# Oregon's Economic Outlook





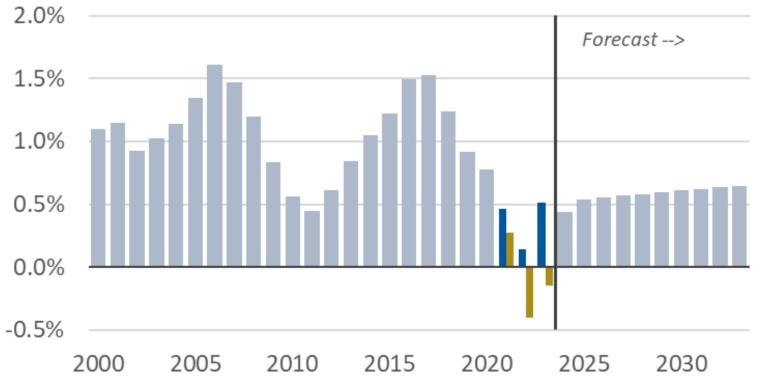
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# Population: Growth slowly returns



## **Oregon Population Growth**

Annual change in total state population OEA History and Forecast, Portland State Estimates, Census Estimates



Latest: 2023 | Source: Census, Portland State Population Research Center, Oregon Office of Economic Analysis

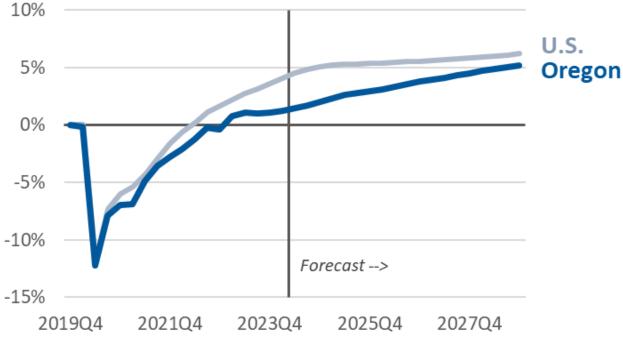
- Migration is the primary reason Oregon grows faster than the U.S. It allows local businesses to hire and expand at a faster rate
- 2023 population estimates differed again with PSU up, Census down
  - Losses driven by out-migration across most socio-economic groups, except 18-24 yr olds
- Forecast
  - Migration has historically been pro-cyclical
  - Total growth slower in part due to deaths outnumbering birth
  - Average annual growth 2023-2033 is 0.6%
- Developed a Zero Migration demographic alternative scenario

# Labor Market: Slower job growth, and higher participation rates



## Job Growth Since the Pandemic

Percent change in employment from 2019q4



Latest Data: 2024q1 | Source: BLS, Oregon Office of Economic Analysis

### **Oregon's Labor Force Participation**

Share of all Oregonians 16 years and older with a job or looking for work



Latest Actual: April 2024 | Source: BLS, Census, Oregon Office of Economic Analsyis

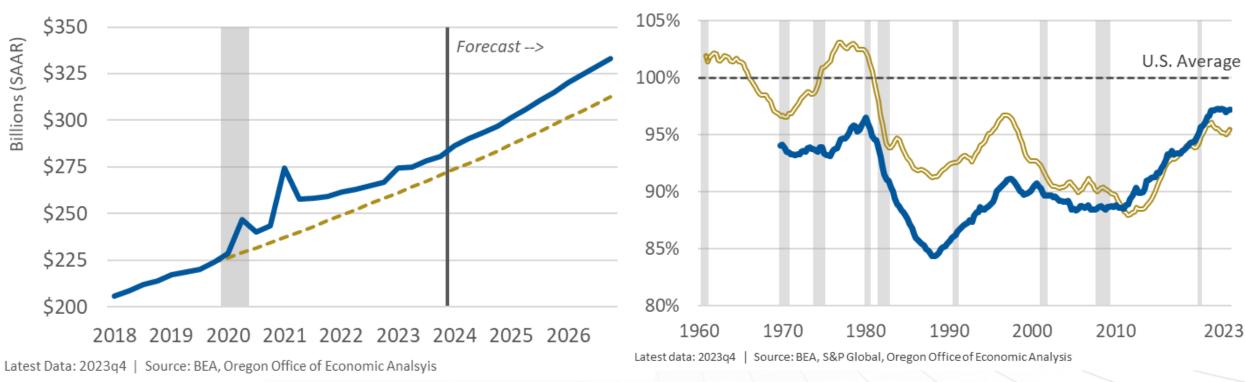
## Income: Faster nominal growth, and stronger relative gains



## **Oregon Personal Income**

#### **Current Forecast | Pre-Pandemic Forecast**

#### **Oregon Income, Share of U.S. Average** Per Capita Personal Income | Average Wage

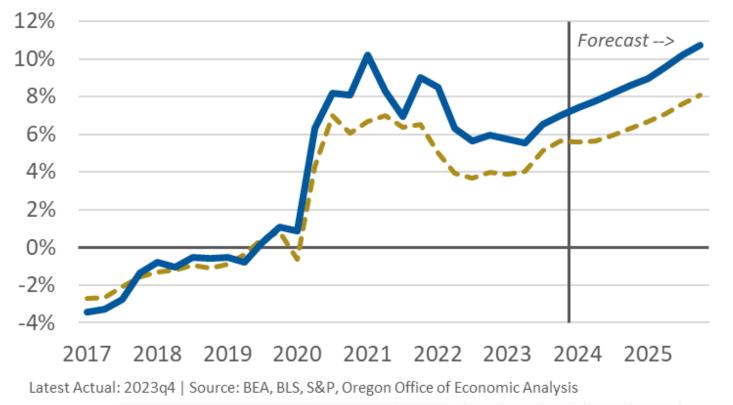


# Capital investment takes on even greater importance in years ahead



## **Real GDP per Worker**

Percent change since 2019 in U.S. and Oregon

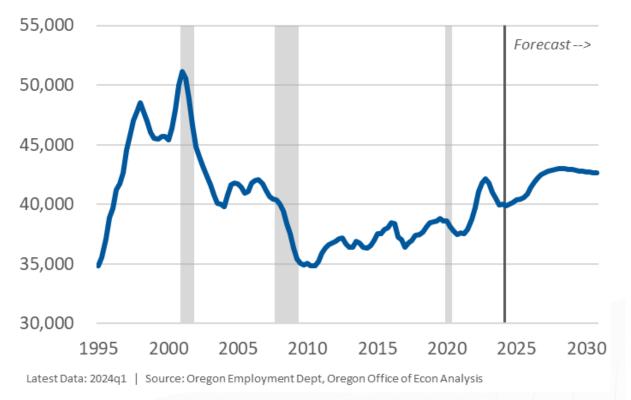


- Oregon's above average productivity gains offset middle of the pack population and labor gains so far this cycle
- 5 Types of Capital: Financial, Human, Natural, Physical, Social
- Reasons productivity should be better include the tight labor market, increase in start-ups, federal investment, and potential of generative AI

# Federal investment and CHIPS

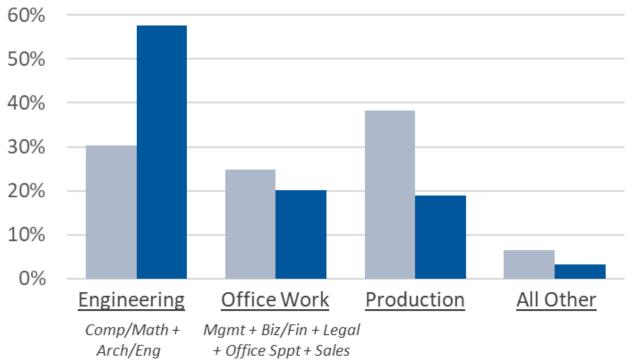


### Oregon Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing Employment



## **Semiconductor Workforce**

Share of all jobs by occupation in the United States, and Oregon

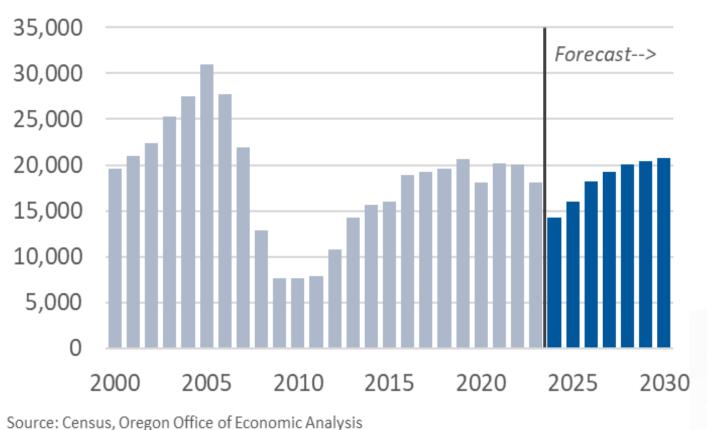


Data: 2023 | Source: BLS, Oregon Office of Economic Analysis

# Housing supply matters



## **Oregon Housing Starts**



- Oregon has historically underbuilt housing
- Industry running into supply side constraints
- Affordability hurts low-income households the most, and slows future growth
- During the pandemic, household formation boomed even with a stagnant population. "Missing households" have now formed, lowering underproduction. Relative prices have adjusted across states.
- Outlook
  - Near-term decline due to high rates & afford.
  - Long-term tied to population & demographics
  - Public policy now designed to increase production, and improve affordability, which could revive lost migration patterns

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