Current Employment Statistics (CES)
& Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT & PAYROLL
COLUMBIA GORGE
Unemployment at historic lows—4.0 percent
Growth at 2.8% OTY; 32,535 Jobs in Sept 18

Columbia Gorge Total Non Farm Employment, 2001 - 2018
The Recession...

12-Month Moving Average Non Farm Job Growth/Decline
Columbia Gorge

2.8%
Change in Gorge Employment, 2007-17*: 10.1%, 2,855 jobs

*After adjusting for various code changes
Hood River County grew by 14.5% or 1,750 jobs

Hood River County 2007 - 2017 Employment Growth/Loss by Industry
Hood River County 2017 Employment: 13,790 Jobs (38.3%)

Hood River County 2017 Employment by Industry

- Total Government: 1,290
- Natural resources and mining: 2,482
- Leisure and hospitality: 2,335
- Manufacturing: 1,731
- Health care and social assistance: 1,447
- Retail trade (44 - 45): 1,446
- Professional and technical services: 860
- Other services: 444
- Construction: 434
- Wholesale trade: 426
- Financial activities: 240
- Transportation, warehousing & utilities: 193
- Administrative and waste services: 178
- Information: 144
- Educational services: 92
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Hood River County Average Pay by Year

Hood River County All Industries Average Pay

- Average
- Hood River CPI Adjusted

Year | Average Pay
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2007 | $26,000
2008 | $28,000
2009 | $28,000
2010 | $30,000
2011 | $32,000
2012 | $34,000
2013 | $36,000
2014 | $38,000
2015 | $38,000
2016 | $38,000
2017 | $38,090
### 2017 Hood River County Average Pay by Industry

#### Hood River County 2017 Average Wage by Industry

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#### 2007 - 2017

- **+643 Above Average**
- **+1,131 Below Average**

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**Note:** The data represents the average wage for each industry in 2017 for Hood River County.
Wasco County grew by 11.2% or 1,200 jobs

Wasco County 2007 - 2017 Employment Growth/Loss by Industry

- Total Government: -124
- Other services: 189
- Leisure and hospitality: 268
- Health care and social assistance: 36
- Educational services: 141
- Administrative and waste services
- Management of companies and enterprises
- Professional and technical services
- Financial activities
- Information
- Transportation, warehousing & utilities
- Retail trade
- Wholesale trade
- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Natural resources and mining

Growth/Loss by Industry
Wasco County 2017 Employment; 12,010 jobs (33.4%)
Wasco County Average Pay by Year

Wasco County All Industries Average Pay

Average
Wasco CPI Adjusted

$38,572

2017 Wasco County Average Pay by Industry

Wasco County 2017 Average Wage by Industry

- Total all industries and ownerships: $38,572
- Government: $48,631
- Information: $60,553
- Management of companies and enterprises: $55,145
- Professional and technical services: $52,547
- Transportation, warehousing & utilities: $51,680
- Wholesale trade: $48,312
- Construction: $48,007
- Health care and social assistance: $41,967
- Financial activities: $41,581
- Manufacturing: $31,553
- Administrative and waste services: $29,025
- Retail trade (44 - 45): $24,386
- Educational services: $24,194
- Natural resources and mining: $22,725
- Leisure and hospitality: $18,203

2007 - 2017

+484 Above Average

+752 Below Average
Sherman County grew by 24.2% or 160 jobs

Sherman County 2007 - 2017 Employment Growth/Loss by Industry

- Total Government: +39
- Other services: +10
- Arts, entertainment, and recreation: -21
- Health care and social assistance: -1
- Transportation, warehousing & utilities: +104
- Retail trade (44 - 45): -36
- Wholesale trade: -18
- Natural resources and mining: +13

Growth/Loss by Industry
Sherman County 2017 Employment; 825 Jobs (2.3%)

Sherman County 2017 Employment by Industry

- Total Government: 326
- Transportation, warehousing & utilities: 128
- Leisure and hospitality: 120
- Retail trade: 61
- Construction: 57
- Wholesale trade: 37
- Other services: 23
- Natural resources and mining: 20
- Health care and social assistance: 12
Sherman County Average Pay by Year

Sherman County All Industries Average Pay

2007: $30,000
2008: $40,000
2009: $45,000
2010: $35,000
2011: $40,000
2012: $45,000
2013: $50,000
2014: $55,000
2015: $45,632

Average
Sherman CPI Adjusted
Klickitat County grew by 16.6% or 870 jobs

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Klickitat County 2017 Employment: 7,268 Jobs (20.2%)
Klickitat County Average Pay by Year

Klickitat County All Industries Average Pay

Nominal  Adjusted for inflation

$20,000  $25,000  $30,000  $35,000  $40,000  $45,000  $50,000  $55,000


$50,184
Skamania County lost 7.9% or 181 jobs

Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting lost 3 jobs.
Construction lost 13 jobs.
Manufacturing lost 7 jobs.
Wholesale trade lost 3 jobs.
Retail trade lost 4 jobs.
Transportation and warehousing lost 21 jobs.
Professional and technical services lost 5 jobs.
Administrative and waste services lost 33 jobs.
Health care and social assistance lost 100 jobs.
Accommodation and food services lost 61 jobs.
Other services, except public administration lost 179 jobs.
Government lost 100 jobs.
Skamania County 2017 Employment: 2,098 Jobs (5.8%)

Skamania County Employment by Industry, 2017

- Agriculture: 48
- Construction: 99
- Manufacturing: 305
- Wholesale Trade: 35
- Retail Trade: 126
- Transportation: 23
- Finance & Insurance: 14
- Real Estate & Leasing: 14
- Professional Services: 26
- Business Services: 23
- Health Care & Social Assistance: 162
- Arts, Recreation: 18
- Accommodations & Food Services: 550
- Other Services: 29
- Government: 604
Skamania County Average Pay by Year

Skamania County All Industries Average Pay

Nominal
Adjusted for inflation


$20,000 $22,000 $24,000 $26,000 $28,000 $30,000 $32,000 $34,000 $36,000 $38,000

$34,695
2017 Skamania County Average Pay by Industry

- All Industries: $34,695
- Agriculture: $15,658
- Construction: $45,968
- Manufacturing: $44,301
- Wholesale trade: $62,243
- Retail trade: $20,929
- Transportation & warehousing: $54,941
- Finance & Insurance: $36,694
- Real estate & rental & leasing: $33,258
- Professional & technical services: $39,732
- Administrative & waste services: $30,698
- Health care & social assistance: $19,040
- Accommodation & food services: $22,636
- Other services, ex. public admin.: $22,086
- Government: $46,482
Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI)
& The American Community Survey (ACS)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS, EDUCATION
& DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS
Labor Force Participation 57%; 37,800 in LF
Labor Force Participation by County

Columbia Gorge Labor Force by County, 2012 - 2016 with Labor Force Participation Rate & Median Age

- Skamania
  - Median Age: 45
  - Participation Rate: 56%

- Klickitat
  - Median Age: 45
  - Participation Rate: 48%

- Wasco
  - Median Age: 42
  - Participation Rate: 58%

- Sherman
  - Median Age: 50
  - Participation Rate: 57%

- Hood River
  - Median Age: 39
  - Participation Rate: 65%
Educational Attainment

2017 Columbia Gorge Educational Attainment, Workers Age 25 and Over

- not available (age 24 or younger): 31%
- Bachelor's degree or advanced degree: 22%
- Some College or Associate degree: 31%
- High School or equivalent: 28%
- Less than High School: 19%
More than 1-in-5 Workers Hispanic/Latino

2017 Columbia Gorge Worker Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino, 7,510, 22%

Not Hispanic or Latino, 26,241, 78%
Commuting trends

• Earnings data indicate:
  – Hood River and Klickitat have more residents working outside than commuters working in the county, but both have become more balanced
  – Wasco almost evenly balanced
  – Sherman more incoming commuters than outgoing
  – Even more Skamanians working outside the county: 69 percent of earned income comes from outside the county