Workforce Trends in Oregon

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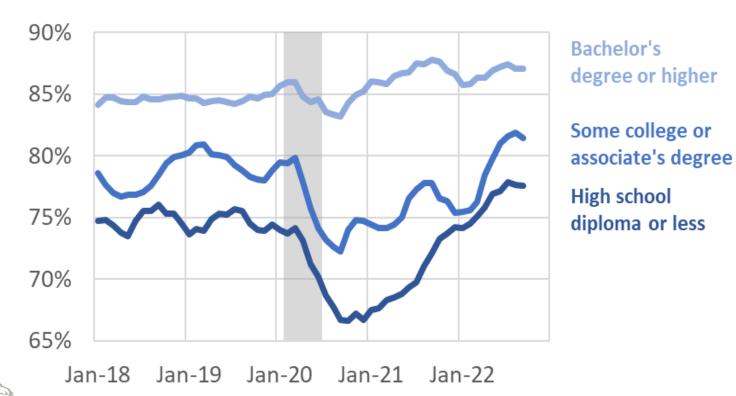
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Labor market is recovered

The Workers Have Fully Returned

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



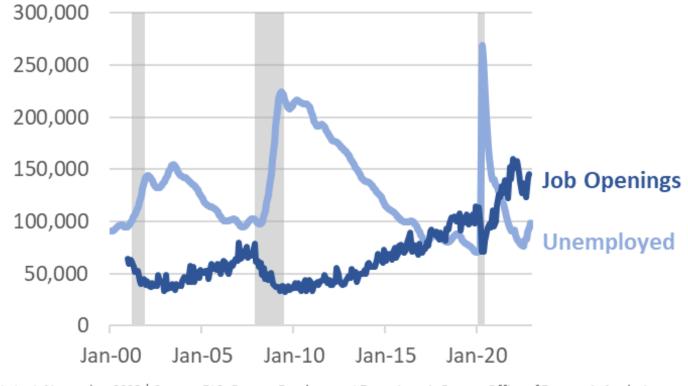
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Oregon's Tight Labor Market

In Nov there were 1.5 job openings for every unemployed Oregonian



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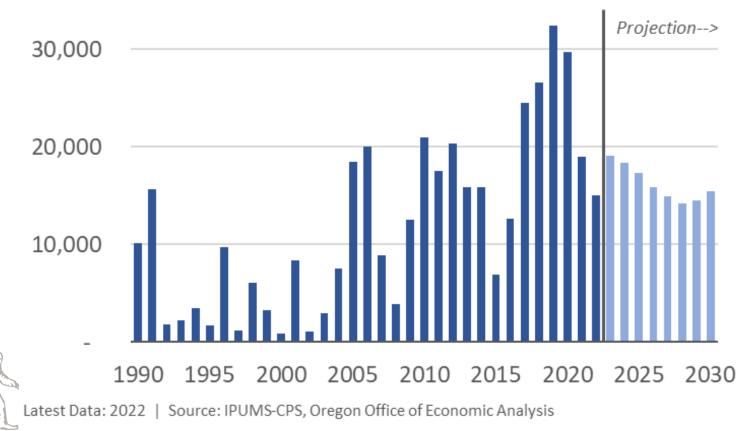
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Labor market is *structurally* tight

Oregon Retirements

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



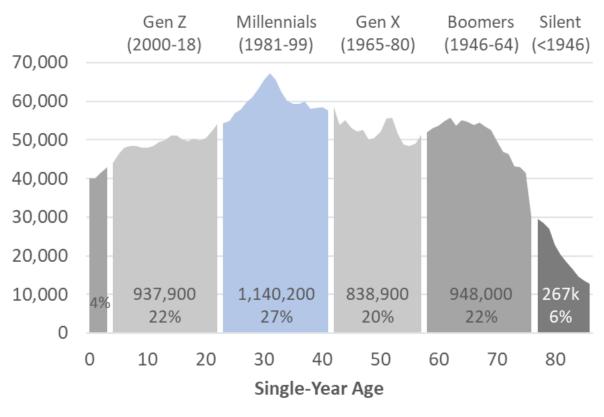
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- Structural labor challenges
 - Pandemic deaths
 - International migration
 - Demographics

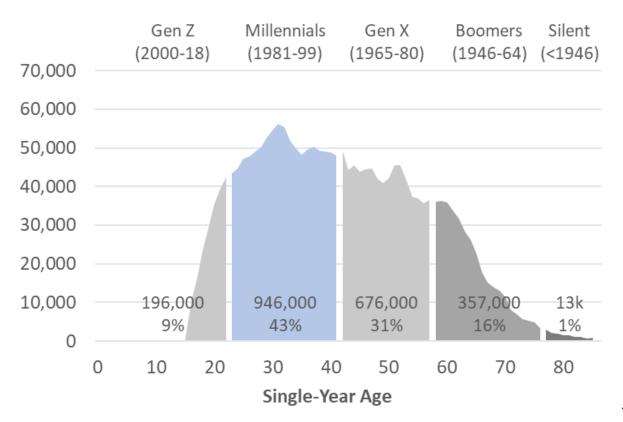


Oregon's workforce demographics

Total Population by Age



Labor Force by Age

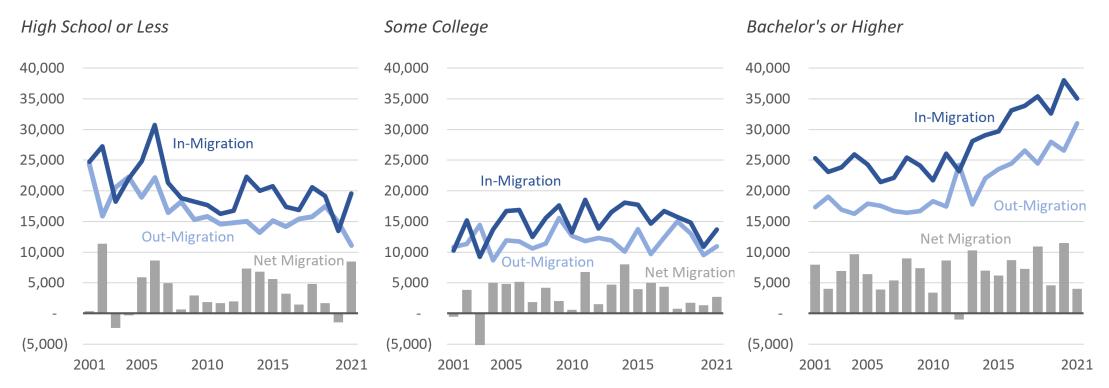




As of 2021, Oregon continued to see positive net migration of younger workers of all levels of educational attainment

Young Migration to Oregon

Domestic migration among 22-44 year olds



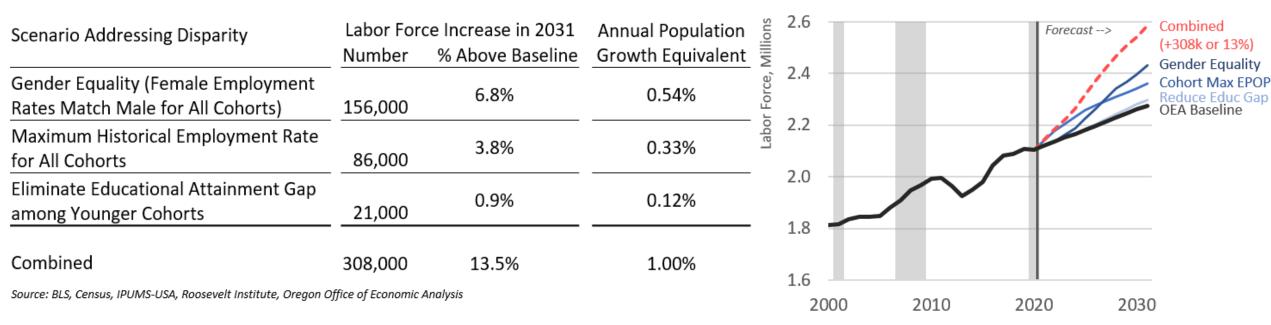
Data: ACS 1 Year Estimates | Source: IPUMS-USA, Oregon Office of Economic Analsyis



Reducing historical disparities would increase the workforce

Oregon's Latent Labor Force

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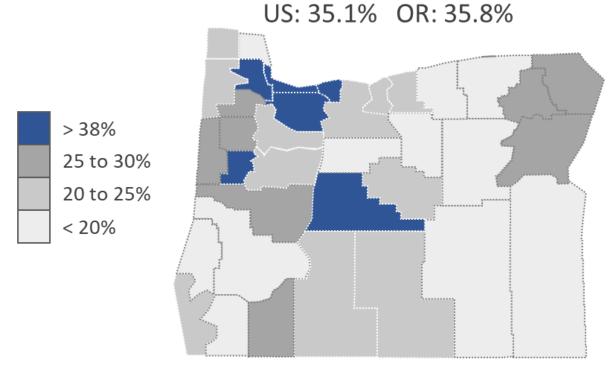




Longer-term economic growth about number of workers and productivity

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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