

Oregon Works When People Do

Oregon Works When People Do — and **Prosperity 10,000 proves it**. With 9,285 Oregonians served and a six-fold return on investment, this program has shown that **when the state invests in jobs, it strengthens families, communities, and Oregon's economy for the long term**.

1. Proven Return on Investment

- Prosperity 10,000 is a **revenue-generating strategy**, not an expense.
- A **\$35 million** state investment has already generated **\$219 million in economic benefits**, including \$23 million in new tax revenue and \$195 million in reduced social service costs — **a 6x return**.
- Every **\$1 invested returns \$4.84** to Oregon taxpayers.

2. Reaching More Oregonians Than Ever Before

- As of September 30, 2025, Prosperity Programs have served 9,285 Oregonians.
- **7,442 engaged** in training and employment services.
- **1,843 received expungement or barrier-removal assistance** through Clean Slate and partner programs.
- 96% of participants represent women, people of color, veterans, rural residents, and individuals with disabilities.

3. Job Quality and Family-Wage Outcomes

- Participants are **earning an average of \$22.68** per hour, exceeding the state's self-sufficiency standard.
- 72% of employed participants are **working full time**.
- 86% of completers earn at **least \$17 per hour** or more.
- These are not short-term placements — they're **pathways to stability, belonging, and advancement**.

4. Pathway to Prosperity

- Prosperity funds are **flexible**, allowing local boards to respond to unique community needs — bilingual EMT training, dental apprenticeships, CDL pathways, and expungement services.
- Nine local workforce boards are **united** under a shared mission: **removing barriers** and **connecting** people to opportunity statewide.
- Prosperity 10,000 **reaches populations that the traditional workforce system often cannot** — justice-involved, housing insecure, and rural Oregonians.

5. Doing More With Less

- Oregon's workforce boards originally **requested \$50 million to serve 10,000 people**.
- The Legislature **approved \$35 million**, and nearly \$3 million was held back at the state level.
- Despite receiving 30% less funding, the **program will still meet** — and likely exceed — its **original goal of serving 10,000 Oregonians** by 2026.

6. The Urgency for 2026

- Funding expires June 30, 2026. **Without continued investment, Oregon risks losing proven infrastructure and momentum.**
- Federal workforce funding has declined by 50% over the last decade, leaving **Prosperity Programs as Oregon's most effective tool for connecting people to jobs**.
- A new Prosperity **investment will protect the state's economic stability** while keeping Oregon competitive for future workforce initiatives and federal match opportunities.



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