Ontario, Oregon-Idaho Micropolitan Statistical Area . . .

Malheur County, Oregon + Payette County, Idaho = an integrated labor market

… responding to Ontario Area Chambers of Commerce, economic development directors, and other business leaders: “Where can we get customized, interstate, regional labor market information that we need to make informed business decisions?”

LABOR SHED – where Ontario Micropolitan Statistical Area workers live (18,969 primary jobs)
- Malheur County: 7,788 (41.1% of area workers)
- Payette County: 5,732 (30.2%)
- Neighboring Idaho Counties (~ 60-mile drive)
  - Canyon: 1,342
  - Washington: 905
  - Ada: 716
  - Gem: 308
- Other locations, including other Idaho counties: 2,178

The Top 5 -- Breakdown of 18,969 Primary Jobs by Industry Type
1. Retail trade: 3,233 (17.0%)
2. Health Care and Social Assistance: 2,228 (11.7%)
3. Manufacturing: 2,189 (11.5%)
4. Public Administration: 2,142 (11.3%)
5. Educational Services: 1,897 (10.0%)

Jobs by Worker Age
1. Age 30 & younger: 24.7%
2. Age 31-54: 55.4%
3. Age 55 & older: 19.9%

Jobs by Earnings Paid
1. $1,250 per month or less: 5,222 (27.5%)
2. $1,251 to $3,333 per month: 9,053 (47.7%)
3. More than $3,333 per month: 4,694 (24.7%)

Payette County:
- Idaho’s smallest county: 410 square miles
- Population: 22,966 (2008); 56.0 people/square mile

Malheur County:
- Oregon’s second largest county: 9,926 square miles
- Population: 31,675 (2008); 3.2 people/square mile

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