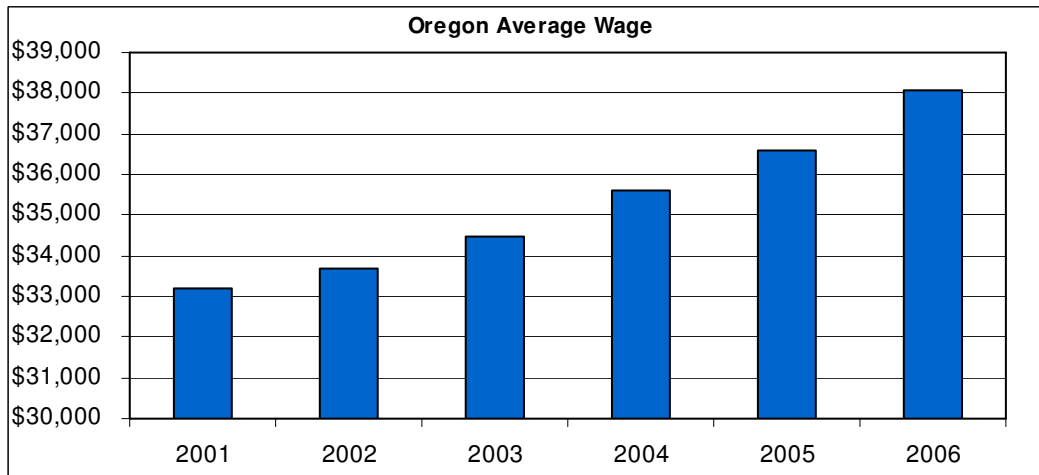


## AVERAGE WAGE IN OREGON

- Oregon's average wage in 2006 was \$38,070.
- Between 2005 and 2006 Oregon's average wage grew 4.0%.



- There is wide disparity in the average wages of Oregon counties.
- Washington County's average wage is more than double Wheeler County's.
- Only four counties have average wages above the state average.

**Highest Average Wage, 2006**

County	Amount
Washington	\$48,129
Multnomah	\$43,040
Benton	\$40,553
Clackamas	\$39,176
Linn	\$33,486

**Lowest Average Wage, 2006**

County	Amount
Wheeler	\$22,613
Wallowa	\$25,196
Hood River	\$25,349
Curry	\$26,925
Baker	\$27,087

- Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco, and Morrow Counties experienced some of the highest wage growth between 2005 and 2006.
- Wheeler County is the only county to experience negative wage growth over the 2005 to 2006 period. Wheeler County also had the lowest average wage in 2006.

**Fastest Average Wage Growth 2005-2006**

County	Growth Rate
Gilliam	12.4%
Sherman	6.7%
Wasco	6.3%
Deschutes	5.8%
Morrow	5.8%

**Slowest Average Wage Growth 2005-2006**

County	Growth Rate
Wheeler	-2.9%
Baker	0.3%
Columbia	0.9%
Douglas	2.1%
Coos	2.5%