# Workforce Trends in Oregon

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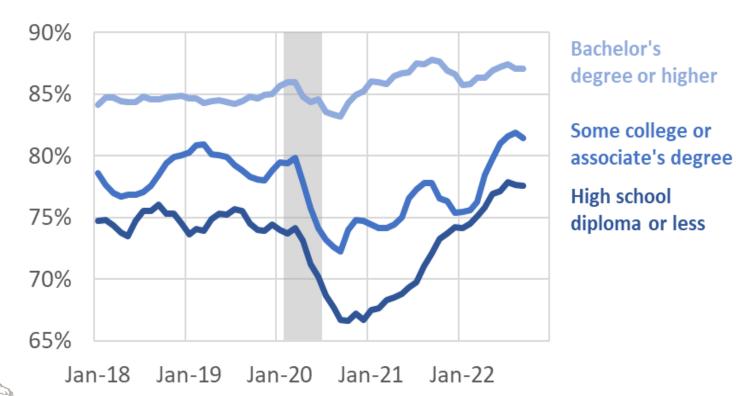
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## Labor market is recovered

### **The Workers Have Fully Returned**

Share of Prime-Age Oregonians (25-54) with a job



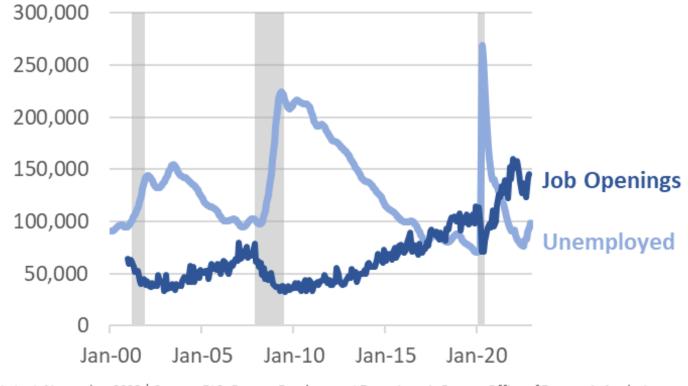
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# Labor market is tight

### **Oregon's Tight Labor Market**

In Nov there were 1.5 job openings for every unemployed Oregonian



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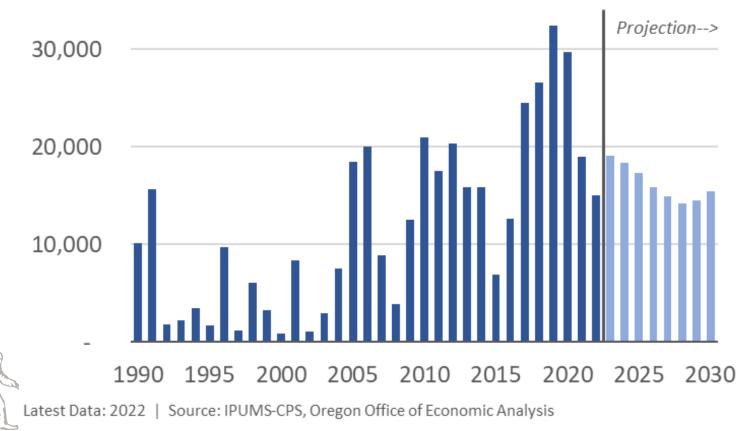
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# Labor market is *structurally* tight

### **Oregon Retirements**

Annual change in Oregonians 60+ years old not in the labor force



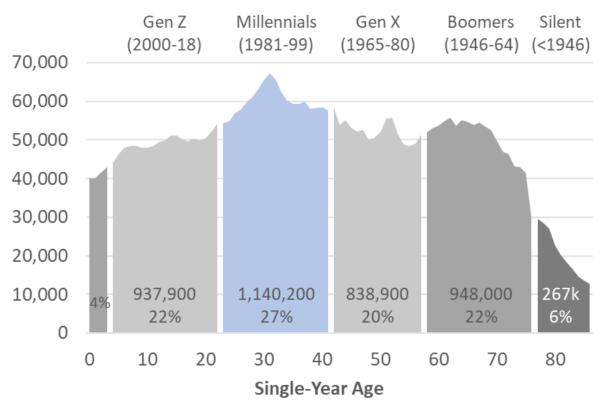
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- Structural labor challenges
  - Pandemic deaths
  - International migration
  - Demographics

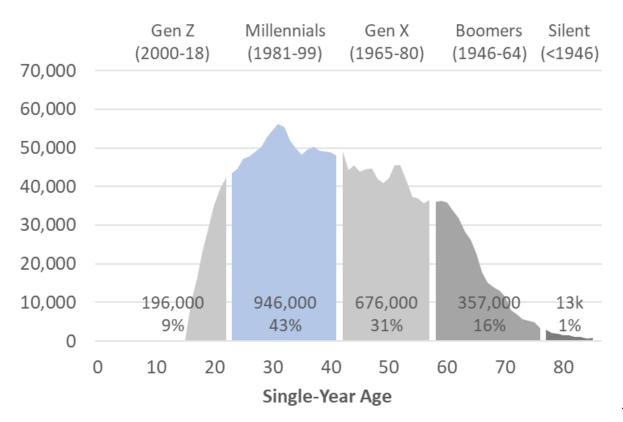


# Oregon's workforce demographics

#### Total Population by Age



#### Labor Force by Age

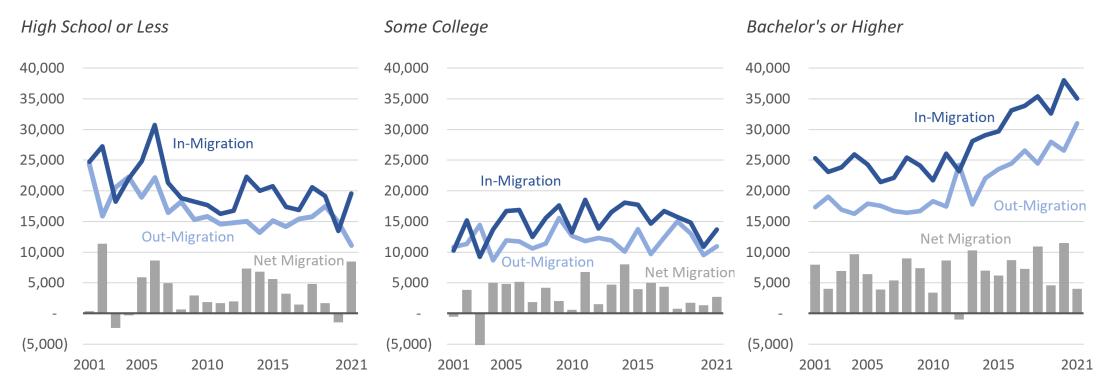




As of 2021, Oregon continued to see positive net migration of younger workers of all levels of educational attainment

### **Young Migration to Oregon**

Domestic migration among 22-44 year olds



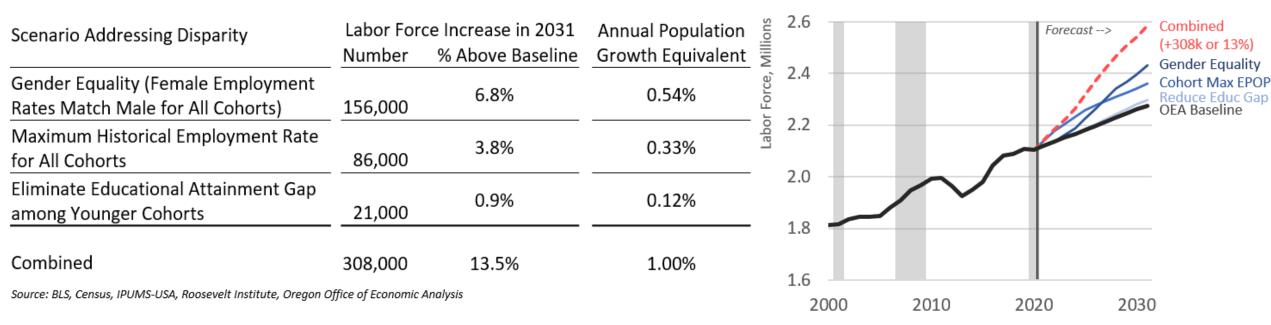
Data: ACS 1 Year Estimates | Source: IPUMS-USA, Oregon Office of Economic Analsyis



# Reducing historical disparities would increase the workforce

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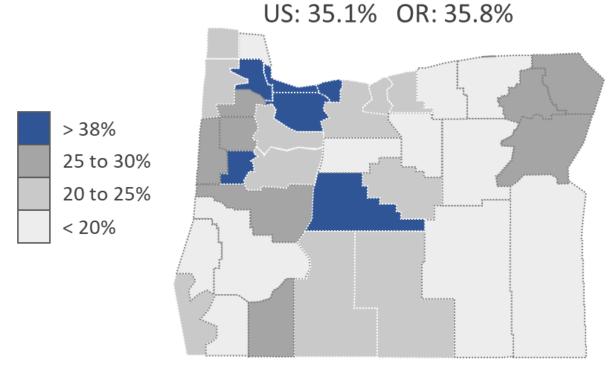




Longer-term economic growth about number of workers and productivity

### **Educational Attainment in Oregon**

Share of 25-64 year olds with a college degree



Types of Capital

- Financial
- Physical
- Natural
- Human
- Social





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