

WORK MATTERS. SUMMER MATTERS. SUMMERWORKS.

A summer job is more than a paycheck. Young people today are **3x** as likely as their parents to be out of work. Investment in summer employment helps bridge classroom learning, gives youth experiences in a professional work environment and reduces the achievement gap attributed to summer learning loss. Moreover, it is a key component to creating the pipeline of homegrown talent employers need.

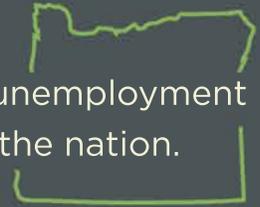
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**WORKFORCE CONCERN:
YOUNG WORKERS**

Regional Manufacturers Survey 2012



Oregon has the **11th HIGHEST** youth unemployment rate in the nation.



UNDERSTANDING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT



1 youth ages 16-19 currently has a job **in 4**

36,000

YOUTH ARE BOTH OUT OF SCHOOL & OUT OF WORK IN THE PORTLAND METRO REGION

For African-American males the employment rate is even lower at **12%**

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT RATE HAS DROPPED FROM 46% TO 27% OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS

Oregon continues to experience unprecedented levels of youth unemployment-especially those who are low-income and youth of color. At the same time, industry is calling for new workers. Over the next ten years there are projected to be **50,000** replacement openings in critical local industries that need qualified youth.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

- ↑ Leads to higher graduation rates and increased college entry
- ↑ Boosts spending in the local economy
- ↑ Develops critical workplace skills and connections with employers
- ↓ Reduces likelihood of engaging in criminal activity
- ↑ Increases lifetime earnings and the probability that youth will have a job in subsequent years
- ↓ Reduces need to access other forms of public assistance

A JOB IS THE SOLUTION

We need your help.

1,000 JOBS CAMPAIGN

SummerWorks provides youth an opportunity to learn critical workplace skills through entry-level, summer jobs at local employers.

In partnership with the City of Beaverton, City of Portland, Home Forward, Multnomah County, Washington County and private-sector businesses, we are 1/3 of the way toward our 1,000 Jobs Campaign.



Who we serve:

- 97% low income
- 76% youth of color

Join us: The time to act is now!

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