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2025 Economic Reference and Agency Services Guide - by legislative district

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OVERVIEW

- OED's goal was to introduce/re-introduce the agency to Oregon's legislative body at the beginning of the 2025 Session in February
- Relationship-building is key to government relations work and demonstrating that state agencies are neutral non-partisan partners helps establish credibility
- Oregon's Legislature has semi-annual long Legislative Sessions which last 6 months
- There are 90 different legislative districts in Oregon (60 House Districts, and 30 Senate Districts)
- Member changes are common after each election
- OED's guide was a valuable tool in helping establish positive working relationships with legislators and their staff
- The 6-month long project to complete the guide required partnership and extensive internal collaboration



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- Showcase Oregon's unique capacity to provide wage and employment data for custom geographies
- Highlight OED's detailed analysis of statewide and local economies
- Deliver information about other OED services offered by district (e.g. job listings and placements, unemployment benefit recipients and benefits paid, and Paid Leave Oregon benefit recipients and benefits paid)
- Share key demographic and economic circumstances by district on the front page of the packet
- Provide contact information for OED's regional economists and state labor economist

DATA

6 data sets:

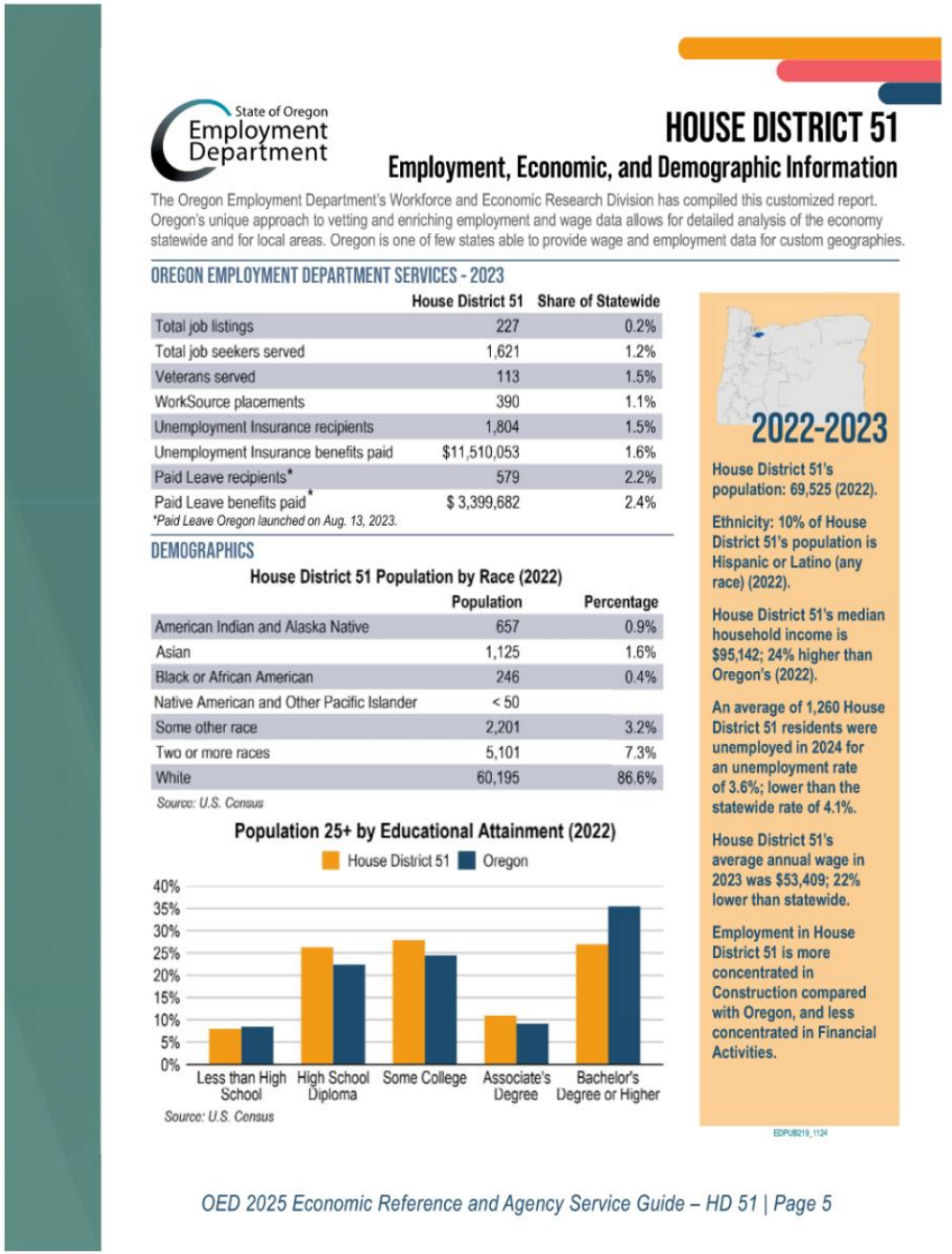
- 1 external (Census)
- 5 internal (agency-wide):
  - ➢ 2 within the Workforce and Economic Research Division:
    - Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)
    - Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)
  - ➢ 3 outside Workforce and Economic Research:
    - Unemployment Insurance
    - Workforce Operations (re-employment services)
    - Paid Leave Oregon

➡ An LMI 2-pager with charts, tables, text for 90 Districts

Challenges:

#1: Localizing the data

#2: Labor intensive



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HOUSE DISTRICT 51

Employment, Economic, and Demographic Information

The Oregon Employment Department's Workforce and Economic Research Division has compiled this customized report. Oregon's unique approach to vetting and enriching employment and wage data allows for detailed analysis of the economy statewide and for local areas. Oregon is one of few states able to provide wage and employment data for custom geographies.

OREGON EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT SERVICES - 2023

	House District 51	Share of Statewide
Total job listings	227	0.2%
Total job seekers served	1,621	1.2%
Veterans served	113	1.5%
WorkSource placements	390	1.1%
Unemployment Insurance recipients	1,804	1.5%
Unemployment Insurance benefits paid	$11,510,053	1.6%
Paid Leave recipients*	579	2.2%
Paid Leave benefits paid*	$ 3,399,682	2.4%

*Paid Leave Oregon launched on Aug. 13, 2023.

DEMOGRAPHICS

House District 51 Population by Race (2022)

	Population	Percentage
American Indian and Alaska Native	657	0.9%
Asian	1,125	1.6%
Black or African American	246	0.4%
Native American and Other Pacific Islander	< 50	
Some other race	2,201	3.2%
Two or more races	5,101	7.3%
White	60,195	86.6%

Source: U.S. Census

Population 25+ by Educational Attainment (2022)

Source: U.S. Census

2022-2023

House District 51's population: 69,525 (2022).

Ethnicity: 10% of House District 51's population is Hispanic or Latino (any race) (2022).

House District 51's median household income is $95,142; 24% higher than Oregon's (2022).

An average of 1,260 House District 51 residents were unemployed in 2024 for an unemployment rate of 3.6%; lower than the statewide rate of 4.1%.

House District 51's average annual wage in 2023 was $53,409; 22% lower than statewide.

Employment in House District 51 is more concentrated in Construction compared with Oregon, and less concentrated in Financial Activities.

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R AUTOMATION

- Standardized texts
- Tables (R package: flextable)
  - General formatting (font, size, column width and height, footnote, color)
  - Confidentiality
- Graphs (R package: ggplot2)
  - District vs. Oregon
  - Axis scale flexibility
  - Legend

House District 27 Covered Employment and Wages (2023)

Industry	Estab.	Average Annual Empl.	Location Quotient	Average Annual Wage	Wage Difference % vs. Oregon
Total	3,215	42,320		$ 72,826	7%
Private	3,169	38,511		$ 74,017	10%
Natural Resources & Mining	2	(c)		(c)	(c)
Construction	222	1,660	0.67	$ 78,959	1%
Manufacturing	102	2,856	0.71	$ 85,226	2%
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	515	6,648	0.86	$ 73,839	28%
Information	155	1,831	2.34	$128,626	0%
Financial Activities	359	2,311	1.29	$ 89,542	2%
Professional & Business Svcs.	706	7,348	1.30	$ 73,926	-19%
Private Education & Health Svcs.	590	11,217	1.67	$ 74,039	19%
Leisure & Hospitality	235	3,472	0.79	$ 32,787	9%
Other Services	239	1,124	0.78	$ 46,049	-8%
Public Sector (federal, state, & local governments, incl. public education)	46	3,809		$ 60,787	-19%

'Covered': Employment and wages covered by unemployment insurance.
'Location Quotient' (LQ): Industry concentration relative to the state. An LQ greater than 1 indicates the industry has a higher concentration of employment compared with Oregon, and less than 1 indicates a lower concentration.
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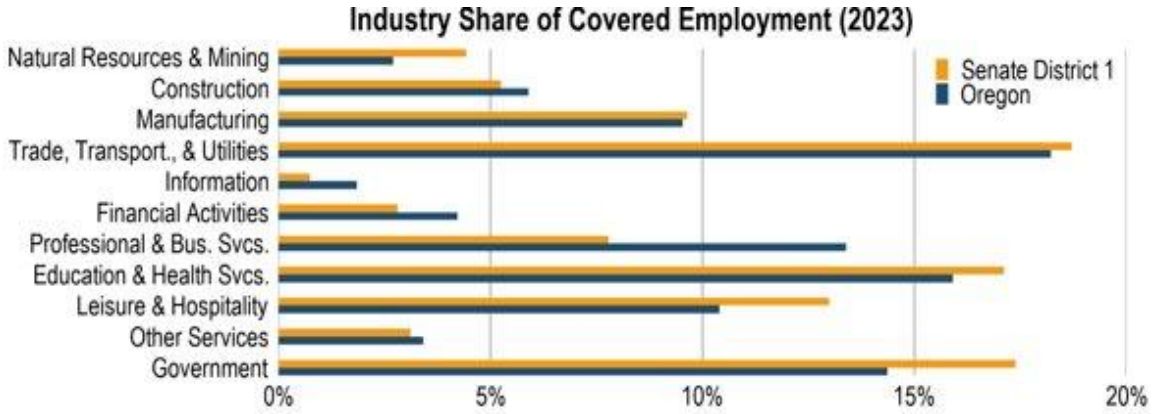
Source: Oregon Employment Department, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages



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DELIVERY AND OUTCOME

Delivery:

- Most delivered via email but many hand-delivered
- Exceptional tool to use as a basis for introductory conversations
- Members are inundated with information, but many took what we shared to heart
- Legislative staff found to keep guide at hand for reference
- Guide also leveraged when there were unforeseen transitions



Outcome:

- Overall, guides very well received
- OED received a lot of positive feedback
- Sometimes feedback was not about the information, but appreciation for the agency's willingness to engage
- OED's regional economists' relationships with local government officials further enhance agency credibility

Thank You!

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