# Oregon's Economic and Revenue Forecast





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# Economic Outlook



### US Macro Forecast: Sluggish growth insufficient to stabilize unemployment



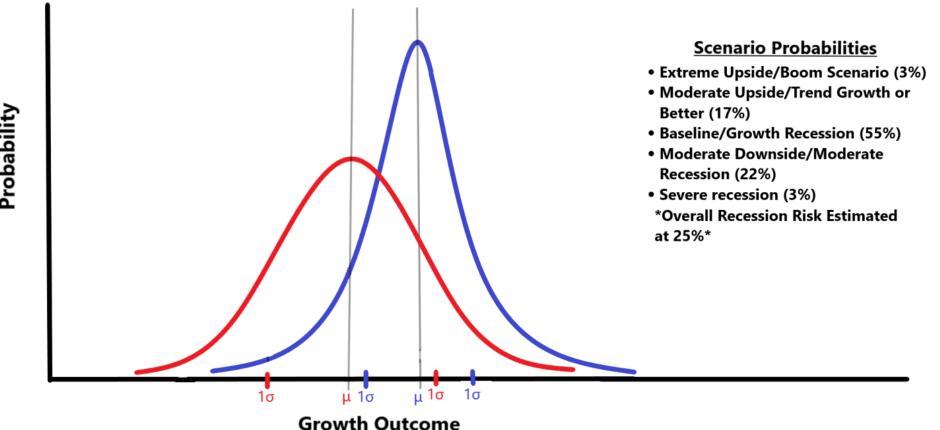
Consensus among forecasters anticipates a close brush with recession in 2025

- Inflation-adjusted growth (real GDP) slowing to 0.9% Q4/Q4
- *Inflation* accelerating to 3.5%
- Unemployment rising moderately to 4.6%
- Slower growth drives heighted recession risk
  - Consensus recession risk = 40%
  - OEA estimates at 25%
- Trade policy is a significant drag and source of uncertainty
- Fiscal policy could provide material offset
- Oregon economy tied to national trend, but more sensitive to manufacturing and trade trends

## Tail risks increase amid policy uncertainty



#### Normal Distribution Scenarios: Strong vs Weak



Probability

# Growth forecasts slip amid trade tensions



#### 2.5% 2.1% 2.0% 1.9% 2.0% Percent Change, Q4/Q4 1.8% 1.7% 1.6% 1.5% 0.9% 1.0% 0.8% 0.5% 0.0% 2025 2026

#### **GDP Growth Forecasts**

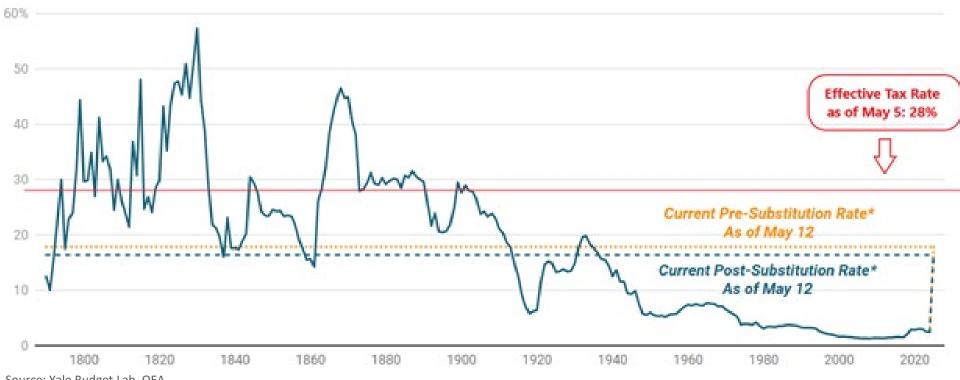
Federal Reserve S.E.P. - Dec. 2024
 Federal Reserve S.E.P.- Mar. 2025
 Private-Sector Survey Consensus (Bloomberg)
 S&P Forecast

<u>\*Consensus Risk of</u> <u>Recession</u> As of Dec. 2024: 25% As of Mar. 2025: 40%

## Tariff rates at generational high



### U.S Average Effective Tariff Rate Since 1790



Source: Yale Budget Lab, OEA

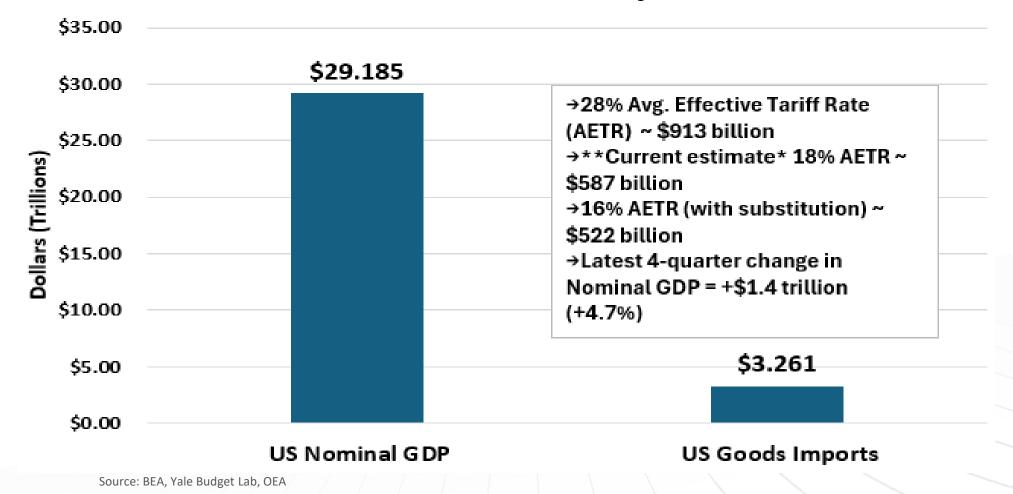
\* Assumes revised April 9 tariffs stay in place.

Chart: The Budget Lab · Source: Historical Statistics of the United States Ea424-434, Monthly Treasury Statement, Bureau of Economic Analysis, The Budget Lab analysis. • Created with Datawrapper

## The price tag of tariffs



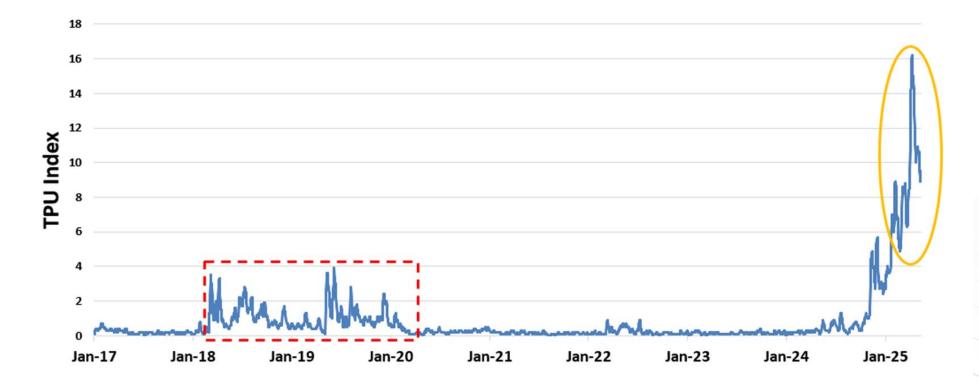
### 2024 US Nominal GDP and Import of Goods



# Tentative signs that tariff uncertainty has peaked

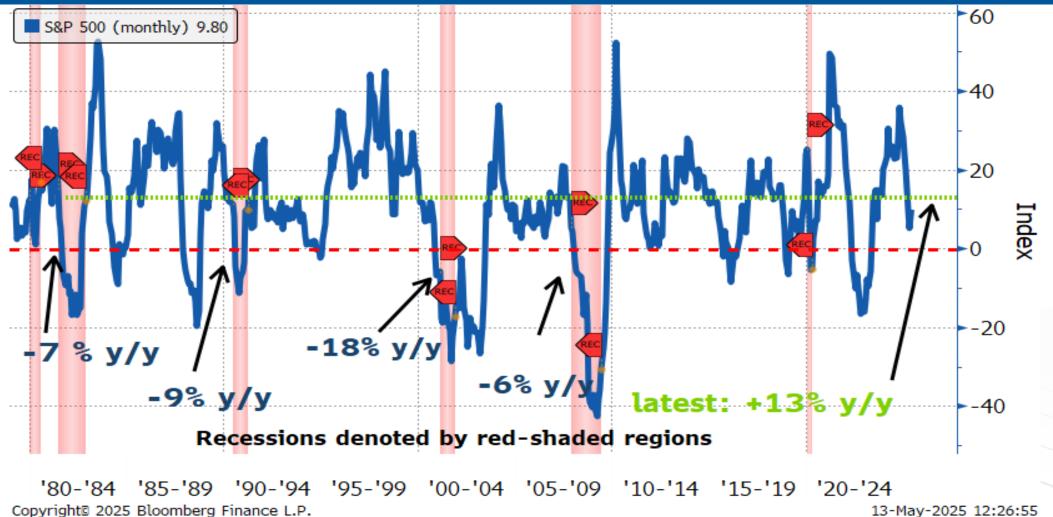


Bloomberg Economics Global Trade Policy Uncertainty (TPU)



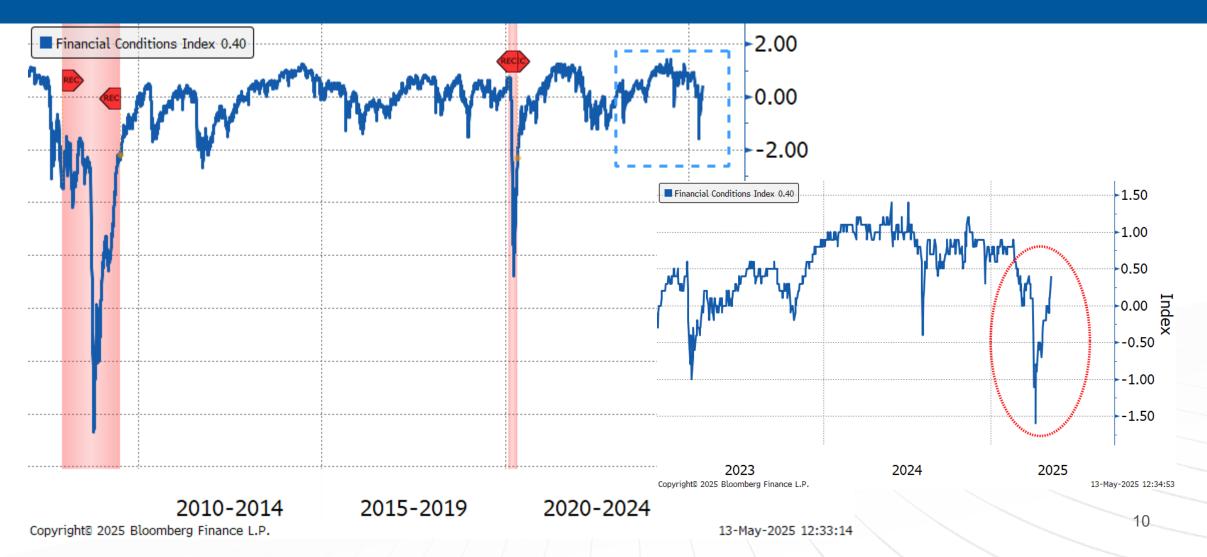
## Stocks say "No Recession"





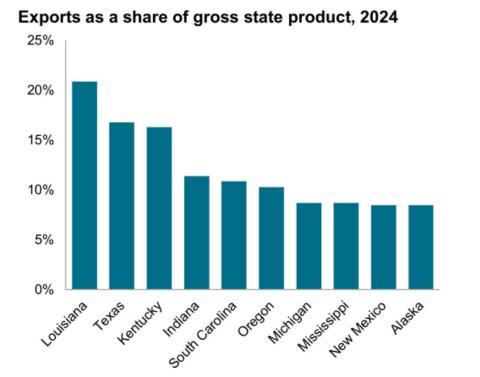
# Financial market stress has abated





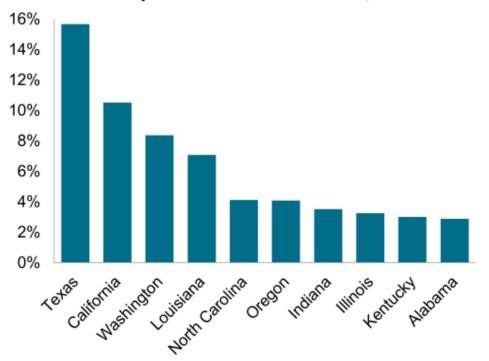
## Oregon Export Activity





Data compiled March 2025. Excludes agricultural products in Louisiana. Sources: US Census Bureau; S&P Global Market Intelligence. © 2025 S&P Global.

#### Share of US exports to mainland China, 2024

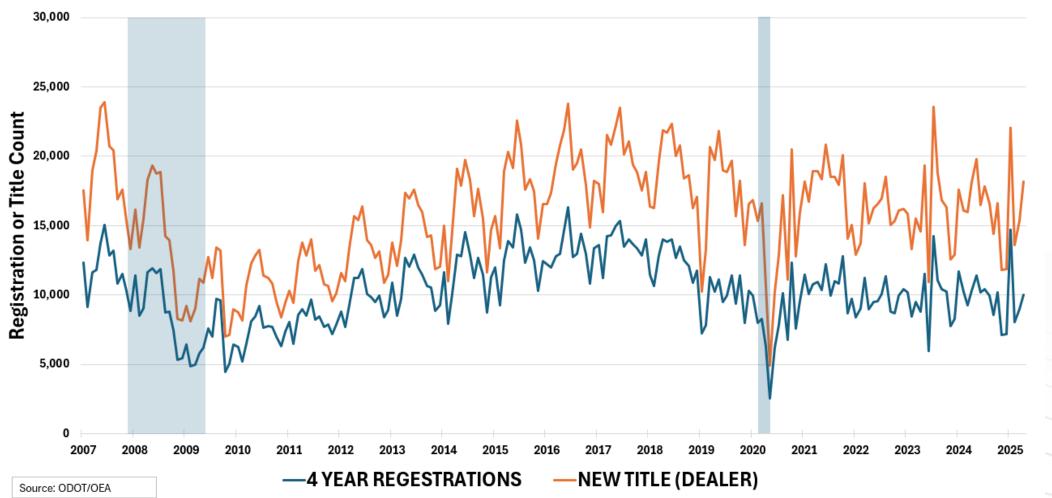


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# New vehicle purchases at odds with souring sentiment

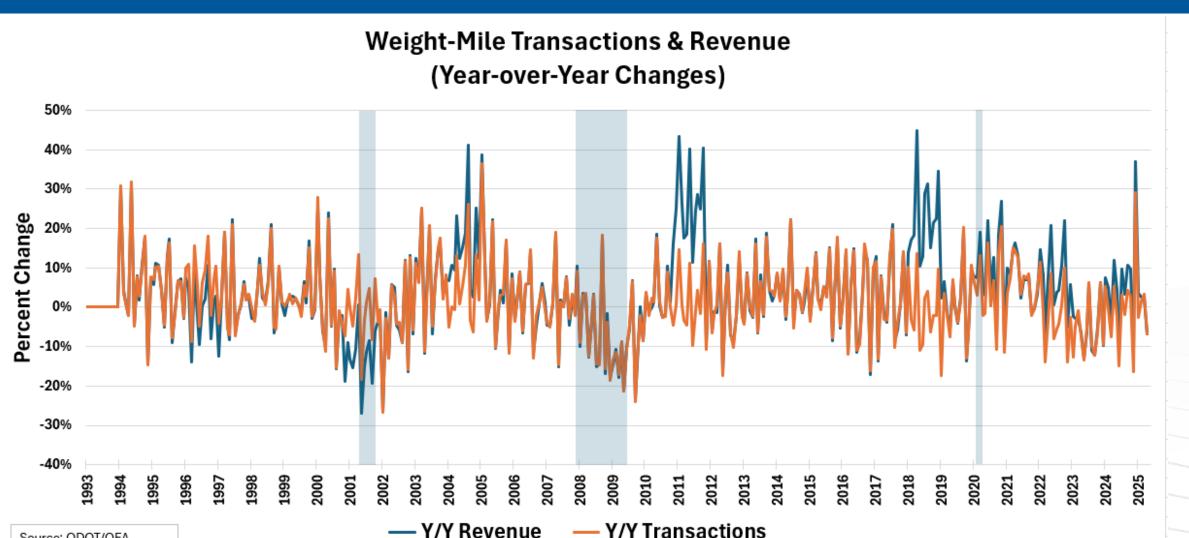


Oregon 4-Year Vehicle Registrations and New Titles



## Truck traffic cooling but not frozen



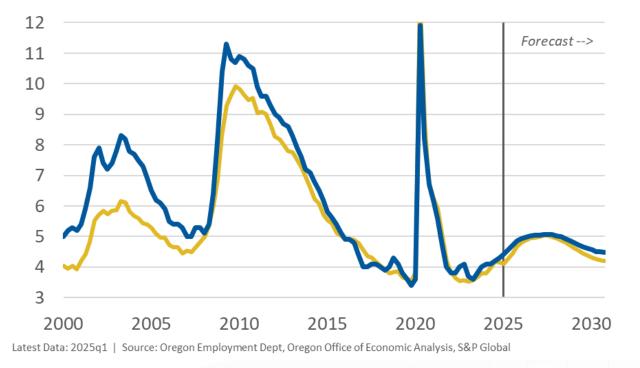


# Sluggish growth to drive gradual increase in unemployment



### **Unemployment Rate Comparison**

**Oregon** and **U.S.**, quarterly data



Oregon's unemployment rate has increased while U.S. remains steady.

Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.6% in March versus 4.1% in March 2024.

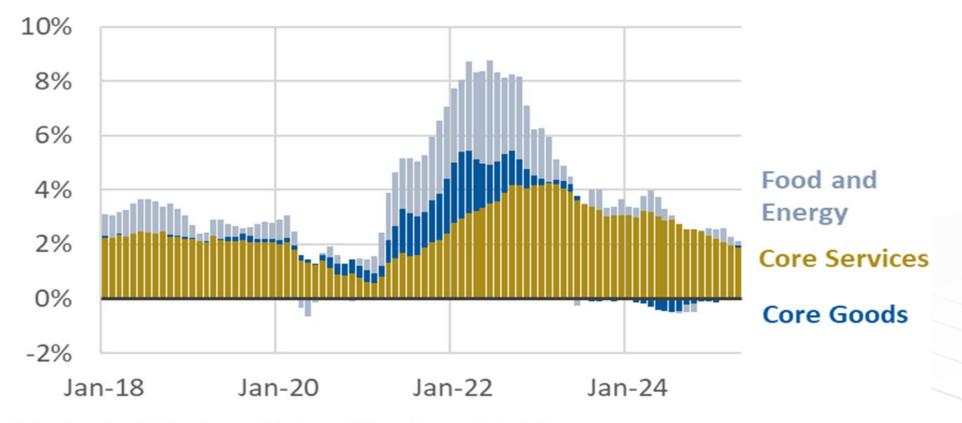
The U.S. unemployment rate was little changed at 4.2% in April (vs. 3.9% prior).

# Tariff pressures not yet evident in inflation statistics



### **Disinflation Progress has Stalled**

Decomposing Year-over-Year Change in the West Region Consumer Price Index



# Loss of growth momentum in OR over past year—will it continue?



Quarterly Data, Percent Change 15 12 9 Percent Change (YoY) Trade war 1.0 6 -9 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022 2024 US GDP Growth Oregon GDP Growth

### Oregon GDP trailed the US by an average of 1.2 percentage points in 2024.

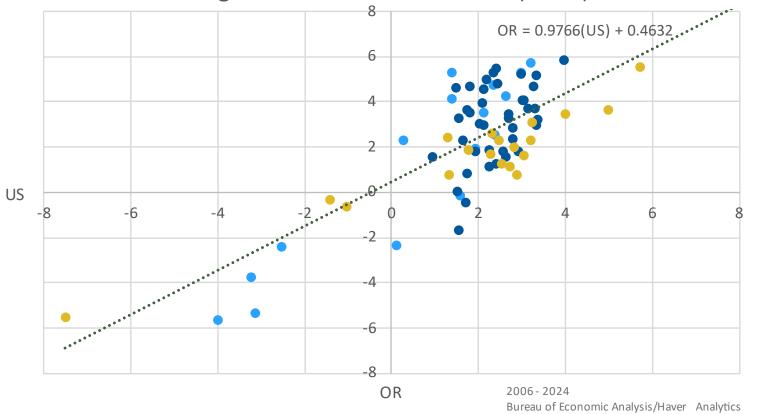
If this deviation continues, it suggest Oregon GDP stagnation in 2025.



# Oregon and US growth outcomes are intertwined



Oregon vs US Real GDP Growth (YoY%)

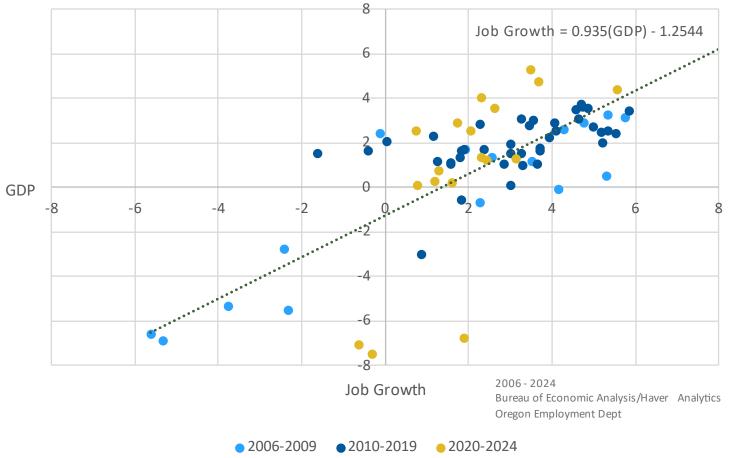


- Oregon's GDP growth meaningfully correlates with the U.S.
- Based on historical relationship, US GDP growth of 0.9% implies Oregon GDP growth of 1.3% for 2025.

## Oregon GDP and Job Growth



Oregon Real GDP Growth vs Oregon Job Growth (YoY%)



If Oregon GDP grows by 1% in 2025, state employment is likely to be little changed

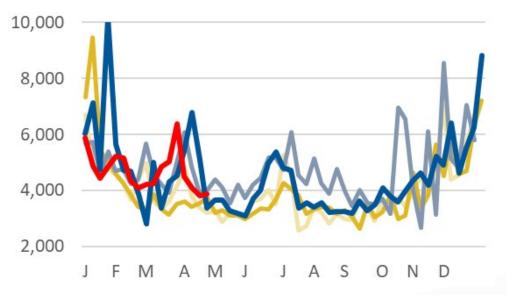
# Oregon labor conditions look stable, for now



### **Oregon Claims**

Unemployment insurance claims for **2018**, **2022**, **2023**, **2024**, **2025** 

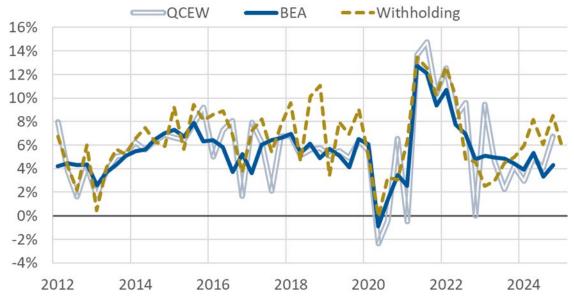
#### Initial Claims



Data: Not seasonally adjusted | Latest: April 26th, 2025, | Source: US Dept of Labor, Oregon Employment Department, OEA

### **Oregon Wage Growth**

Year-over-year percent change



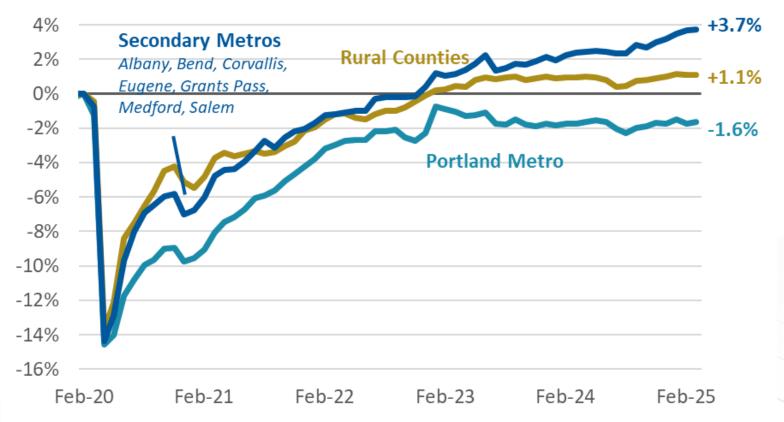
Latest Withholding 2025q1, Latest BEA 2024q4 and QCEW 2024q4 Source: BEA, Oregon Employment Dept, Oregon Dept of Revenue, Oregon Office of Economic Analysis

## Secondary Metros drive job creation



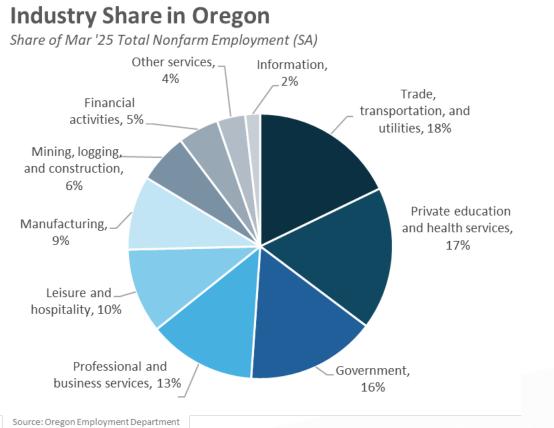
### **Oregon Employment: Urban and Rural**

Percent change from February 2020



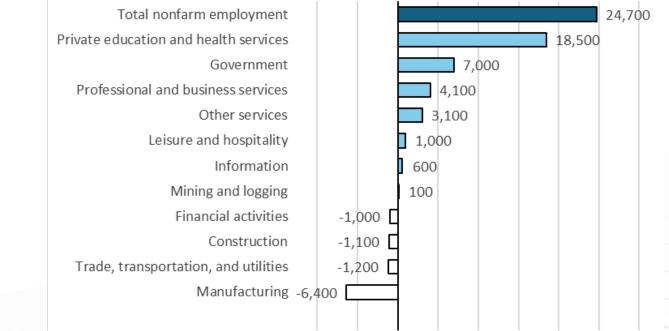
# Job growth concentrated in service sector





#### **Oregon Net Employment Change by Industry**

March 2024 to 2025, Seasonally Adjusted



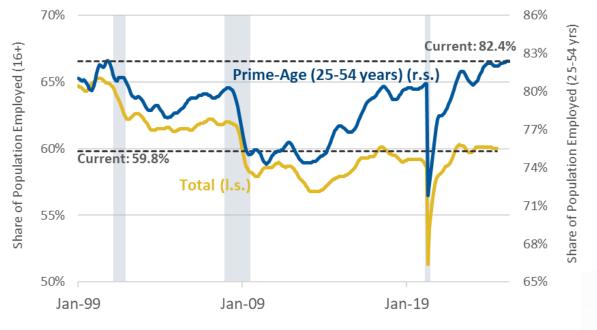
Source: Oregon Employment Department

## Labor engagement a source of strength



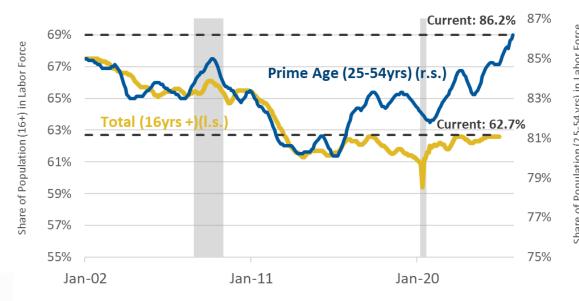
#### **Oregon Employment to Population Ratio**

Share of 25-54 year olds with a job (Prime-Age EPOP) and Total EPOP



#### **Oregon Labor Force Participation Rate**

Share of Oregonians working or actively looking for work by age group



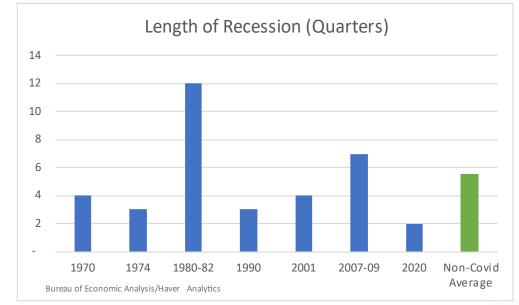
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## **Recession Characteristics**



- Since 1970, recessions have lasted about
  5.5 quarters on average.
- The 1980 and 2008 recessions were the longest and most severe.
- During a recession, Oregon real personal income tends to decrease in line with the national average.
- Oregon employment tends to drop more than the national average.

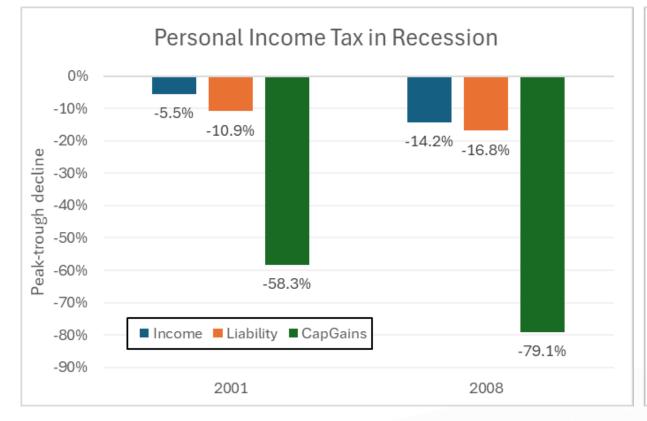


Non-COVID Avg	U.S.	Oregon
Income	-2.4%	-2.6%
Employment	-2.3%	-4.5%
Unemployment	2.76	3.28
Initial Claims	64.8%	54.5%
Continued Claims	83.6%	94.6%

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## Revenues during Recessions





Corporate Income Tax in Recession 0% -10% -10.1% -20% decline -24.0% -30% Peak-trough -33.8% -34.5% -40% -37.6% -40.2% -50% Liability -60% Net Receipts -70% U.S. Corporate Profits -80% 2008 2001

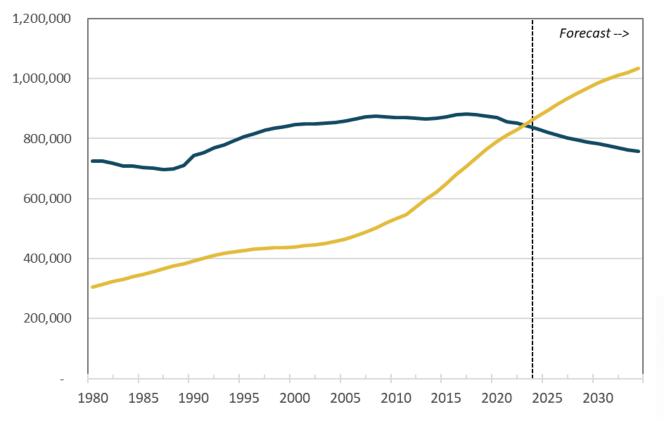
All two (tax) years in duration, except for 2001 Corporate which lasted three years (2000-2002).

## Demographic shift ahead



### **Oregon Demographic Shift**

Children <18 and 65+ Population

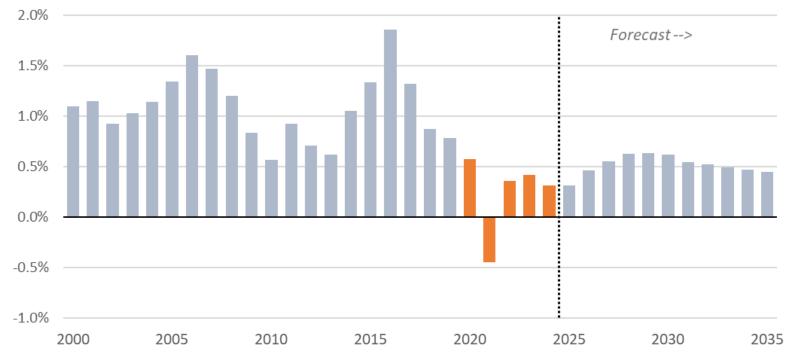


- In 1980, the number of children were over twice the number of people 65yrs +.
- Now, the number of people 65+ outnumber the number of children.
- School enrollment will continue to decline and care/assistance for aging population will increase

# Longer-term outlook depends on demographic trend

### **Oregon Population Growth**

Annual change in total state population History/Forecast and PSU Estimates



Population growth for Oregon has been revised lower

Forecast – based on PSU's estimates

 Population expected to grow by average of 0.5% through 2035.

Latest: 2024 | Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Portland State Research Center, Oregon Office of Economic Analysis

# Revenue Update



## Bottom line (change from Q1)



- 2023-25 Biennium
  - Revenues decreased \$162.3 million
  - Net Expenditures up \$248.9 million
  - Ending Balance projected \$2.17 billion
- 2025-27 Biennium
  - Revenues decreased \$334.2 million
  - Beginning balance down \$414.0 million
  - Available resources decreased \$755.7 million

## Personal Income Tax Update



Personal Income Tax* Forecast				
Tax Year <b>2024</b>	Q1 Forecast	Change		
Wages & Salaries	6.7% 5.7%		-1.0%	
Dividends	9.0% 15.0%		6.0%	
Capital Gains	35.0%	50.0%	15.0%	
Retirement	6.8%	11.1%	4.3%	
Schedule E	10.0%	5.0%	-5.0%	
Total Income	8.5%	9.6%	1.1%	
Liability	11.6%	10.4%	-1.2%	
* Full-year filers only.				

- Compositional changes relative to prior assumptions.
- Total Income and Liability little changed
- Reconciliation (Tax return payments and refunds) tracking closely to forecast.

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Personal Income Tax Forecast				
Tax Year <b>2025</b>	Q1 Forecast	Change		
Wages & Salaries	5.5%	4.5%	-1.0%	
Dividends	5.0%	-5.0%	-10.0%	
Capital Gains	3.0%	-9.0%	-12.0%	
Retirement	5.0%	8.1%	3.1%	
Schedule E	2.0%	-5.0%	-7.0%	
Total Income	4.7%	3.0%	-1.7%	
Liability	5.6%	4.1%	-1.5%	
* Full-year filers only.				

- Major downward revision in employment, market and business income
- Total Income and Liability are well below normal growth.

## Modest effect in 2023-25



### 2023-25 General Fund Revenue Statement

		May 2025 Forecast	Change from Prior Forecast	Change from COS Forecast
Revenues	s (millions)			
	Personal Income Tax*	\$22,322.9	-\$146.3	\$1,340.3
	Corporate Income Tax*	\$3,009.8	-\$80.9	\$872.5
	All Other Revenues	\$2,275.9	\$59.8	\$264.6
NetGener	ral Fund	\$27,608.7	-\$167.5	\$2,477.4
Beginning	Balance	\$8,084.8	\$2.3	\$591.3
Proj. Expe	enditures	-\$33,256.2	-\$248.9	-\$1,550.7
Projected	Ending Balance*	\$2,172.5	-\$414.0	\$1,518.0
* includes o	offsets and RDF transfers			

- Personal Income Tax:
  - Withholding and Estimated Payments revised down
- Corp:
  - Estimated payments tracking negative
- Other
  - Estate Taxes revised upward
- Spending changes

## Modest impact next biennium:



### 2025-27 General Fund Revenue Statement

		May 2025 Forecast	Change from Prior Forecast
Revenues	(millions)		
	Personal Income Tax*	\$30,235.8	-\$530.9
	Corporate Income Tax*	\$3,291.7	\$23.6
	All Other Revenues	\$2,043.1	\$170.2
NetGeneral Fund		\$35,570.6	-\$337.1
Beginning E	Balance	\$2,172.5	-\$414.0
Available R	esources*	\$37,408.4	-\$755.7

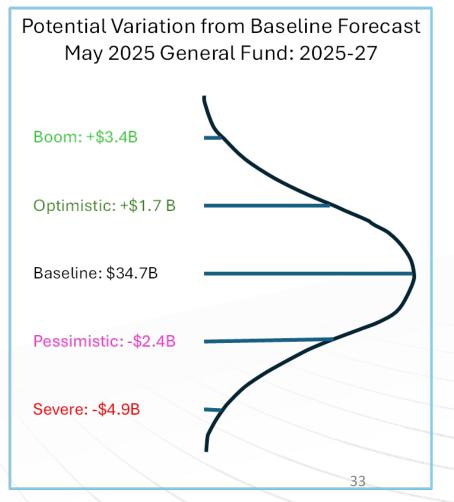
- Personal Income Tax
  - Capital Gains and Business Income declines in 2025
- Corporate
  - Profile differs, net revenue little changed
- Other
  - Remodeled Estate Tax increased

\* includes offsets and RDF transfers

## Multiple potential outcomes

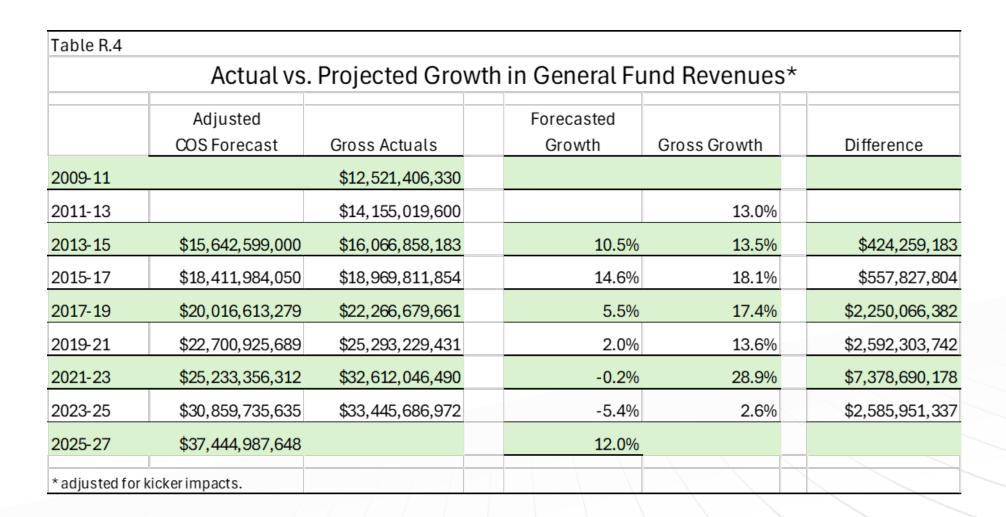


	Ger	neral Fund F	Revenue* S	Scenarios		
(millions)		2023-25	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31	2031-33
Boom (3%)	Revenues	\$33,445.7	\$40,815.0	\$45,100.6	\$50,873.5	\$57,080.1
	Growth		22.0%	10.5%	12.8%	12.2%
Optimistic (17%)	Revenues	\$33,445.7	\$39,130.0	\$43,825.6	\$48,997.0	\$54,680.7
	Growth		17.0%	12.0%	11.8%	11.6%
Baseline (55%)	Revenues	\$33,445.7	\$37,445.0	\$41,542.6	\$46,081.0	\$51,118.4
	Growth		12.0%	10.9%	10.9%	10.9%
Pessimistic (22%)	Revenues	\$33,445.7	\$35,011.1	\$39,912.6	\$44,622.3	\$49,798.5
	Growth		4.7%	14.0%	11.8%	11.6%
Severe (3%)	Revenues	\$33,445.7	\$32,577.1	\$36,812.2	\$42,886.2	\$48,118.3
	Growth		-2.6%	13.0%	16.5%	12.2%



\* Adjusted for kicker credits.

## Historical Forecast Perspective



## Non-GF Revenues



#### 2023-25 Non-GF Revenue Statement

	May 2025 Forecast	Change from Prior Forecast	Change from COS Forecast
Source of Revenue (millions)			
Lottery	\$1,851.5	-\$8.3	\$18.5
Corp. Activity Tax	\$2,714.0	-\$21.8	-\$43.8
Marijuana	\$287.0	-\$4.8	-\$11.5
Total Other Revenues	\$4,852.5	-\$34.9	-\$36.8

		May 2025 Forecast	Change from Prior Forecast
Source of F	Revenue (millions)		
	Lottery	\$1,885.3	-\$36.7
	Corp. Activity Tax	\$3,048.1	-\$44.4
	Marijuana	\$301.3	-\$7.6
Total Other	Revenues	\$5,234.6	- <mark>\$</mark> 88.8

- Lottery:
  - Video decreased
- CAT tracking lower; outlook revised downward
- Marijuana slight decrease.

## Reserve situation healthy

### **Oregon Budgetary Reserves**

Source: Oregon Office of Economic Analysis

#### Education Stability Fund | Rainy Day Fund | General Fund Ending Balance

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#### Effective Reserves (\$ millions)

30%

25%

20%

15%

10%

5%

0%

	End of	Estimated
	2023-25	2025-27
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ESF	\$1,008	\$1,237
RDF	\$1,906	\$2,540
Reserves	\$2,915	\$3,777
% of GF	10.6%	10.6%
Ending		
Balance	\$2,172	\$500
Total	\$5,087	\$4,277
% of GF	18.4%	12.0%





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