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**CLARK COUNTY, WA  
LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS**

**Approximately 60,000 (33%) Clark County workers commute to jobs in the Oregon portion of the Metropolitan area. 79% of those commuters would take a similar job in Clark County even if the pay was lower to avoid the commute and the 9% income tax that Oregon imposes on them. Thus, even at low levels of unemployment there is an available labor pool in Clark County.**

	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Dec-08
Civilian Labor Force	179,700	195,770	199,987	202,100	205,800	211,040	224,330
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	9.4%	7.5%	6.2%	5.8%	5.6%	8.7%

Non-Agricultural Employment Reported by Place of Work	Total Number Employed			% of Total Employed Persons		
	2000	2005	Dec-08	2000	2005	Dec-08
Construction, Mining, and logging	10,000	12,500	11,700	8.55%	9.70%	8.60%
Manufacturing	17,300	13,800	13,400	14.80%	10.71%	9.85%
Wholesale Trade	4,100	5,200	5,300	3.51%	4.03%	3.90%
Retail Trade	13,400	15,000	16,700	11.46%	11.64%	12.28%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	3,600	3,700	4,100	3.08%	2.87%	3.01%
Information	3,600	2,900	2,700	3.08%	2.25%	1.99%
Finance and Insurance	2,700	4,000	3,800	2.31%	3.10%	2.79%
Real Estate	2,200	2,700	2,700	1.88%	2.09%	1.99%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	5,900	6,400	6,900	5.05%	4.97%	5.07%
Administrative Support and Waste Management	5,800	6,800	6,700	4.96%	5.28%	4.93%
Education Services	900	1,100	1,200	0.77%	0.85%	0.88%
Health Care and Social Assistance	11,700	15,000	17,300	10.01%	11.64%	12.72%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	2,500	2,300	2,300	2.14%	1.78%	1.69%
Accommodation and Food Services	9,400	9,800	11,100	8.04%	7.60%	8.16%
Other Services	3,600	4,300	4,500	3.08%	3.34%	3.31%
Government	19,300	22,500	24,300	16.51%	17.46%	17.87%
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,900</b>	<b>128,900</b>	<b>136,000</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Employed Residents Working in 2000	Number	Percent
Outside the County of Residence	40,891	35%
Commuter Times	Number	Percent
Less than 15 Minutes	36,076	33%
15 - 29 Minutes	44,616	41%
Over 30 Minutes	28,253	26%
Median (Minutes)	24.7	
Labor Participation Rate	Percentage (%)	
Male	55%	
Female	45%	
Total	100%	
Education & Labor Force (2006)	Enrollment	
High School (Public/Private)	26,878	
4 Year University (Full-Time)	22,974	

\* Number indicates total post secondary enrollment, not exclusively 4 year universities