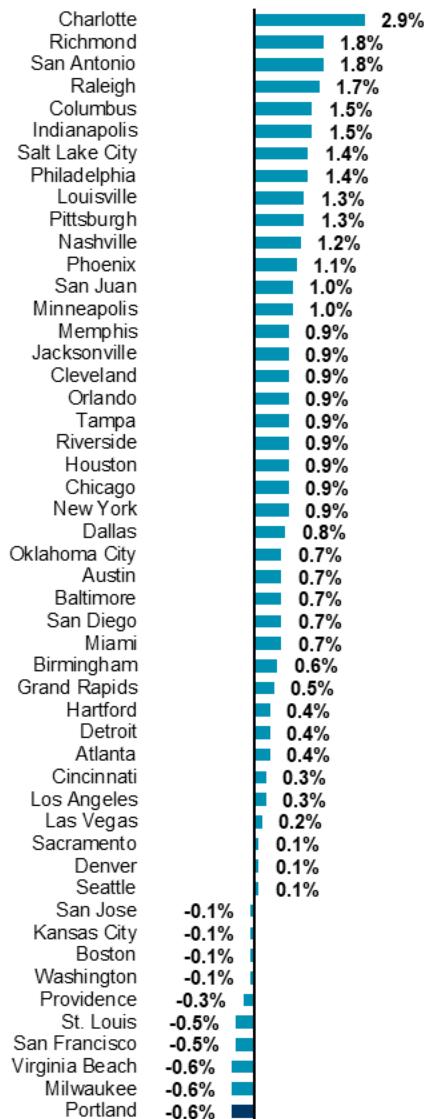


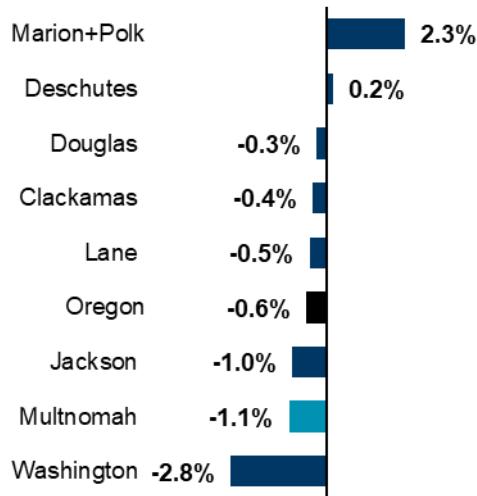
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Percentage Growth — Sep. 2024 to Sep. 2025



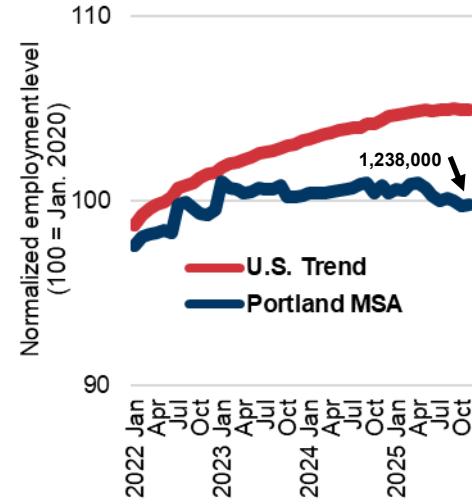
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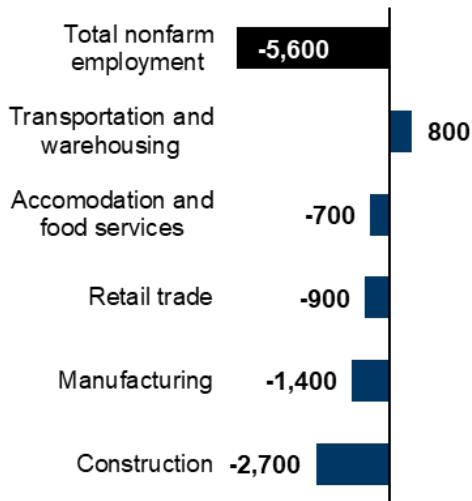
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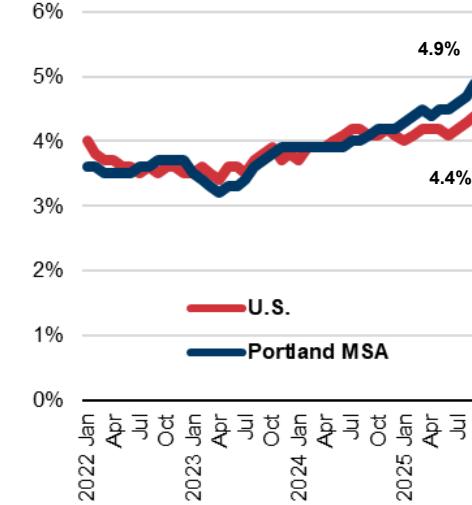
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Multnomah County, Sep. 2024 to Sep. 2025



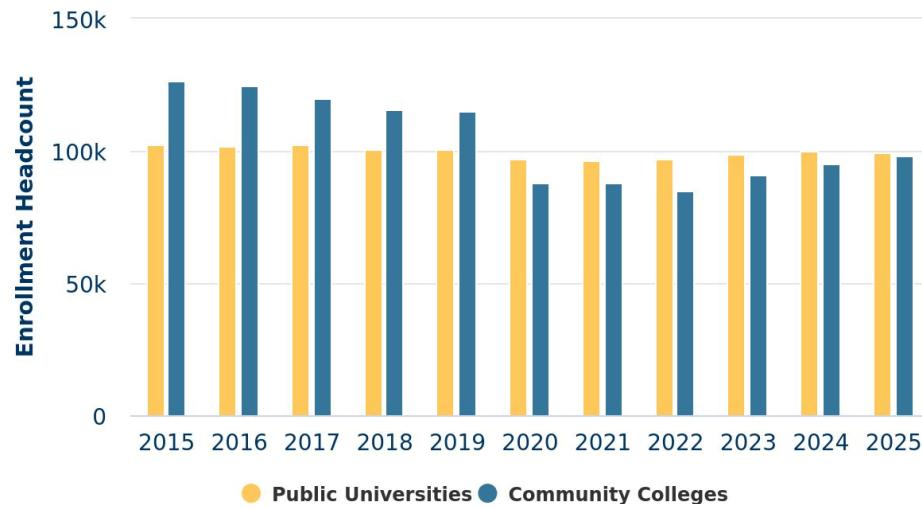
**Unemployment Rate Portland Metro**

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**Enrollment in Public Universities and Community Colleges**

Source: Oregon Employment Department, Higher Education Coordinating Commission



**Oregon Public Higher Education Enrollment Increased in 2025**

Public universities and community colleges benefit Oregon's economy by creating a more skilled and productive workforce, generating state and local tax revenue, driving local spending, and contributing to research and innovation. Enrollment in these institutions rose by 1.5% between 2024 and 2025, according to a new report by the Higher Education Coordination Commission, spurred by a 3.7% increase in community college enrollment. Public university enrollment fell slightly by 0.6%.

Enrollment was fairly evenly split between community colleges and universities in 2025. Around 98,400 students attended community colleges and 99,600 attended universities. Full time enrollment differed significantly, however. Just over a fifth of community college students attended community full-time as opposed to over four-fifths of university students.

Oregon's third largest public university, Portland State, saw enrollment dip by 773 to 19,697, continuing a decades-long decline. That represents a 3.8% drop over the year and 29.8% over the decade.

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