Economic Indicators

Job Growth by U.S. Metro
Percentage Growth - Jun. 2022 to Jun. 2023

Employment Growth by County
Jul. 2022 to Jul. 2023 - By County

Select Industry Gains and Losses
Multnomah County, Jul. 2022 to Jul. 2023

Unemployment Rate Portland Metro
Jan. 2020 through Jul. 2023 (Seasonally Adjusted)

Nearly Half of Multnomah County Residents Have a Bachelor’s Degree or More

Educational attainment is a baseline metric of the qualifications of the labor market. In Multnomah County, the population tends to have more education. Nearly one out of two people have attained a bachelor’s degree or higher.

However, educational attainment varies widely across the county. The western half of Multnomah County (split roughly at 82nd Ave.) has a significantly higher share of residents who have attained a bachelor’s degree or higher than the eastern part of the county. For instance, two out of three residents of Northwest & Southwest Portland have attained a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared with only one out of four residents of East Portland, Gresham, and Troutdale.