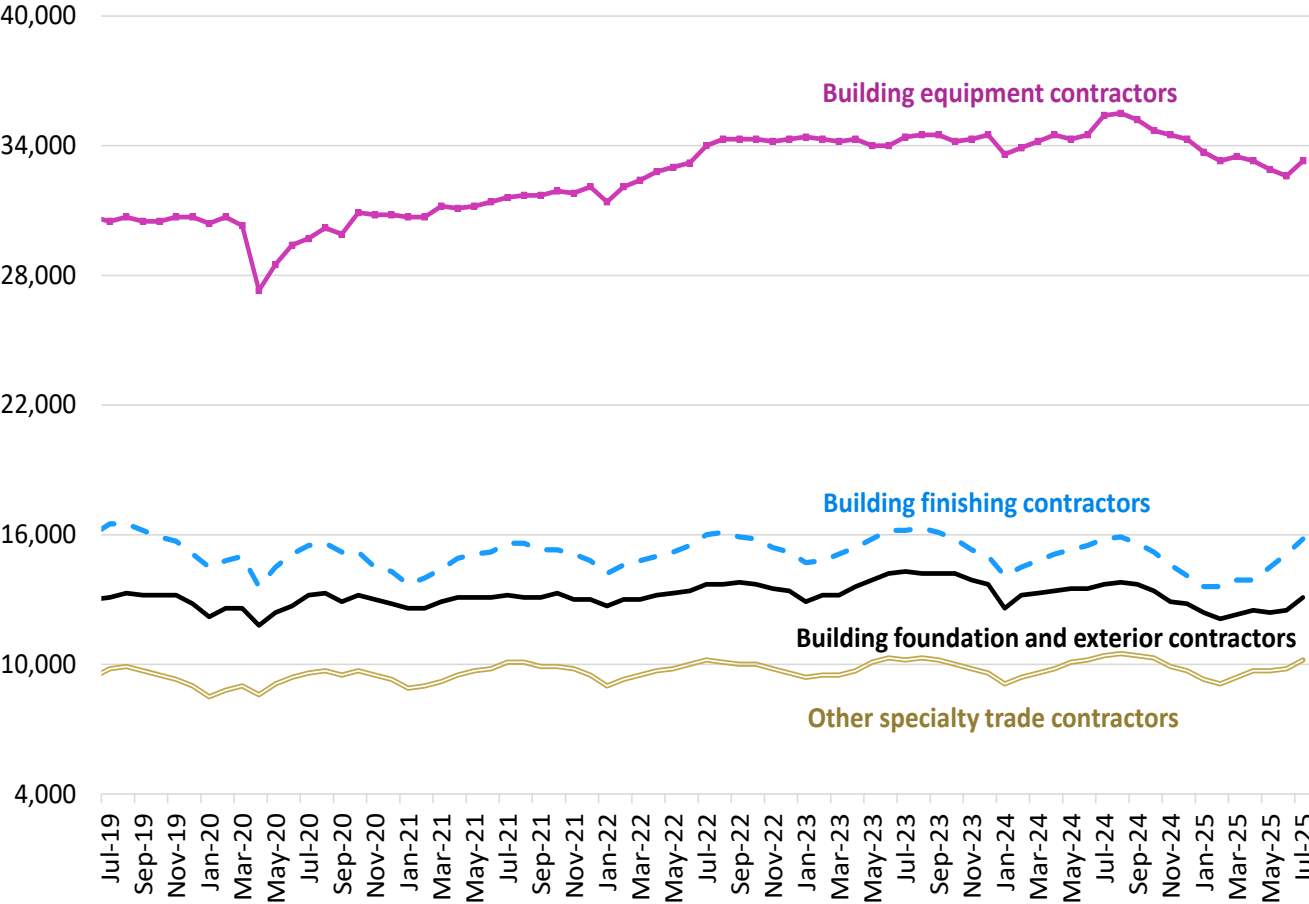


OVER THE YEAR SPECIALTY TRADE CONTRACTOR JOBS IN OREGON HAVE DECLINED

Specialty Trade Contractors Yearly Employment by Subsector
Oregon, not seasonally adjusted, 2001 - 2024



Specialty Trade Contractors Monthly Employment by Subsector
Oregon, not seasonally adjusted, July 2019 - July 2025



CONSTRUCTION SECTOR SET TO HAVE SOME OF THE STRONGEST LONG-TERM GROWTH

Oregon Industry Employment Projections, 2023-2033

	2023	2033	Change	% Change
Total employment	2,186,100	2,356,100	170,000	8%
Total payroll employment	2,047,800	2,209,000	161,200	8%
Total private	1,728,000	1,878,500	150,500	9%
Natural resources and mining	56,500	58,600	2,100	4%
Construction	117,200	132,600	15,400	13%
Manufacturing	189,600	201,400	11,800	6%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	364,000	382,300	18,300	5%
Information	36,700	40,800	4,100	11%
Financial activities	103,300	105,800	2,500	2%
Professional and business services	264,500	291,800	27,300	10%
Private educational and health services	319,200	360,600	41,400	13%
Leisure and hospitality	206,200	229,600	23,400	11%
Other services and private households	70,800	75,000	4,200	6%
Government	319,800	330,500	10,700	3%
Self-employment	138,300	147,100	8,800	6%

TOP 20 CONSTRUCTION AND EXTRACTION OCCUPATIONS BY TOTAL OPENINGS, 2023-2033

OREGON

Occupation Title	Projected Employment 2033	Employment Change	Replacement Openings	Total Openings
Construction and Extraction Occupations	119,045	14,872	90,224	105,096
Construction Laborers	20,995	2,954	16,264	19,218
<i>Carpenters</i>	22,156	2,403	16,162	18,565
<i>Electricians</i>	12,016	1,987	9,628	11,615
<i>First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers</i>	12,692	1,564	9,081	10,645
Painters, Construction and Maintenance	8,495	1,331	6,024	7,355
<i>Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters</i>	5,952	767	4,660	5,427
<i>Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators</i>	5,505	591	4,311	4,902
Roofers	5,013	515	3,479	3,994
<i>Sheet Metal Workers</i>	2,899	307	2,444	2,751
Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers	2,748	413	1,740	2,153
Highway Maintenance Workers	2,215	246	1,704	1,950
Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	2,513	108	1,785	1,893
<i>Construction and Building Inspectors</i>	1,429	98	1,448	1,546
Tile and Stone Setters	1,465	214	961	1,175
<i>Glaziers</i>	969	98	858	956
Hazardous Materials Removal Workers	719	60	646	706
Septic Tank Servicers and Sewer Pipe Cleaners	693	87	575	662
Insulation Workers, Floor, Ceiling, and Wall	695	102	532	634
Floor Layers, Except Carpet, Wood, and Hard Tiles	742	147	473	620
Helpers--Painters, Paperhangers, Plasterers, and Stucco Masons	535	78	530	608

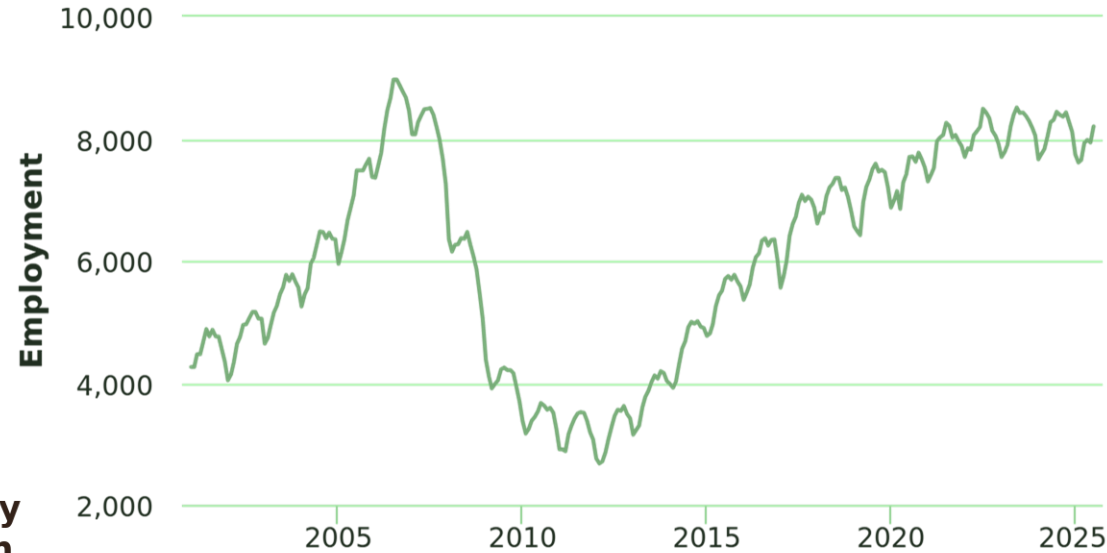
REGIONAL DATA: PRESENT AND FUTURE

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)
Current Employment Statistics (CES)
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)
QWI Explorer application, U.S. Census Bureau
Industry Employment Projections, OED

CURRENT GROWTH DIFFERS BY COUNTY

Deschutes County Mining, logging, and construction

(not seasonally adjusted)
Official Oregon Series



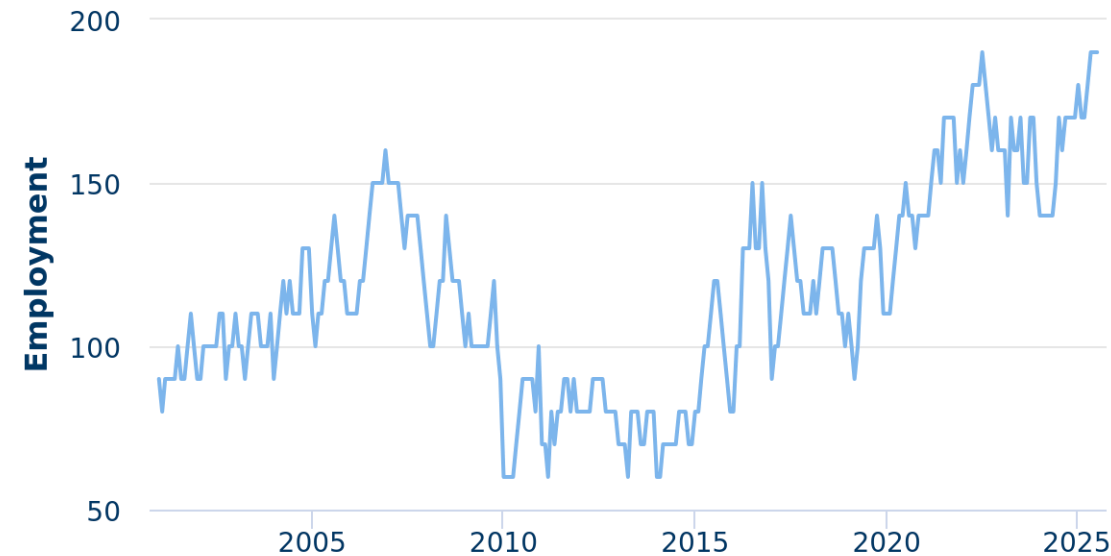
Crook County Construction

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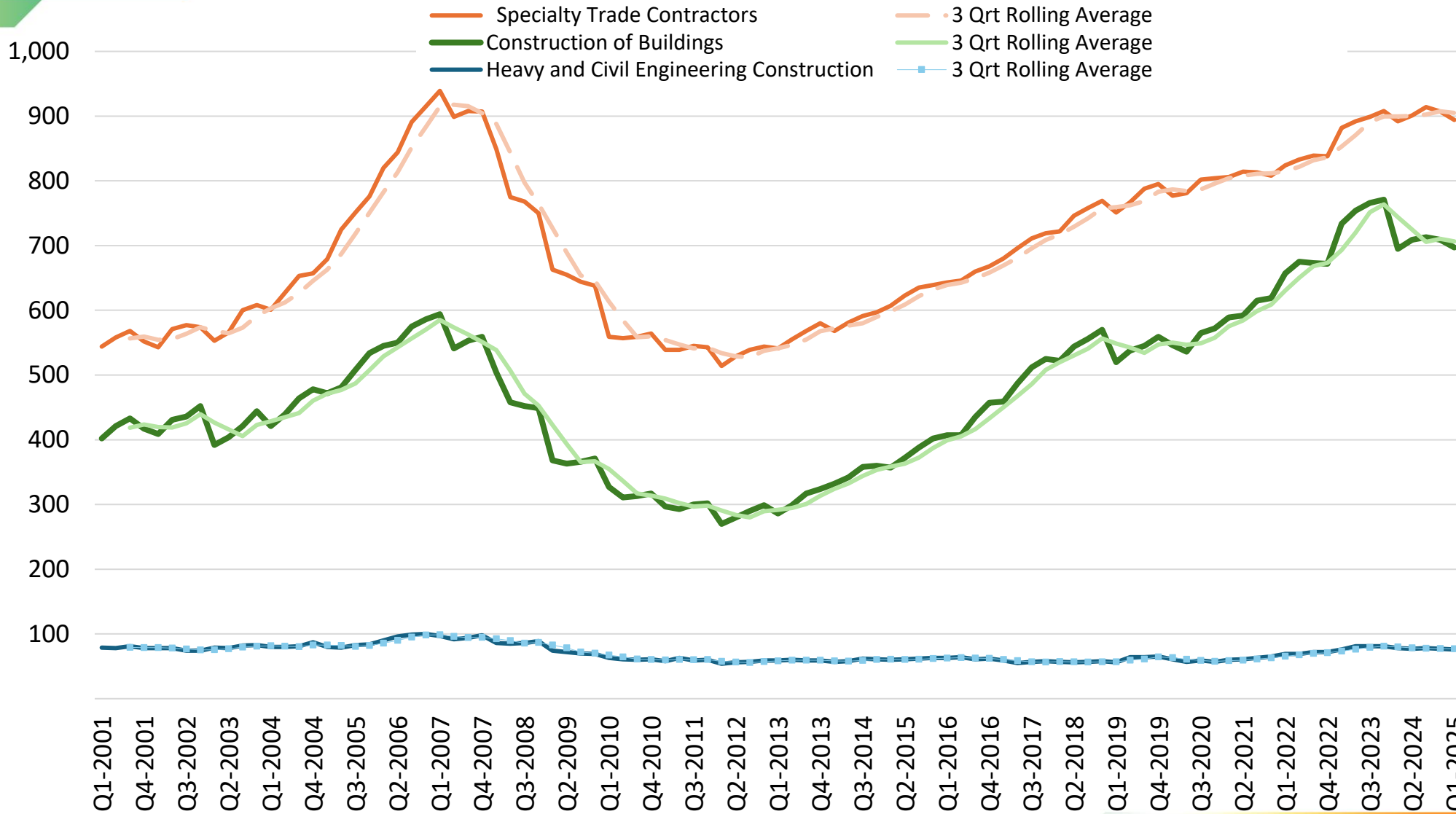
Jefferson County Construction

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NUMBER OF FIRMS NO LONGER GROWING

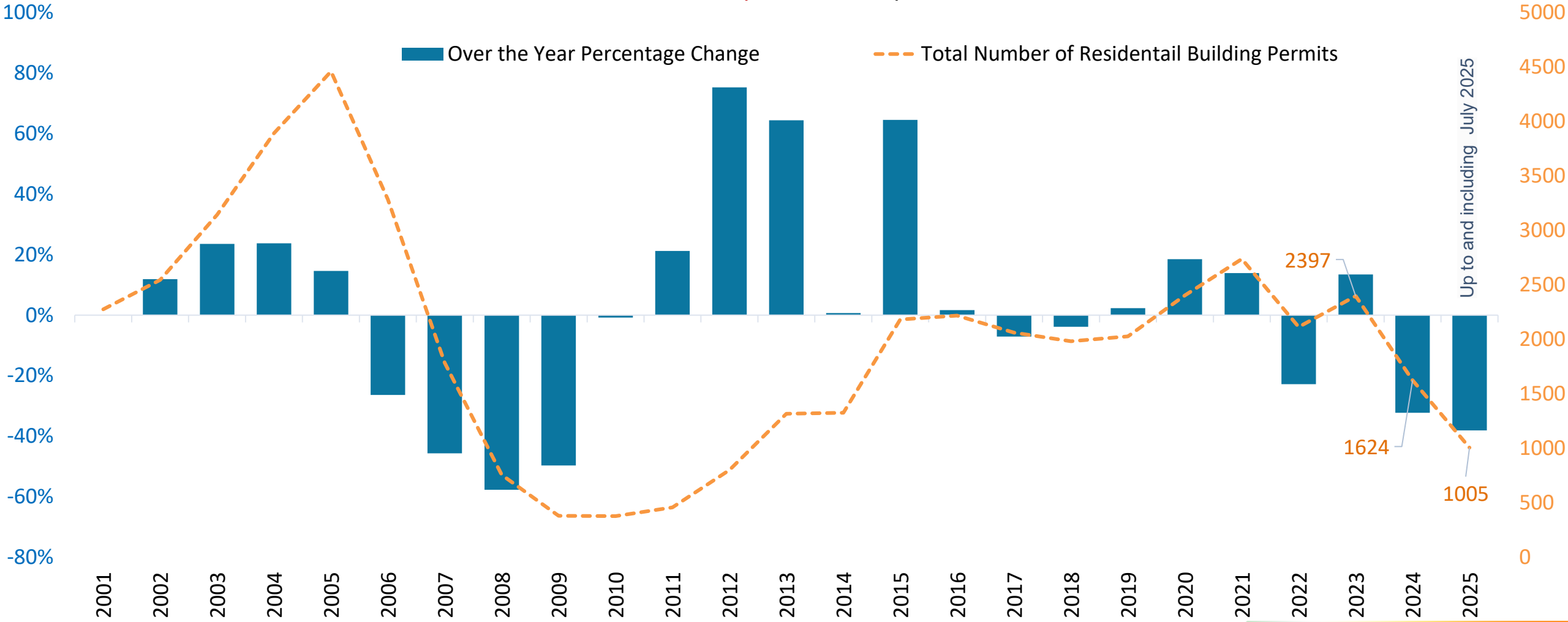
Average Quarterly Number of Firms in **Central Oregon** and 3 Quarter Rolling Average
Q1 2021 - Q1 2025



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Employment & Wages by Industry (QCEW)

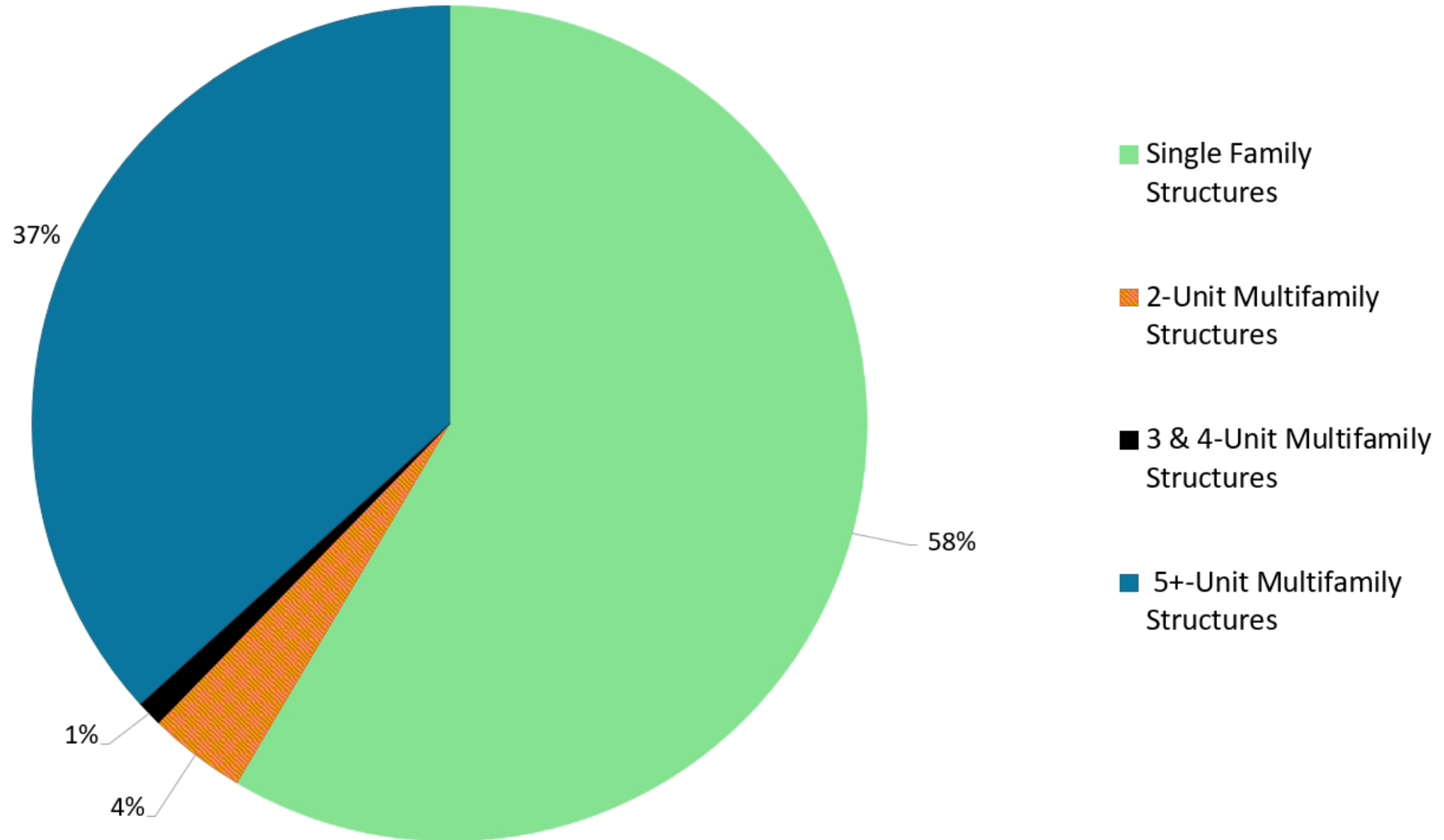
MID-YEAR PERMIT COUNT AT 1,005—619 PERMITS BEHIND 2024, WITH TIME TO CATCH UP

Annual Percent Change in Residential Building Permits (Left Axis) & Total Permit Counts (Right Axis):
Deschutes County OR, 2001-July 2025



Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, SOCDS Building Permits; and Oregon Employment Department

Share of Total Residential Permits by Type and Year in Deschutes County: **2025**



Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, SOCDS Building Permits; and Oregon Employment Department

CENTRAL OREGON PROJECTED TO SEE SOME OF THE FASTEST GROWTH IN CONSTRUCTION

Industry Employment Projections, 2023-2033 Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties

	2023	2033	Change	% Change
Total employment	114,760	124,630	9,870	9%
Total payroll employment	107,800	117,140	9,340	9%
Total private	93,940	102,970	9,030	10%
Mining and logging	290	280	-10	-3%
Construction	8,690	9,860	1,170	13%
Manufacturing	8,180	8,820	640	8%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	18,800	19,590	790	4%
Information	2,090	2,330	240	11%
Financial activities	5,670	5,870	200	4%
Professional and business services	11,650	13,120	1,470	13%
Private educational and health services	17,340	19,690	2,350	14%
Leisure and hospitality	15,950	17,820	1,870	12%
Other services	4,120	4,370	250	6%
Government	13,860	14,170	310	2%
Self-employment	6,960	7,490	530	8%

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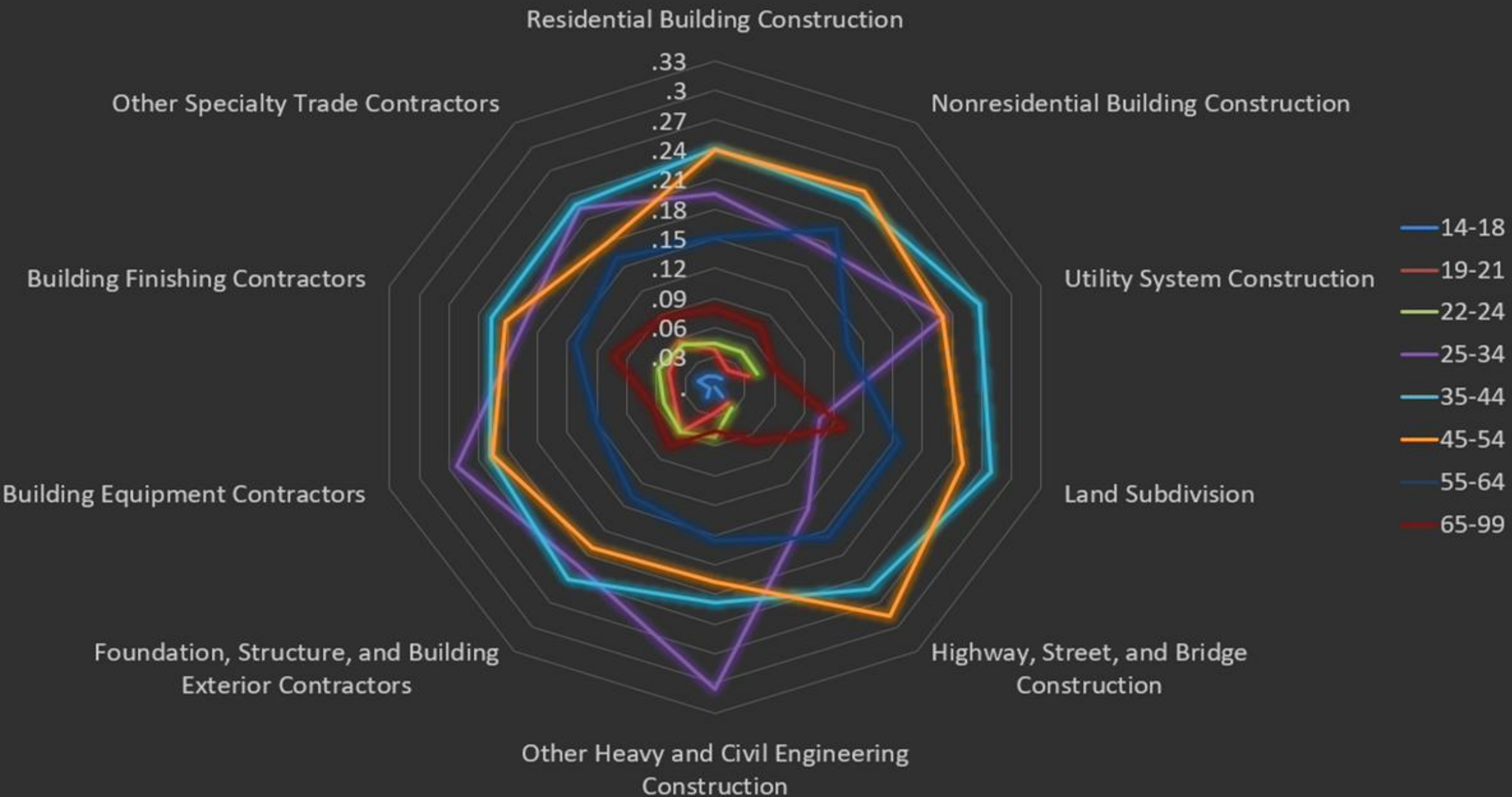
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CENTRAL OREGON TO ADD 1,094 CONSTRUCTION AND EXTRACTION JOBS BY 2033

Occupational Employment Projections for Central Oregon (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties), 2023-2033

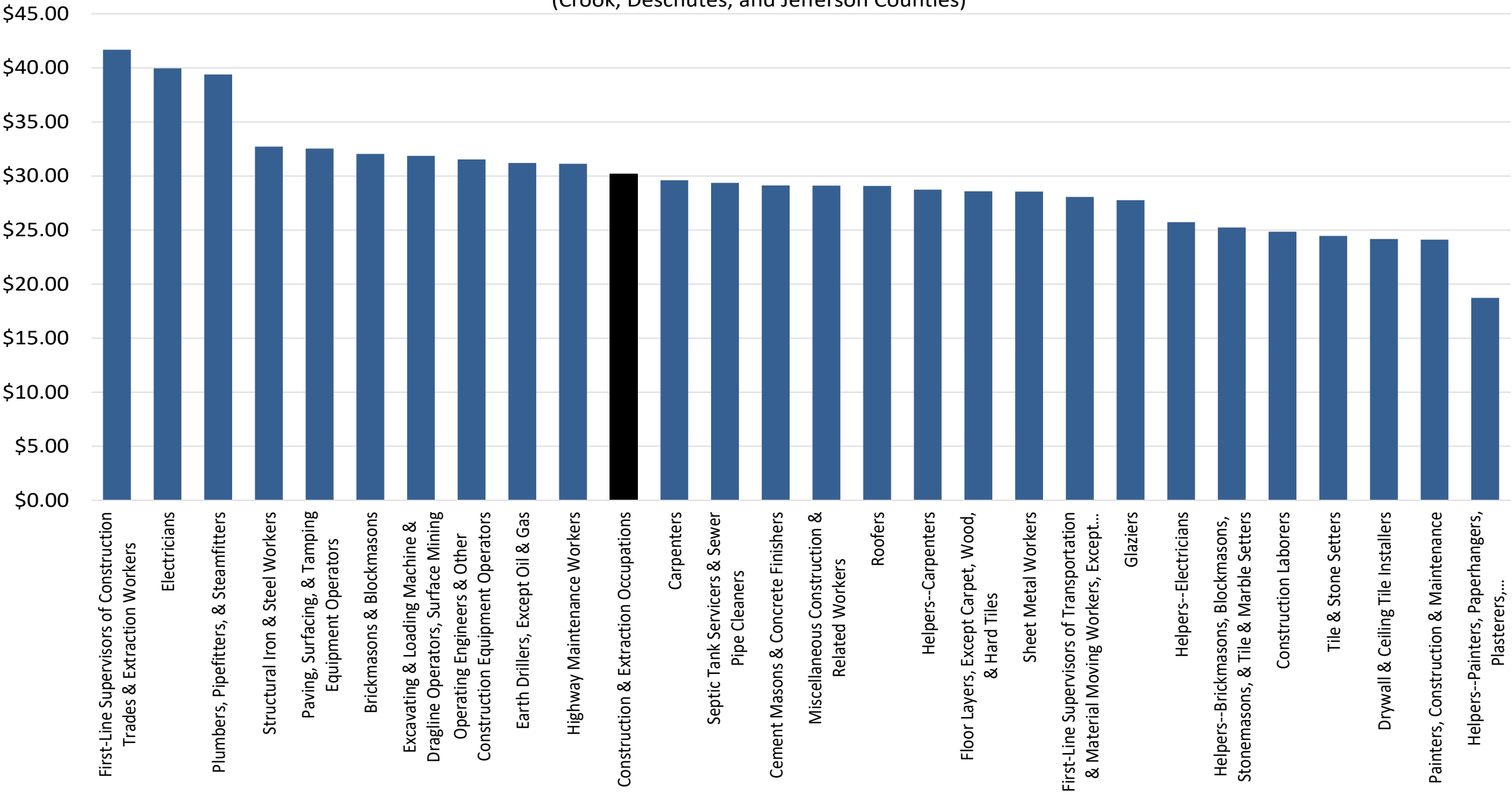
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Occupation Title	Projected Employment 2033	Employment Change	Replacement Openings	Total Openings
Construction and Extraction Occupations	8,306	1,094	6,268	7,362
<i>Carpenters</i>	1,697	194	1,234	1,428
Construction Laborers	1,469	221	1,132	1,353
<i>Electricians</i>	795	144	631	775
<i>First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers</i>	898	110	643	753
<i>Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators</i>	569	74	440	514
Painters, Construction and Maintenance	551	95	388	483
<i>Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters</i>	323	45	251	296
Roofers	315	35	218	253
Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	222	9	158	167
Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers	152	27	95	122
Highway Maintenance Workers	137	16	106	122
Tile and Stone Setters	118	18	78	96
<i>Glaziers</i>	86	8	76	84
Helpers--Painters, Paperhangers, Plasterers, and Stucco Masons	58	9	57	66
Floor Layers, Except Carpet, Wood, and Hard Tiles	38	8	24	32
Miscellaneous Construction and Related Workers	24	1	21	22



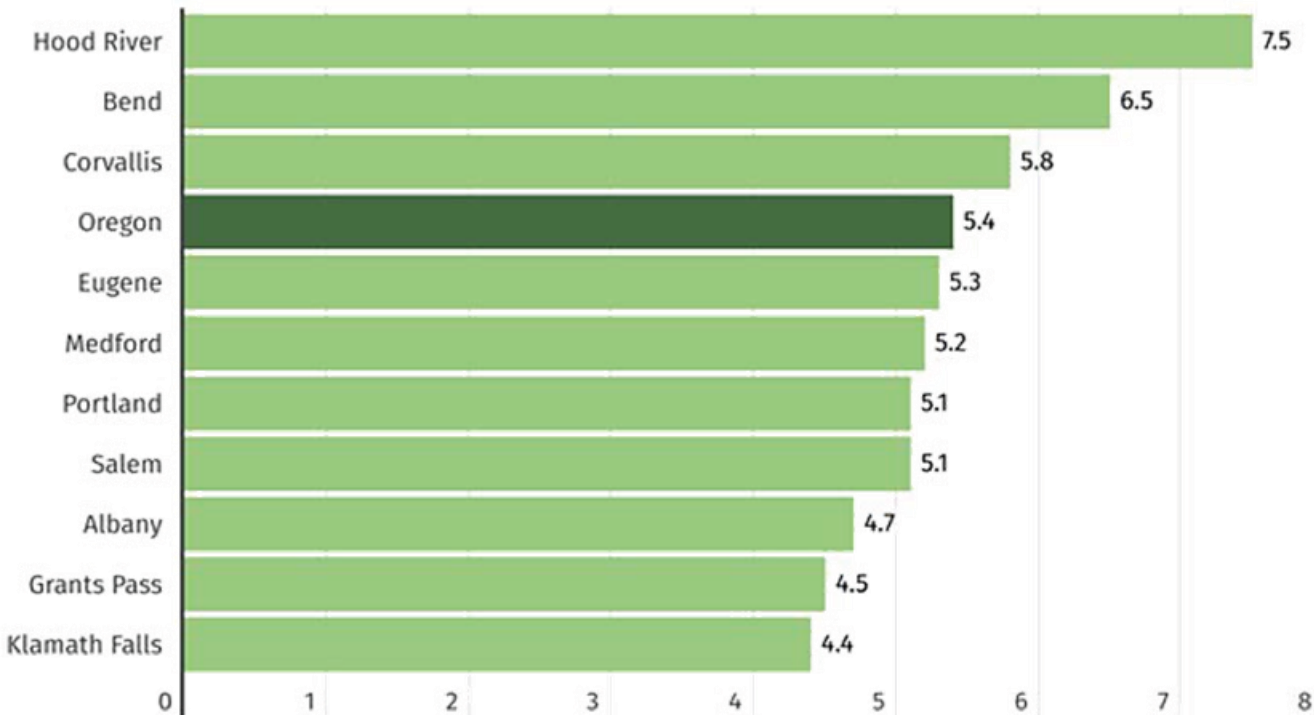
2025 Oregon Median Wage Information for Central Oregon

(Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties)



HOUSING REMAINS EXPENSIVE

Hood River and Bend were most expensive places to purchase home in 2023, high wages in Portland cushion housing affordability compared with other parts of the state



- *“Home affordability varies widely throughout the state, even when considering earnings. For instance, Hood River and Bend were the most expensive areas in which to buy a home in 2023, with home price-to-income ratios of 7.5 and 6.5, respectively, despite relatively high median family incomes in these areas [...]”*

- Oregon Housing and Community Services. (2024). *State of the state’s housing* (p. 20).

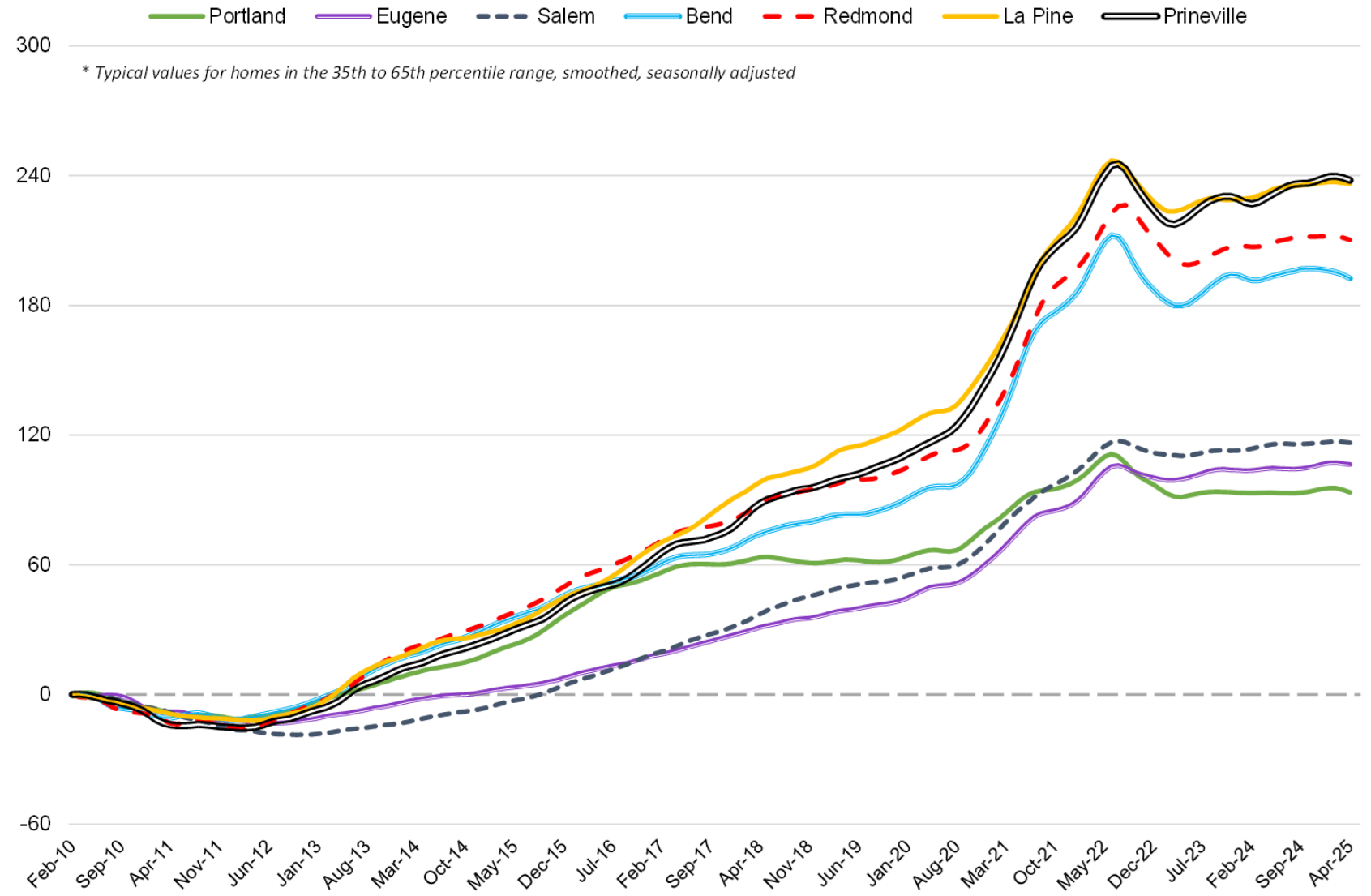
Source: OHCS Tabulation of National Association of Realtors MLS Data, Median Sales Price, Seasonally and Inflation Adjusted, 2014 – 2023; American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates S1901, 2014 – 2023; HUD, Median Family Income Limits, 2023

HOME PRICES AROUND THE STATE

Normalized *Home Value Growth in Select Oregon Cities Relative to 2010

Source: Oregon Employment Department and Zillow All Home Price Index

February 2010 - April 2025



CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONS REPRESENTED THE GROUP WITH THE 3RD MOST VACANCIES IN '24

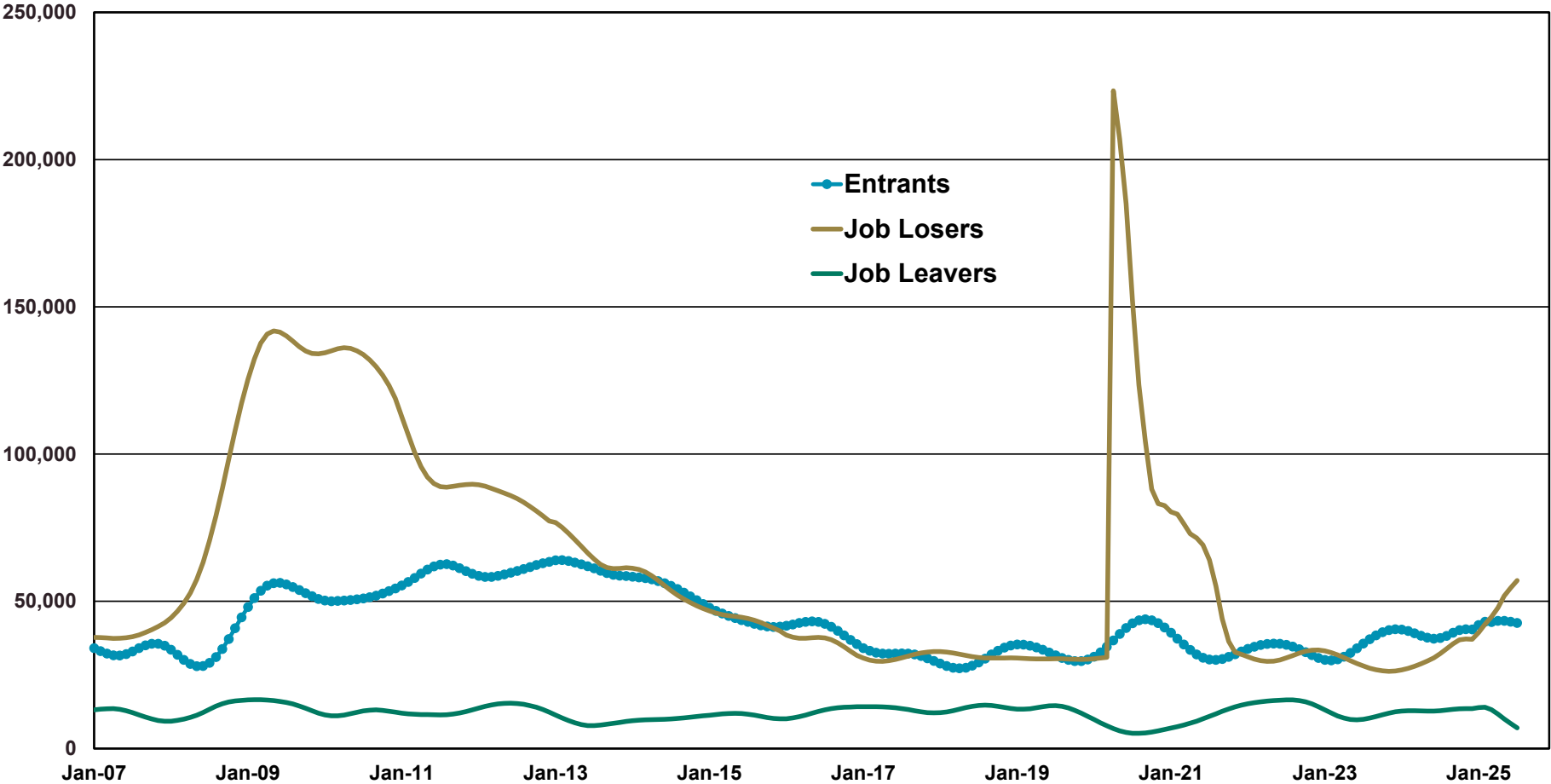
East Cascades Job Vacancies by Occupation Group, 2024

Occupation Group	Vacancies	Average Wage
All Occupations	5,941	\$22.68
Food Preparation and Serving Related	1,026	\$16.51
Production	589	\$19.82
Construction and Extraction	496	\$24.68
Health Care Practitioners and Technical	492	\$41.40
Sales and Related	405	\$22.35
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	401	\$24.78
Transportation and Material Moving	395	\$18.54
Community and Social Service	316	\$31.06
Health Care Support	307	\$20.53
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	266	\$19.78
Office and Administrative Support	244	\$19.65
Education, Training, and Library	204	\$19.26
Personal Care and Service	203	\$15.54
Protective Service	171	\$18.81
Management	152	\$25.20
Business and Financial Operations	84	\$33.68
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	80	\$20.47
Architecture and Engineering	52	\$35.96
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	50	\$14.20
Computer and Mathematical	8	n/a

Source: Oregon Employment Department

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT? WHY ARE OREGONIANS UNEMPLOYED?

Oregon Unemployment by Reason [Trend]



New or returning to the workforce
42,700 (40%)

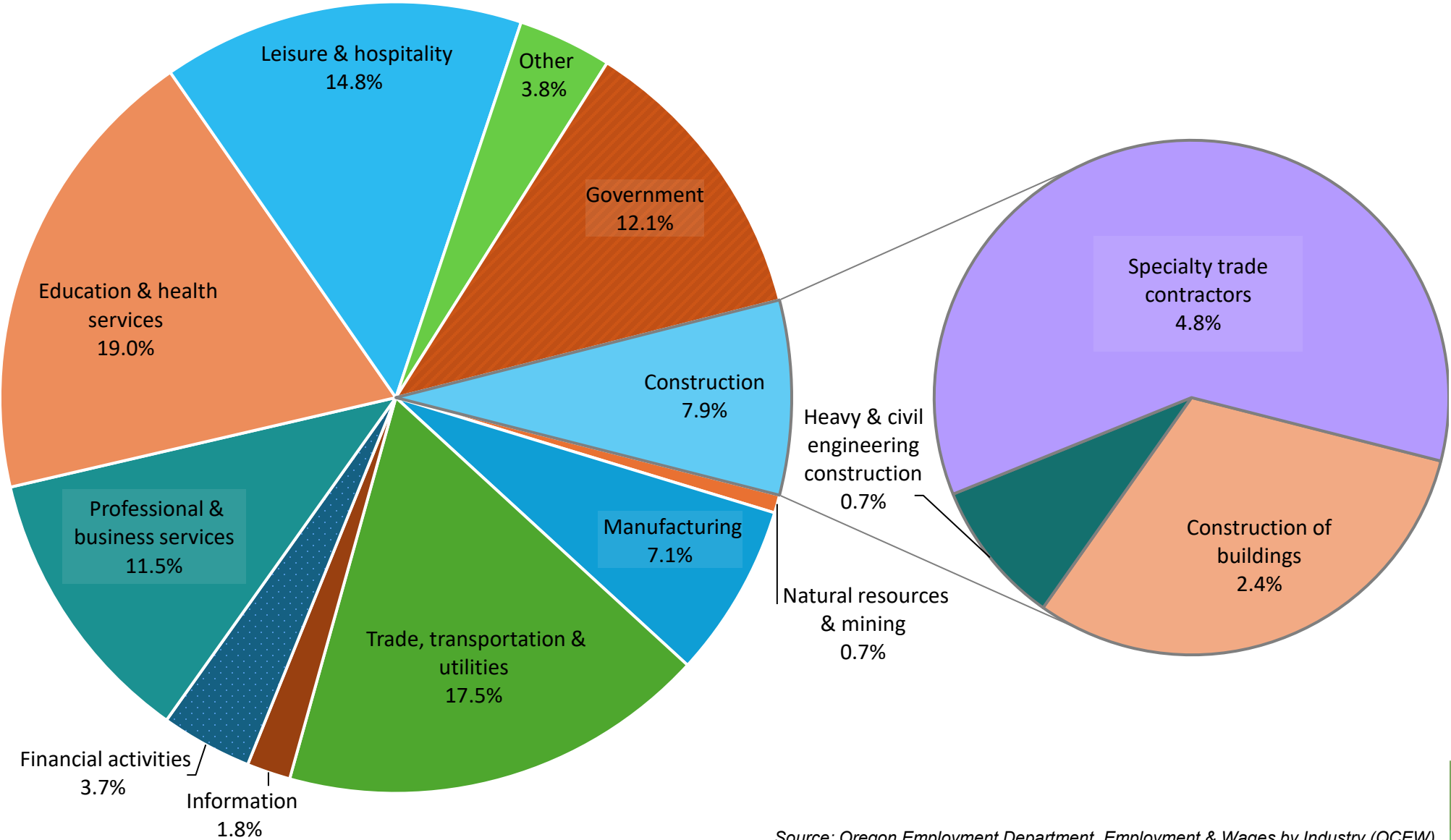
Lost job
57,100 (53%)

Left job voluntarily
7,000 (7%)

Source: Oregon Employment Department, Current Population Survey

IN Q1 OF 2025, CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYED 7.9% OF CENTRAL OREGON'S WORKFORCE

Average Share of **Covered Employment by Industry**,
Deschutes County, 1st Quarter 2025



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Employment & Wages by Industry (QCEW)

HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN A BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS (BLS) SURVEY? *PLEASE DO!*

BLS survey information is gathered to create data for businesses, jobseekers, workers and policy-makers about the economy including:

Employment*	Unemployment*	Occupational Wages*
Job vacancies*	Productivity	Occupational Employment*
Consumer spending patterns	Workplace injuries	Compensation
Long-term employment projections*	Employer-provided benefits	Price movements

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Thank you for helping us track the Oregon economy!

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