



The Industrial Middle of Portland's Changing Income Distribution



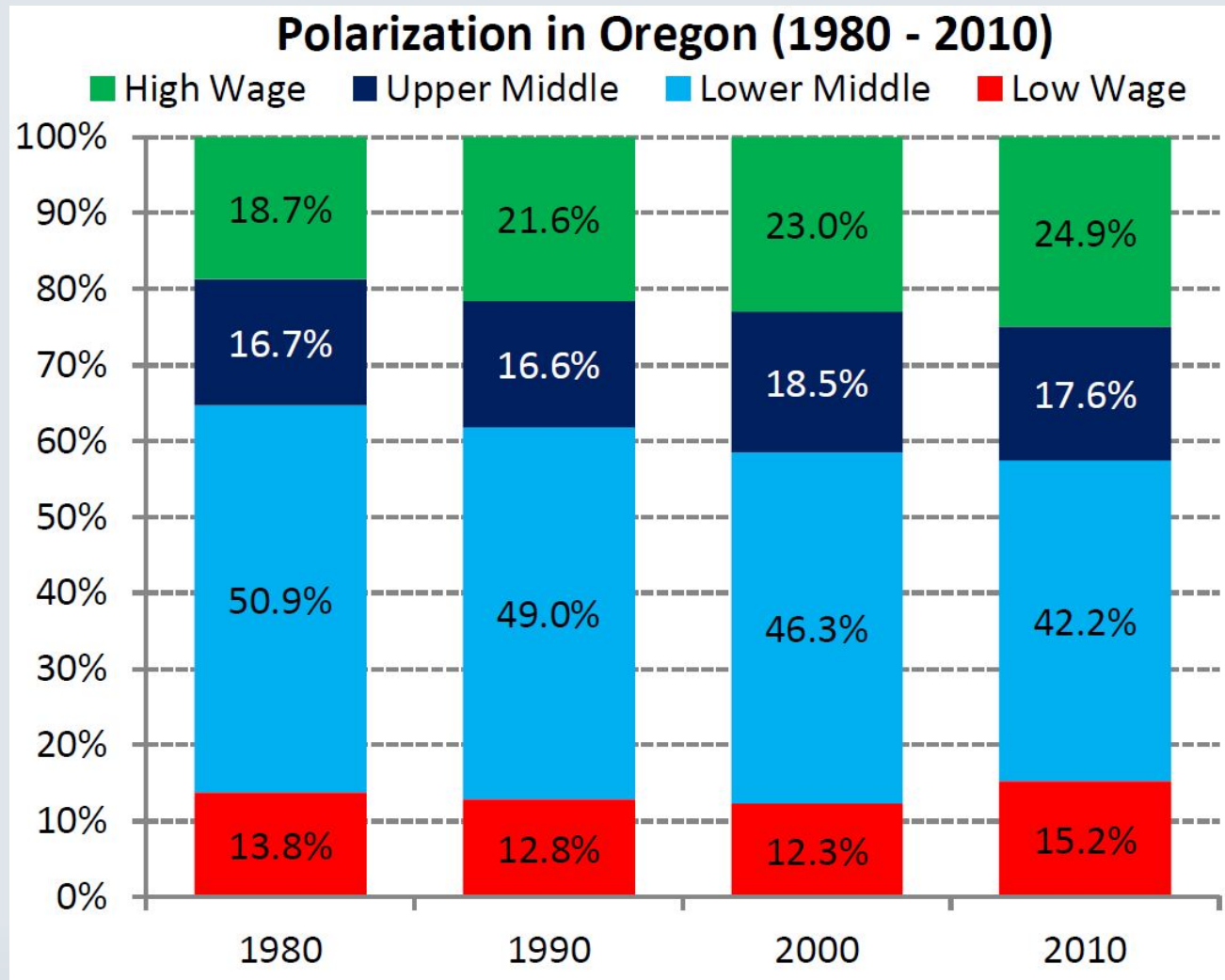
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The tightening middle-wage economy



Source: Oregon Office of Economic Analysis

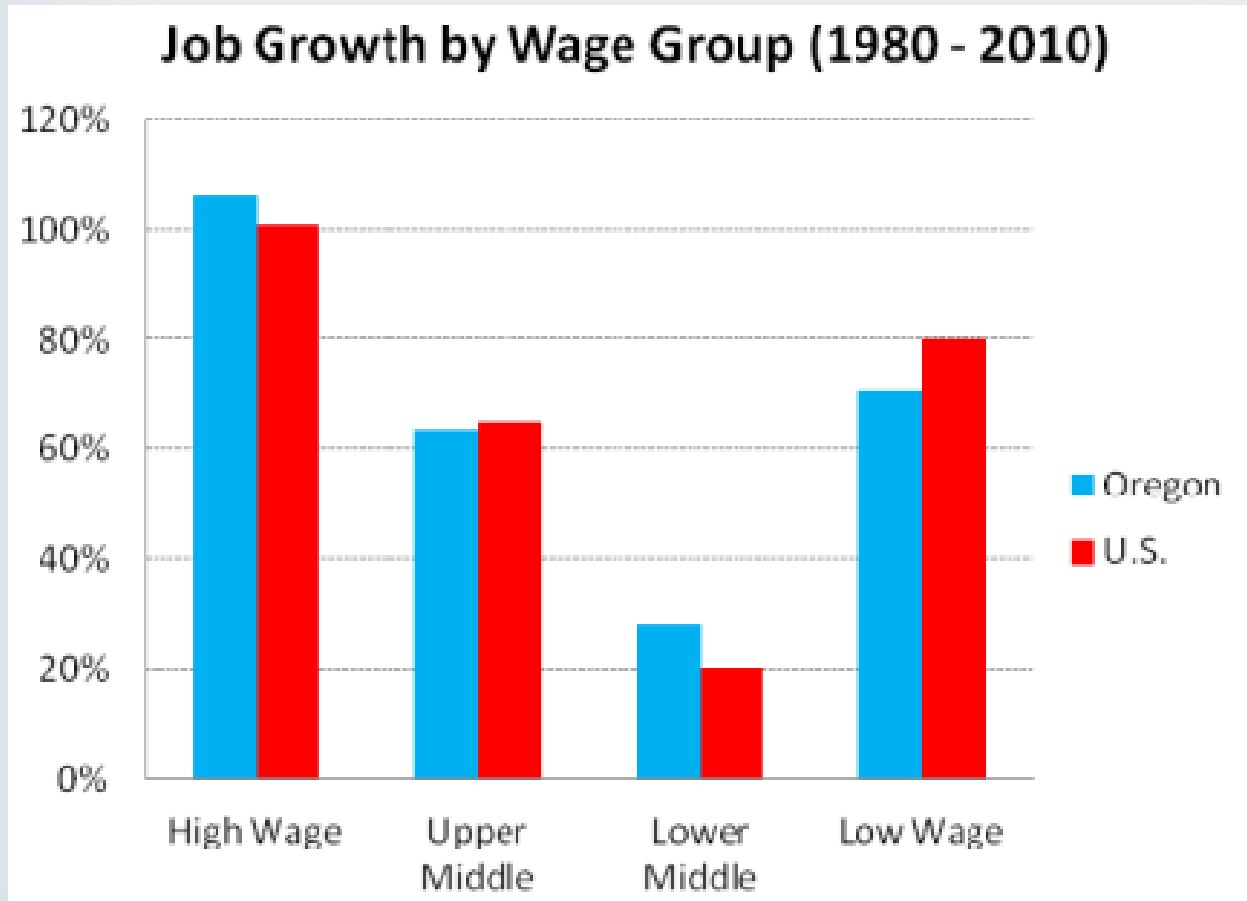


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1. Tightening middle-wage economy

Job polarization: A long-term national trend



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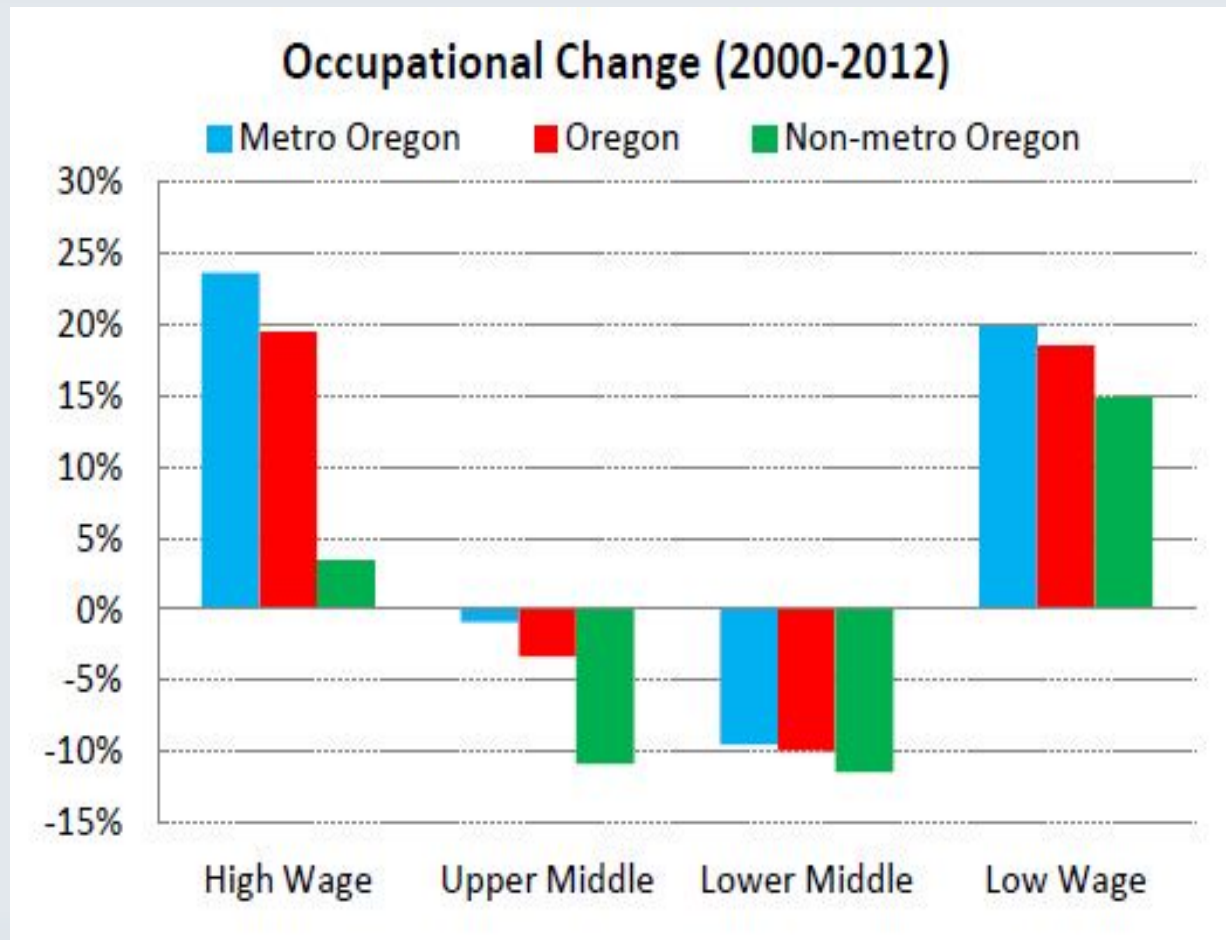


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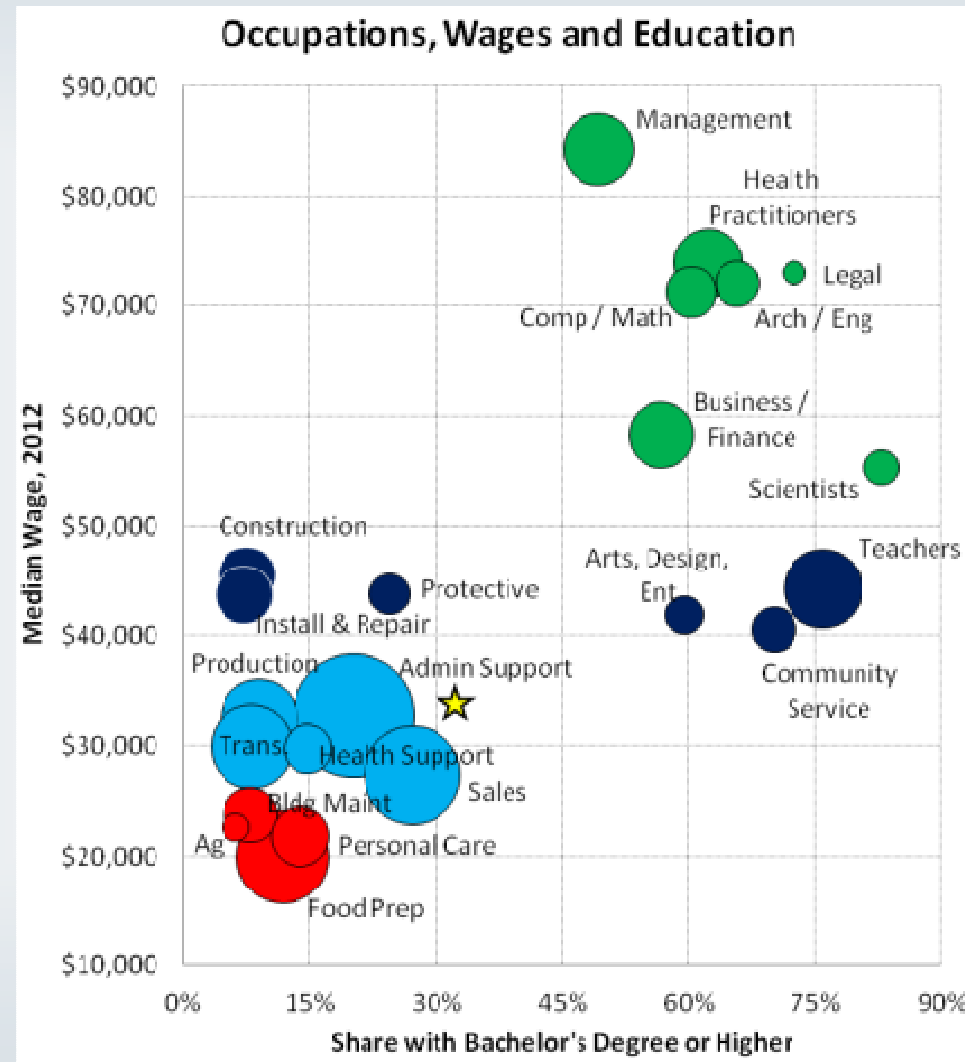
Increasing job polarization



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Wage distribution by occupations and education



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Wage distribution of employment land types

Wage Quartile Comparison of Portland Employment Geographies, 2012

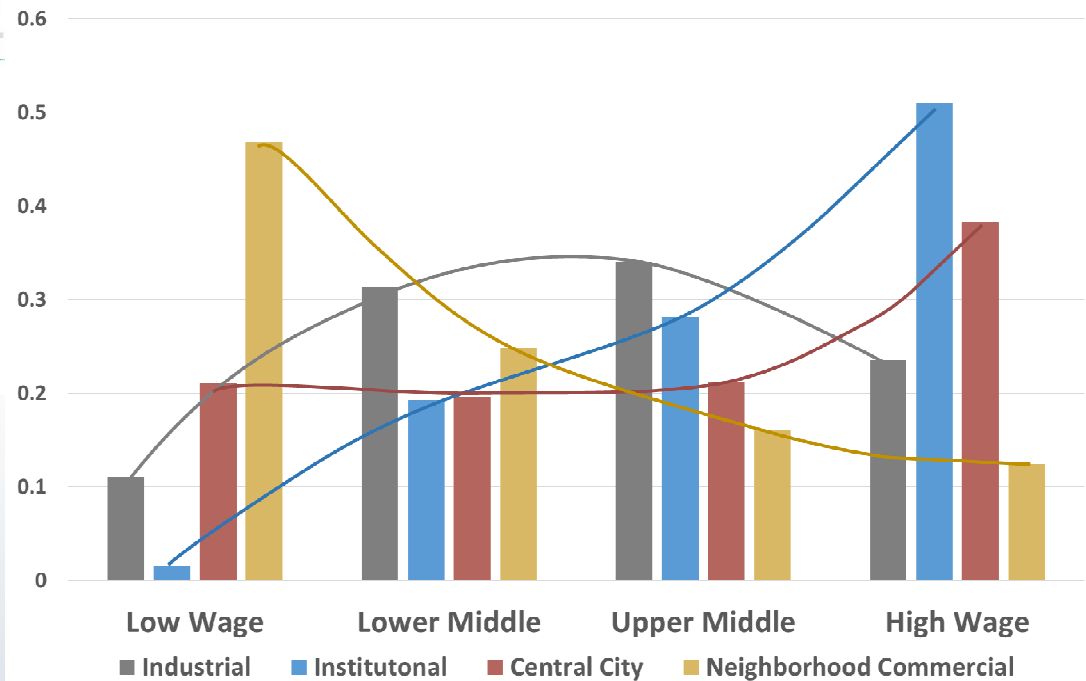


EMPLOYMENT AREAS

- Central City
- Industrial
- Commercial
- Institutional

Citywide Wage Thresholds

Low	< \$26,400/year
Lower Middle	\$26,400 - \$46,400
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High	> \$67,647/year



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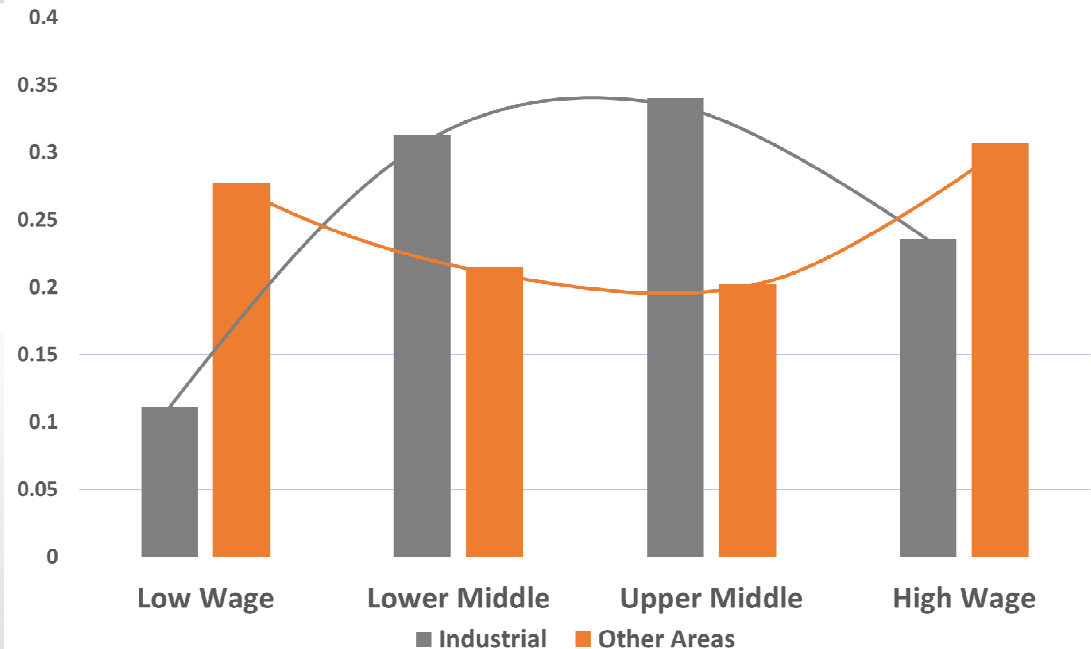
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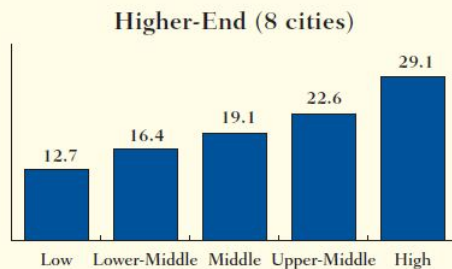


Cities vary in income distribution

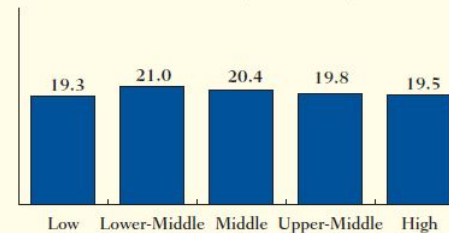
City types based on their share of households by income level (Brookings Institution)

Examples /
characteristics

San Jose,
Charlotte /
boom growth



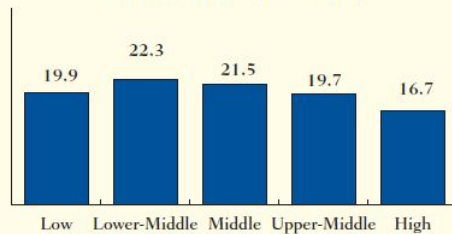
Balanced (13 cities)



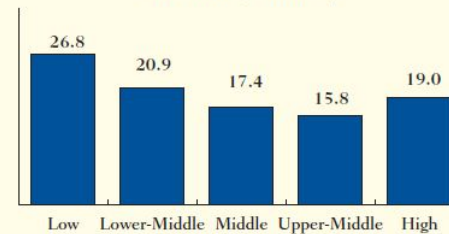
Examples /
characteristics:

Seattle,
Phoenix /
sprawling

MiddleClass (29 cities)



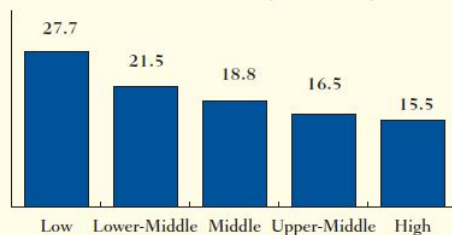
Divided (7 cities)



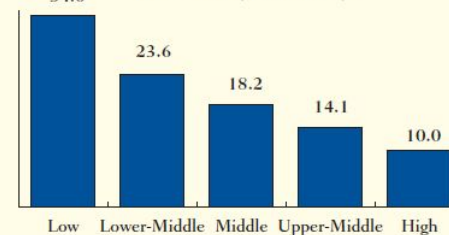
San Francisco,
Atlanta /
disparities

Portland,
Minneapolis /
families, young

Low-Moderate (29 cities)



Stressed (14 cities)



New Orleans,
Detroit /
transition

New York,
Chicago /
slow growth



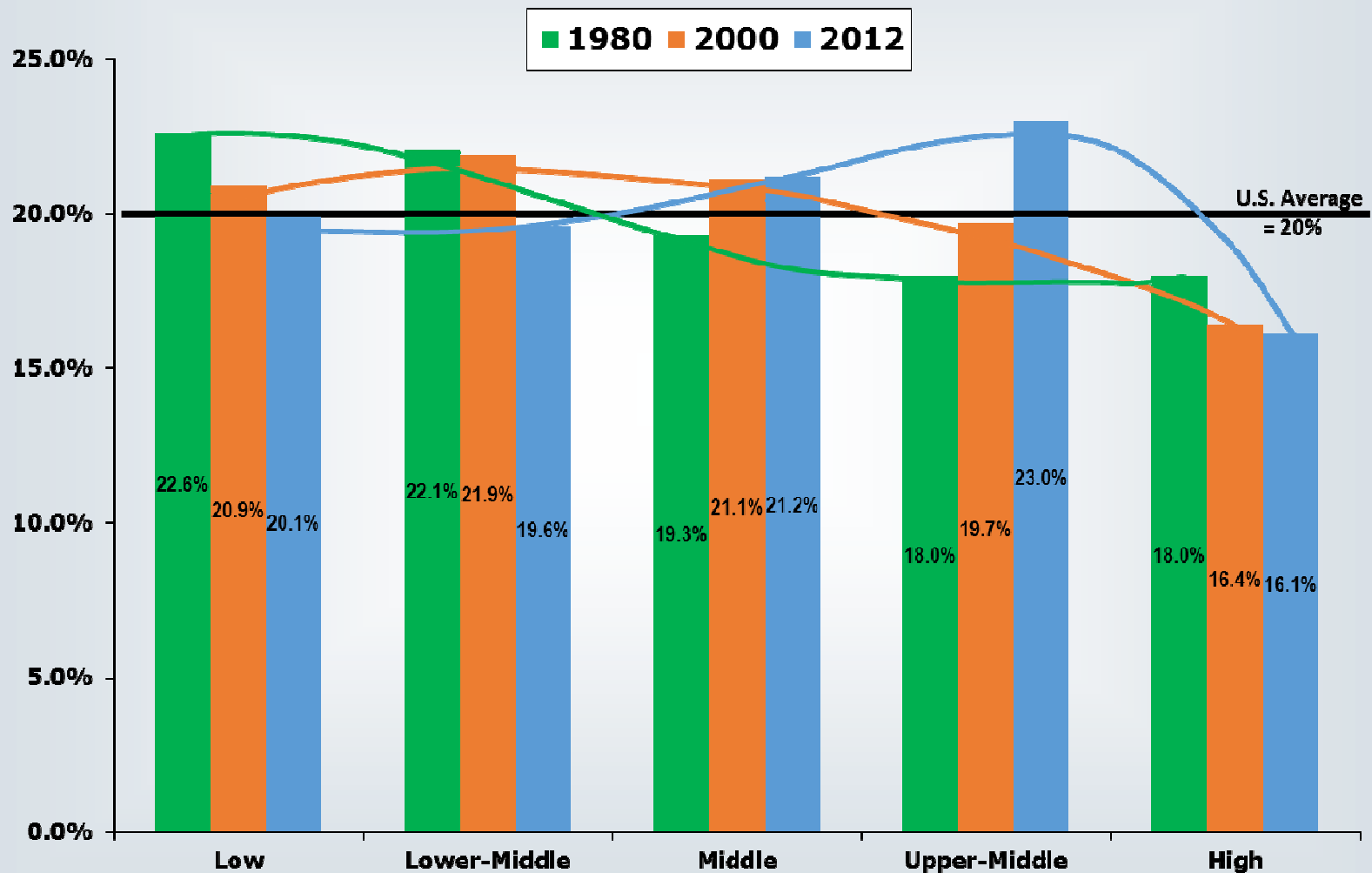
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2. Equity roles of industrial jobs

Middle class Portland is changing

Proportion of Households in Portland by Income Category



Source: BPS from Census data



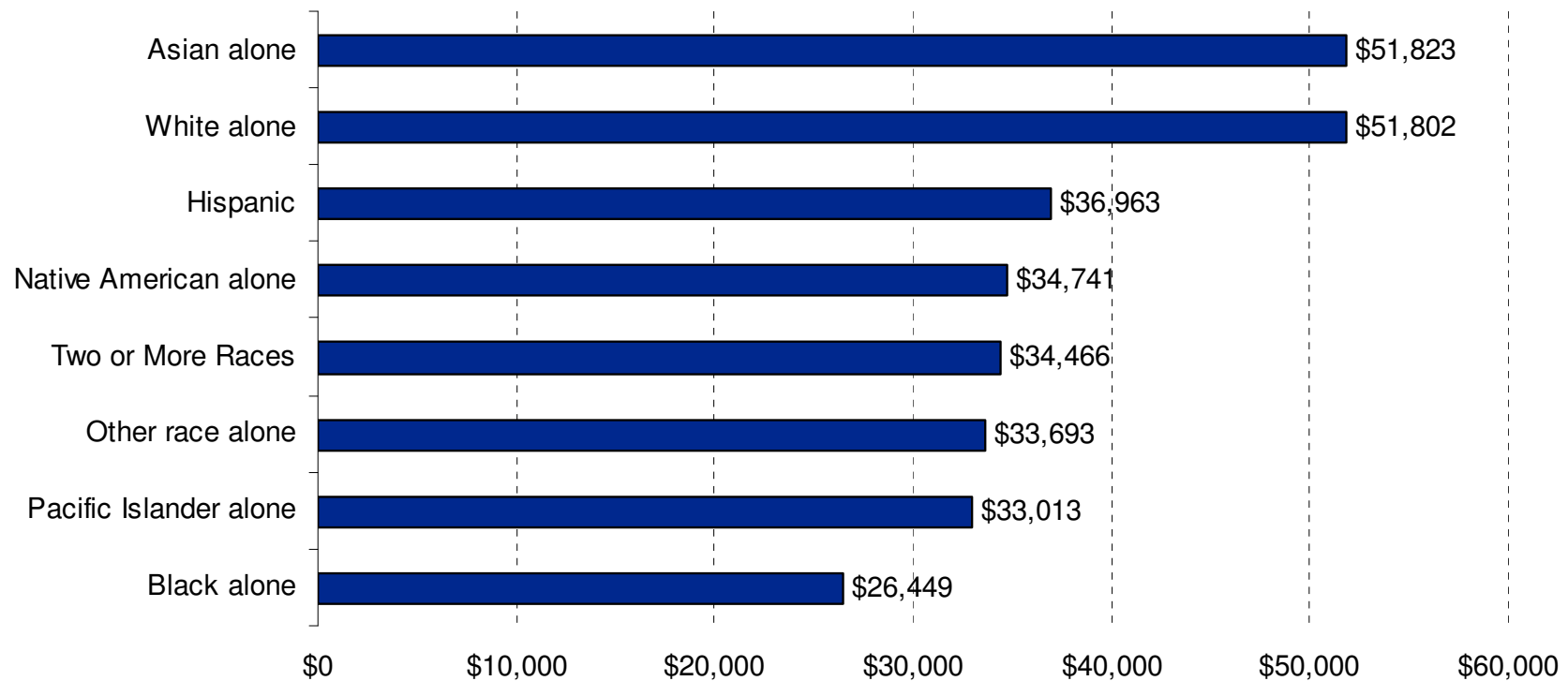
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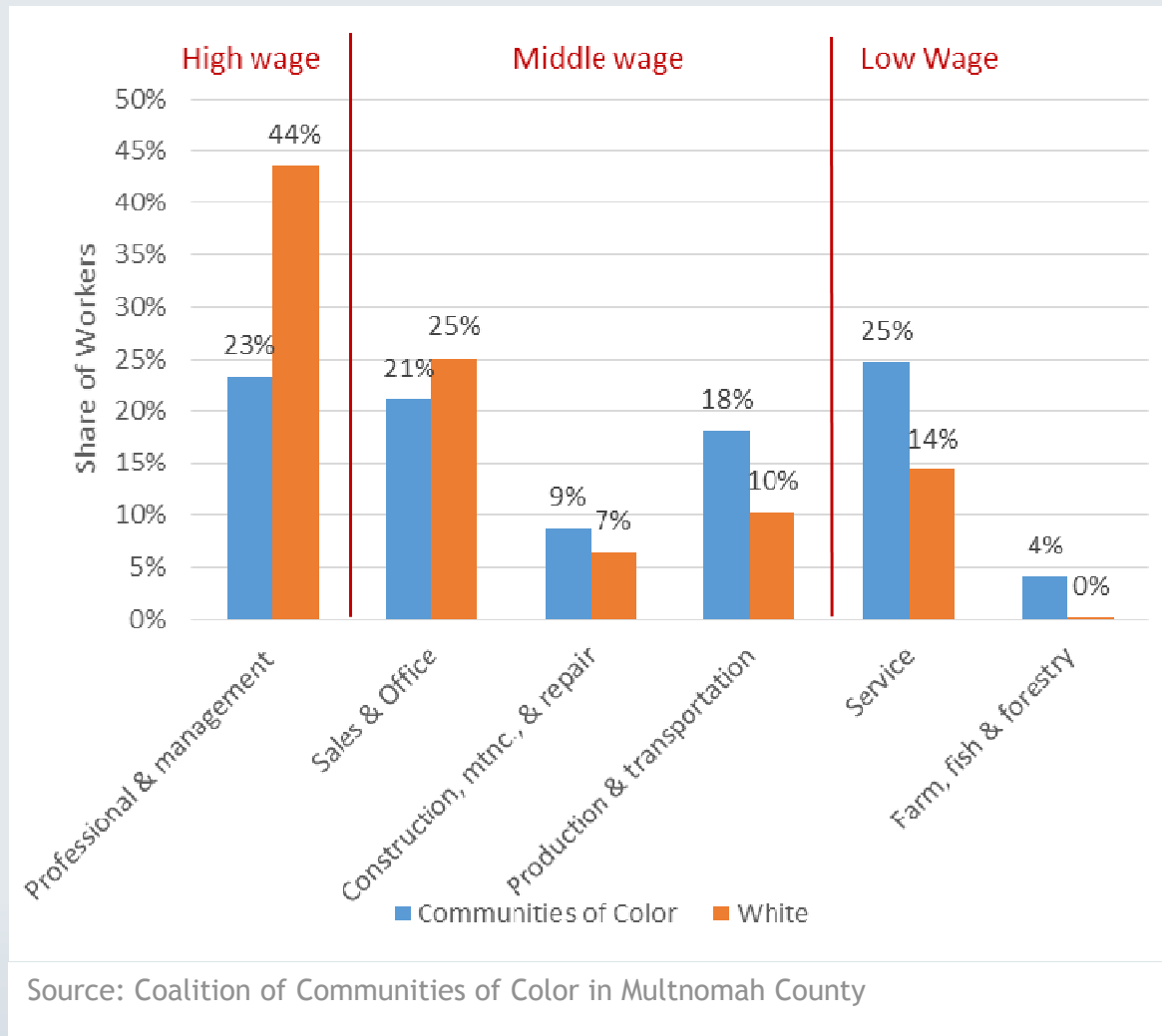
Income disparities by race

(Median household income, Portland, 2010)

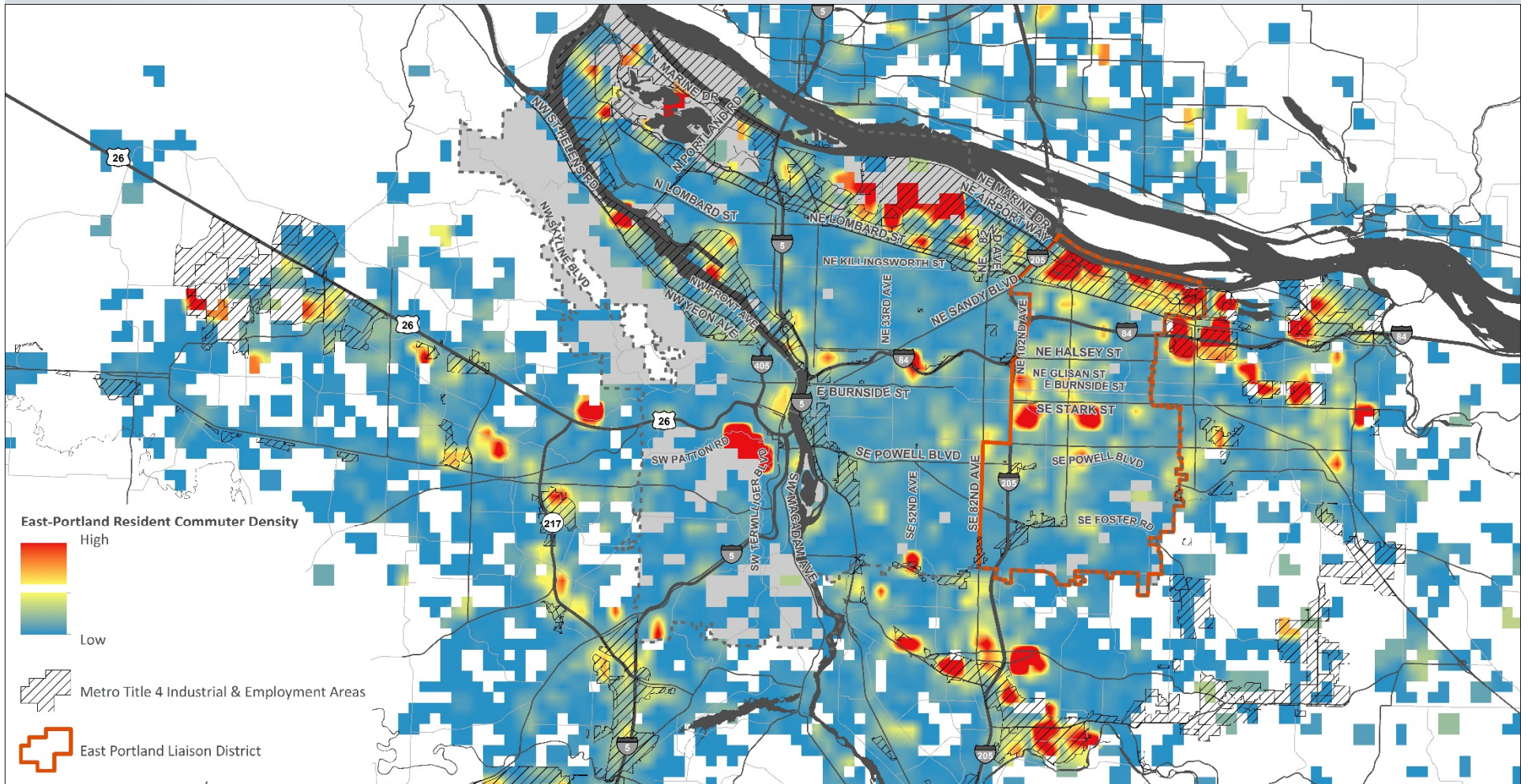


Occupational disparities by race

(Multnomah County, 2008)



Where East Portland residents work



Source: BPS from LEHD data

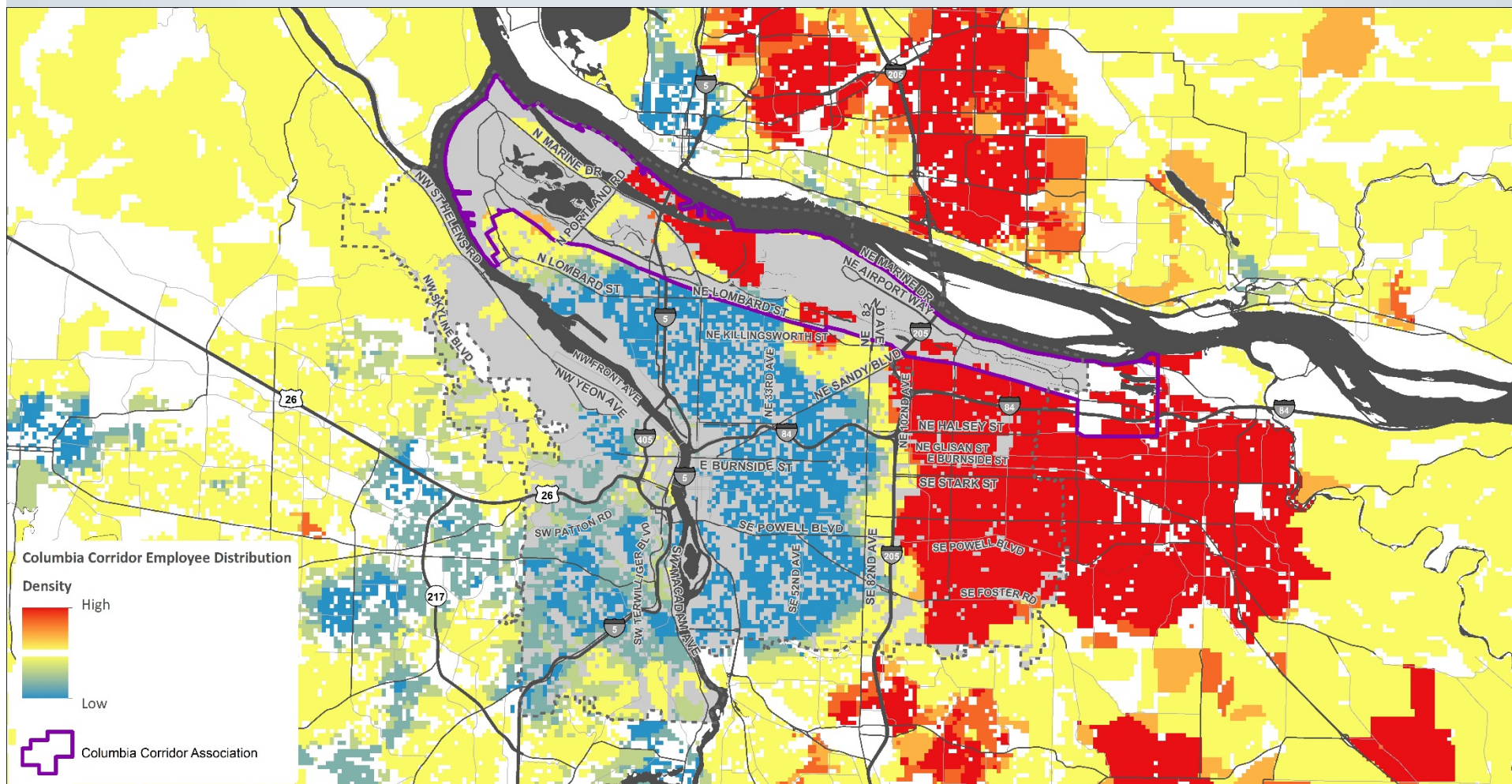


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Where Columbia Corridor workers live



Source: BPS from LEHD data



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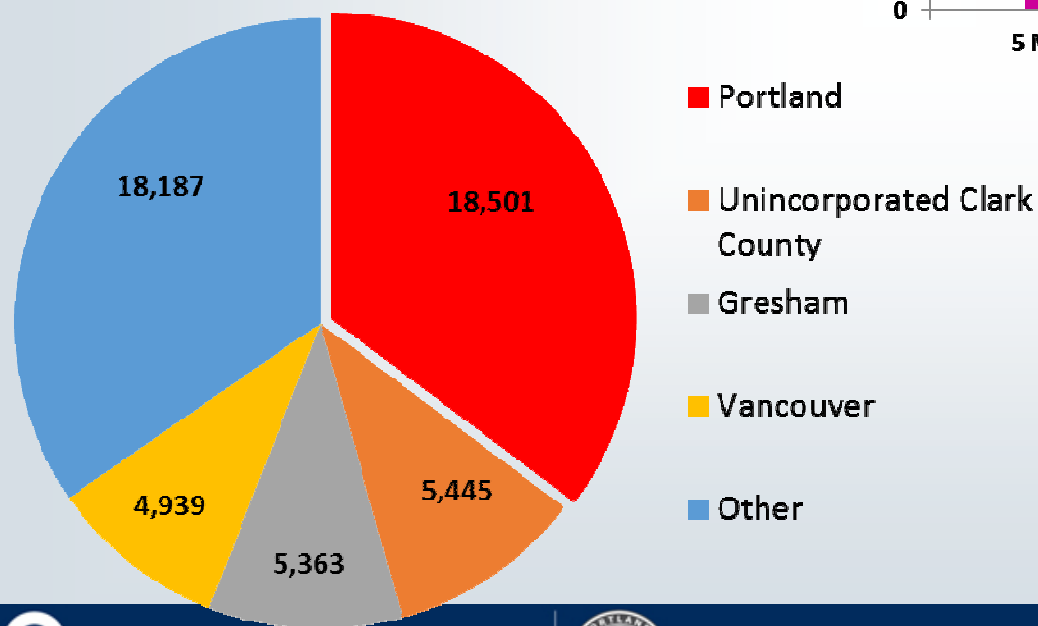


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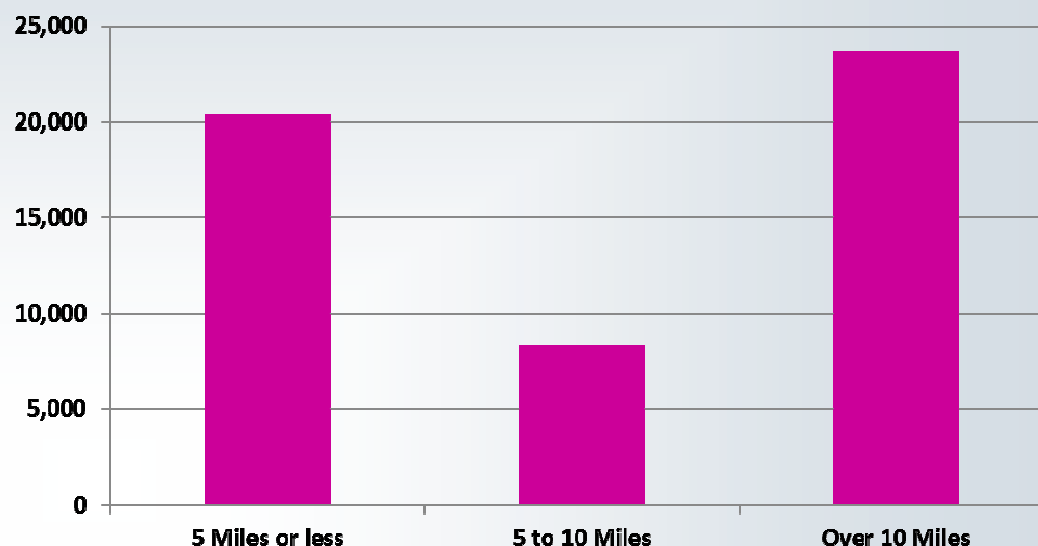
Columbia Corridor Association Employment Shed

- 52,400 Jobs in the Columbia Corridor Association Boundaries
- 39% of workers live within 5 miles of their workplace.
- 55% of workers live further than 10 miles from their workplace

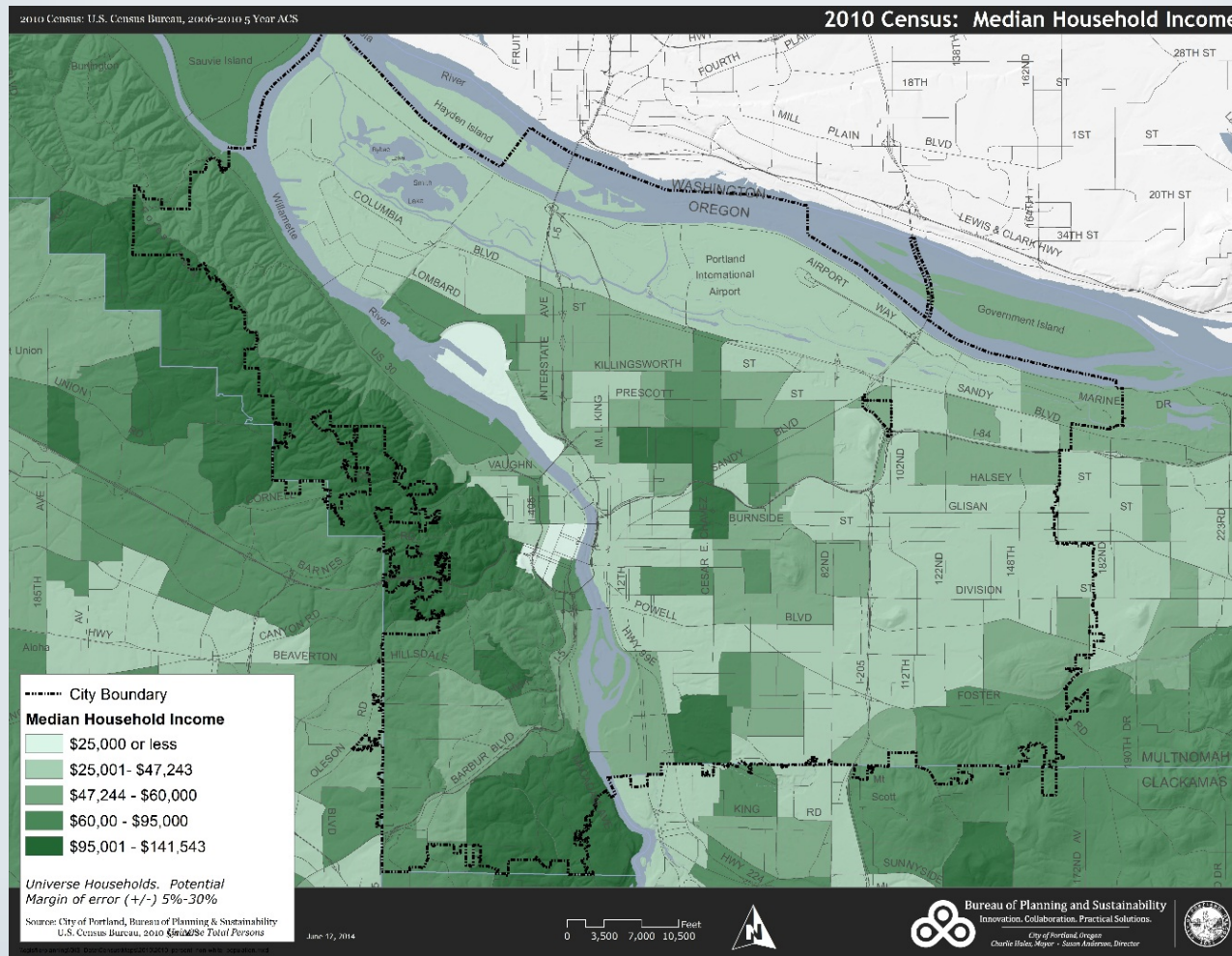
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Commute Distance of Columbia Corridor Employees



Affordable neighborhoods for middle-wage workers

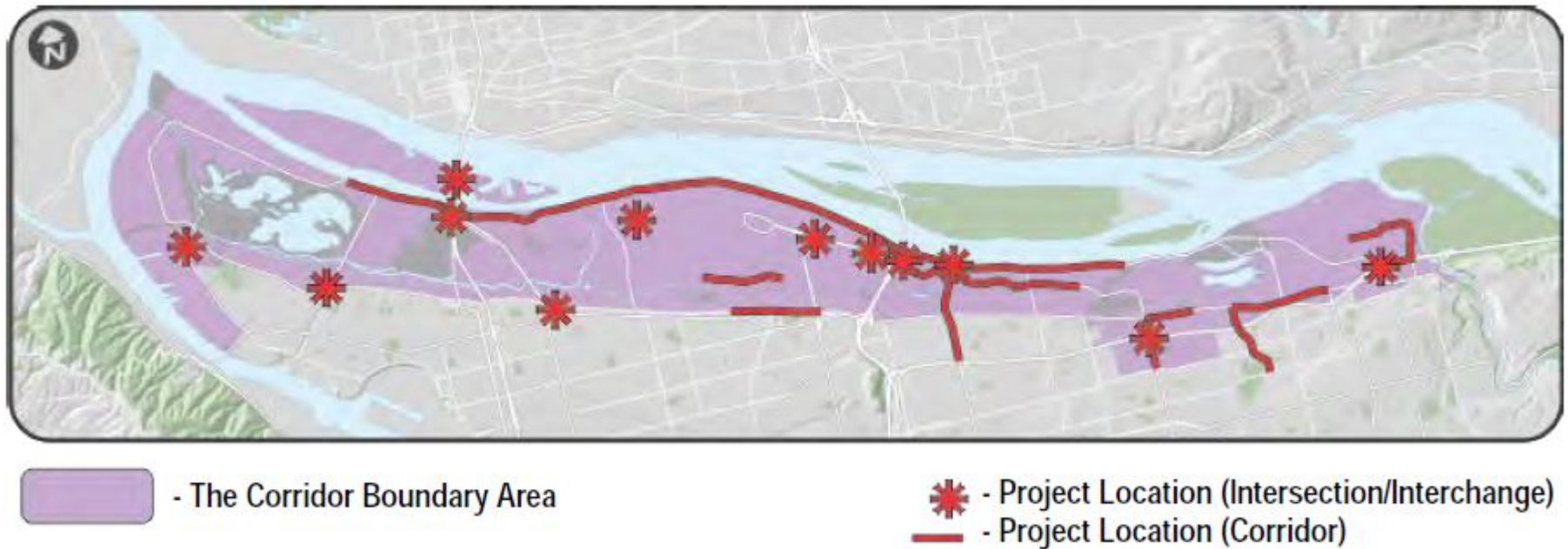


Industrial land supply gap for middle-wage job growth



Freight infrastructure and middle-wage job growth

Columbia Multimodal Corridor project recommendations

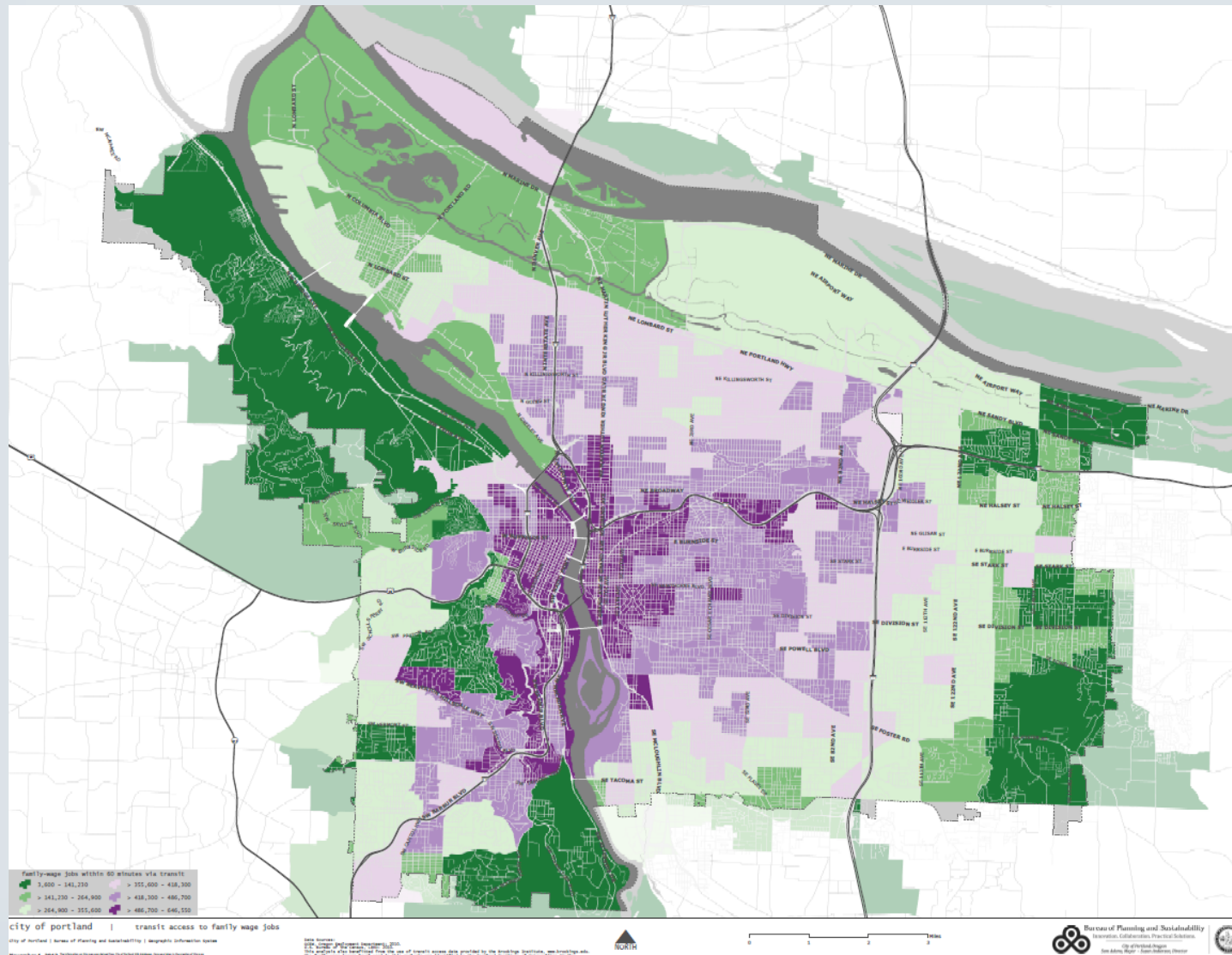


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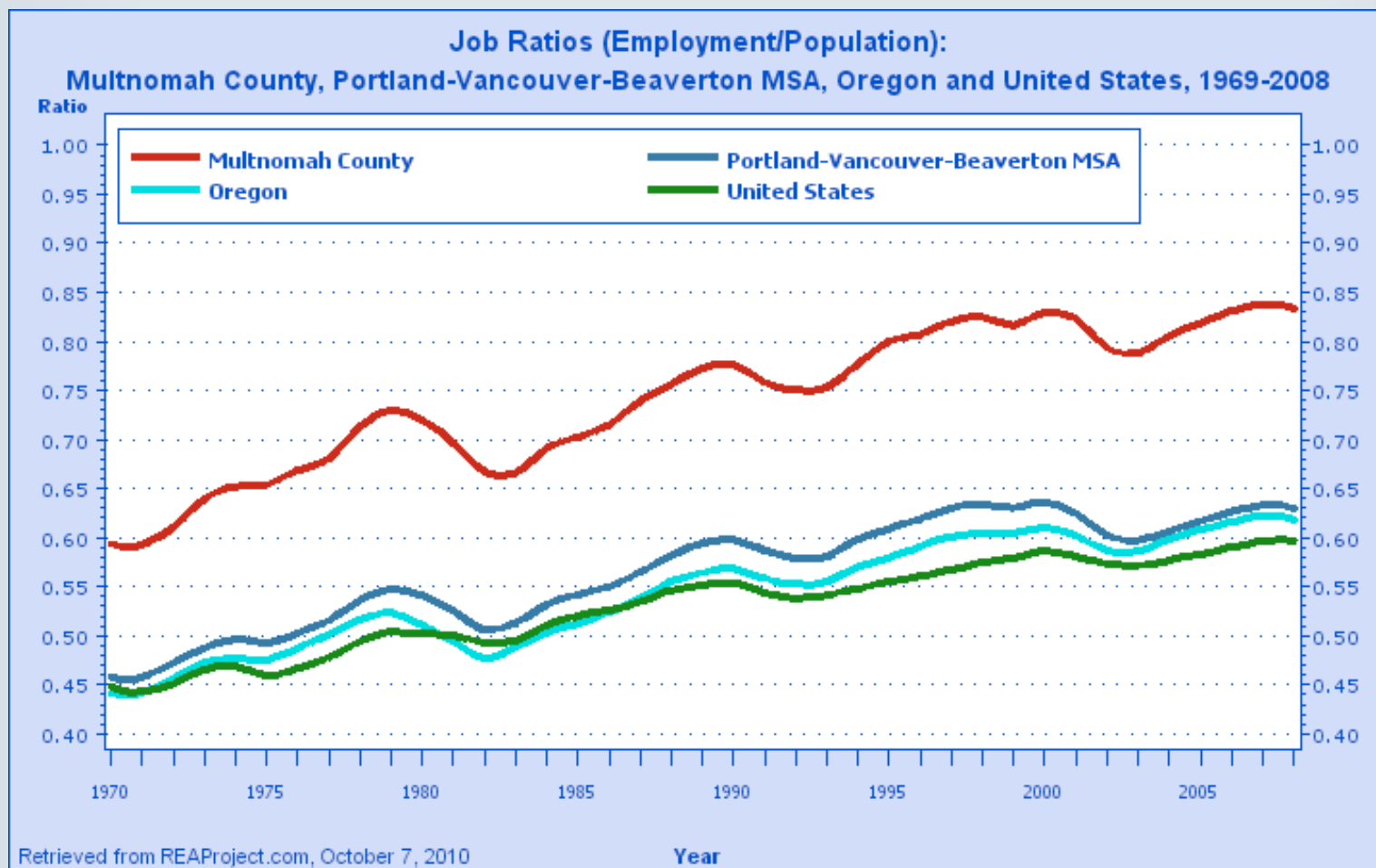


3. Local directions for middle-wage job growth

Transit access to middle/high-wage jobs



Portland's role as a regional job center



Takeaways

- Portland is a middle-class city with a balanced economy, but the share of middle-wage jobs is getting smaller.
- Middle-wage jobs that don't require college degrees are concentrated in industrial districts.
- Communities of color and East Portlanders rely disproportionately on industrial district jobs.
- The Comprehensive Plan Update is an opportunity to better align land use, transportation, and education with middle-wage job growth potential.

