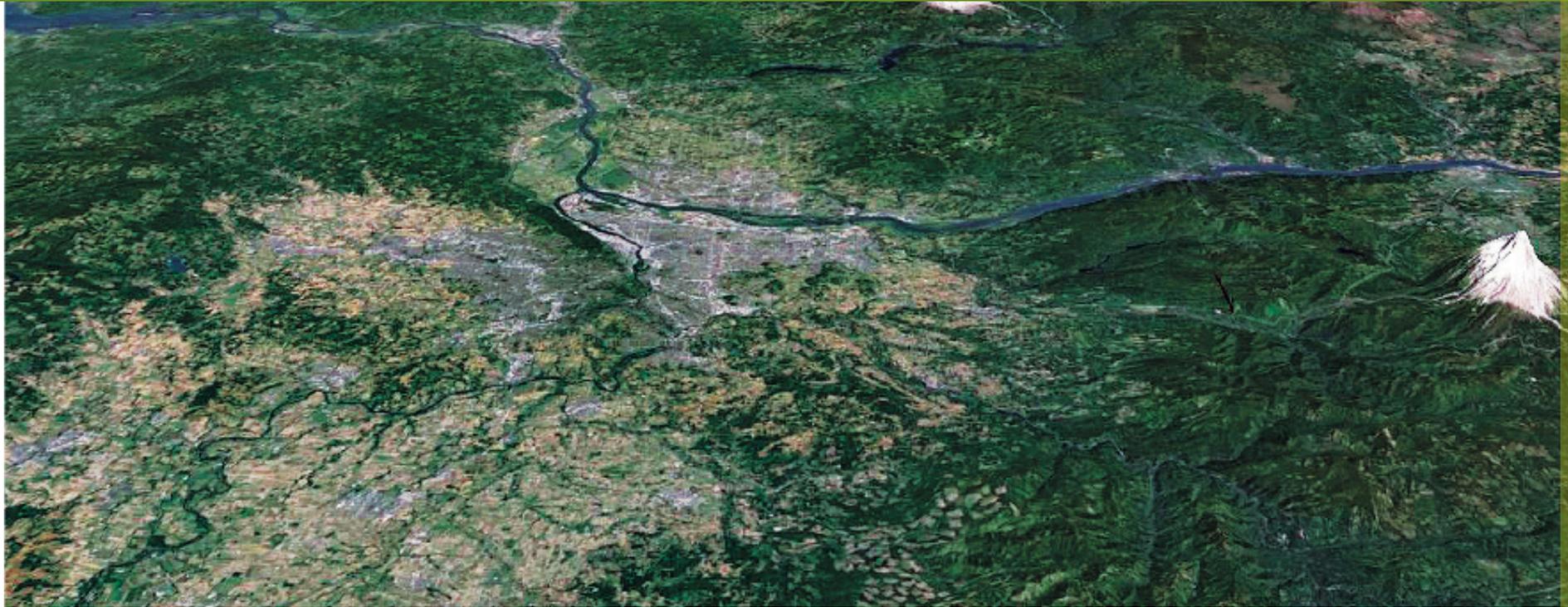


Touch Points: An Atlas of Regional Connection



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Why are regions important?

- People travel throughout a metropolitan region to live and work
- Impacts of policy and funding decisions spill over among communities
- Federal government is dysfunctional (Katz and Bradley 2013)
- States are large and heterogeneous

How Are We Connected?

Socially:

- We have friends and relatives throughout the region;
- We move around as our personal needs change and connect with new people and communities

Economically:

- Primarily via a regional labor market,
- Regional markets for housing, goods, services, and entertainment

Environmentally:

- We share a watershed, an airshed, and a food shed.

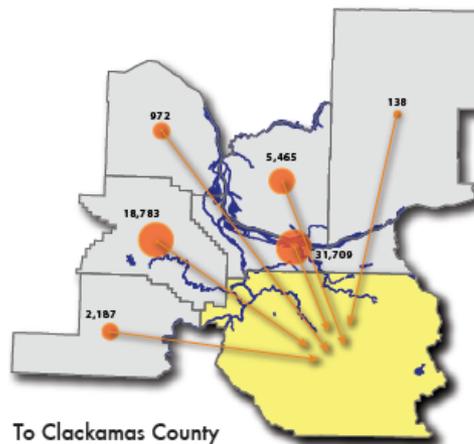
Economic Connection: Commuting



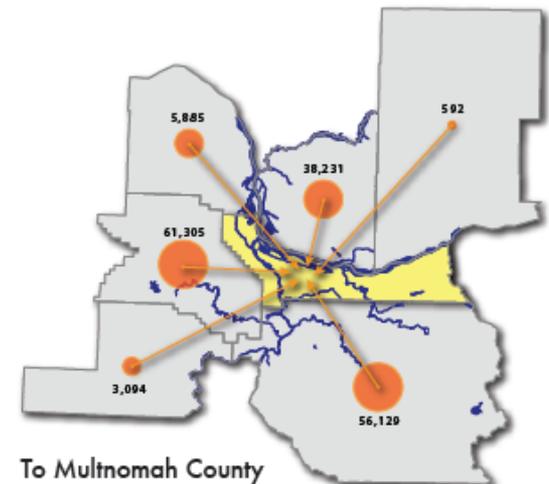
Commuting within Washington County from Washington County: 113,908 (53%)
Total Commuting to/within Washington County: 216,424



Commuting within Clark County from Clark County: 82,783 (51%)
Total Commuting to/within Clark County: 163,306

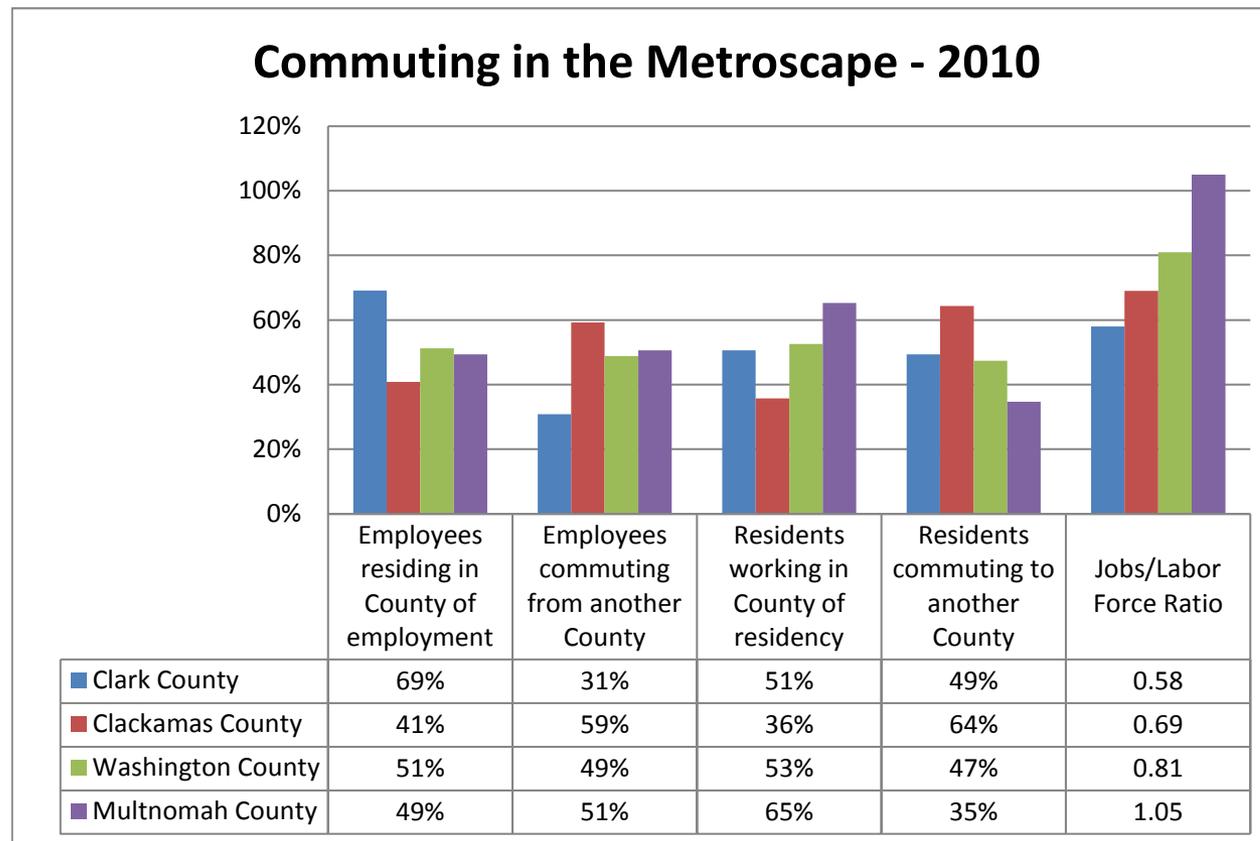


Commuting within Clackamas County from Clackamas County: 53,986 (36%)
Total Commuting to/within Clackamas County: 151,201

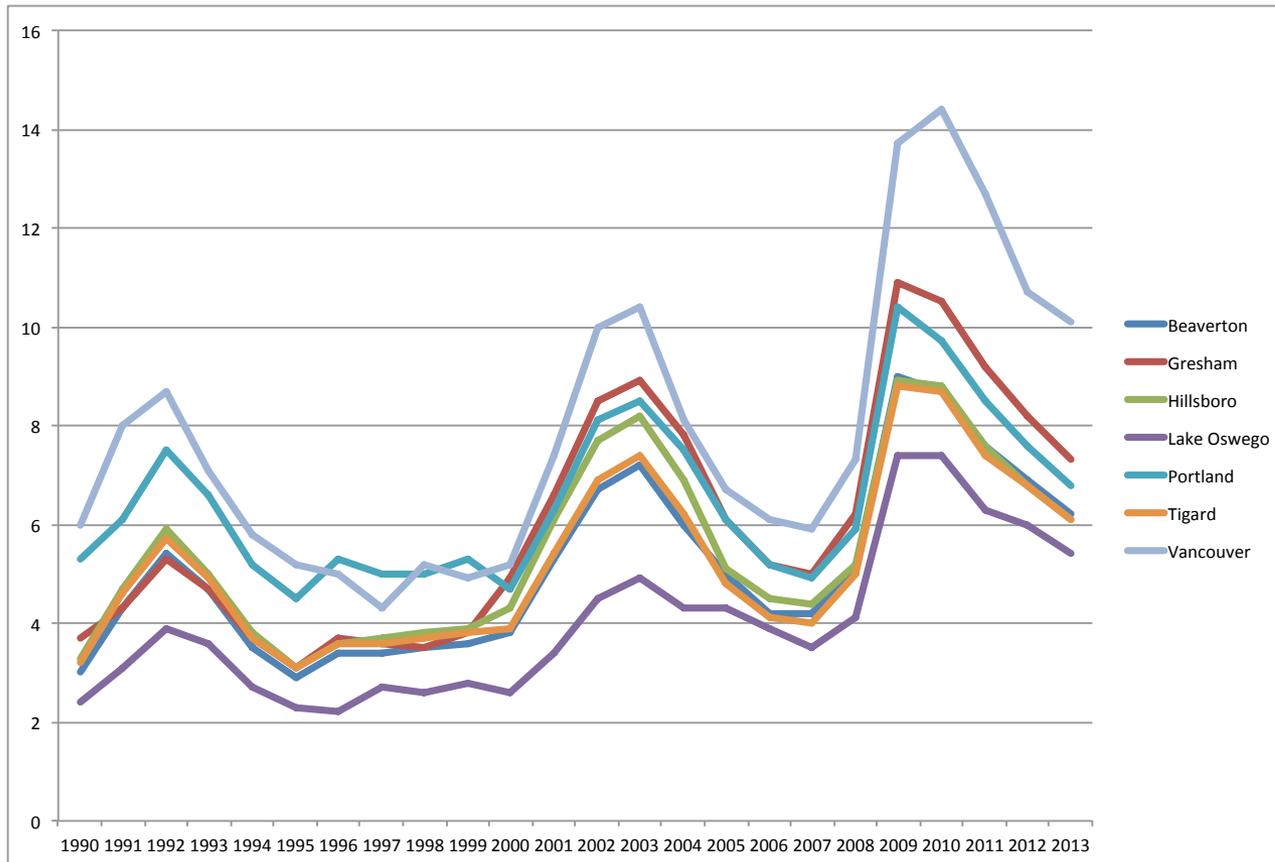


Commuting within Multnomah County from Multnomah County: 198,204 (65%)
Total Commuting to/within Multnomah County: 303,341

What do these commuting patterns mean locally?

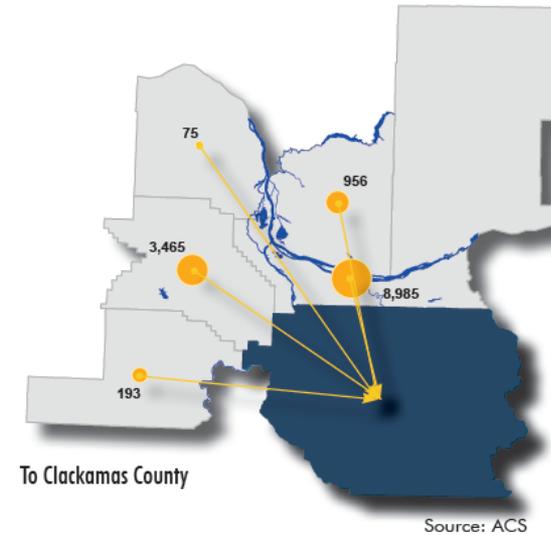
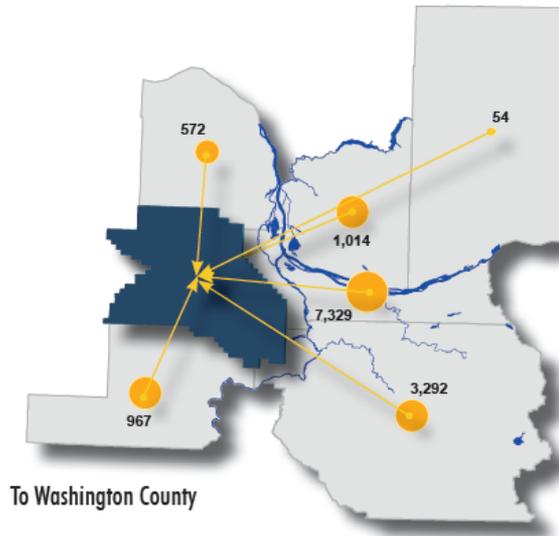
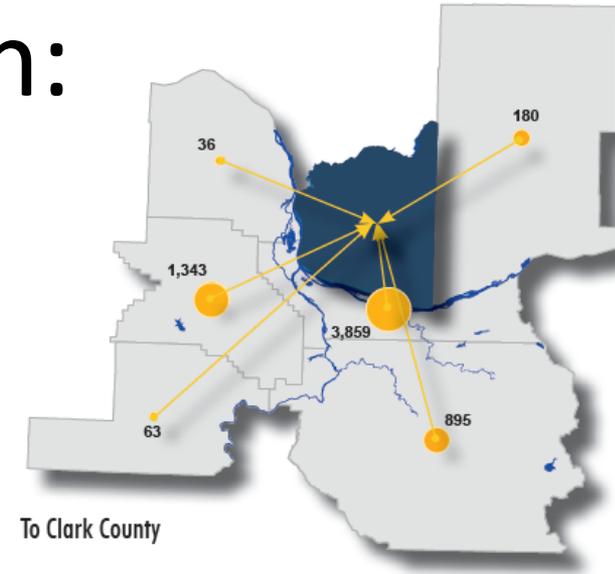
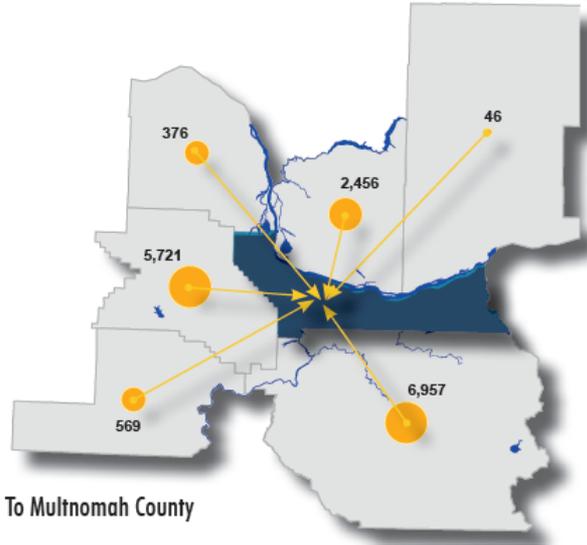


Economic Connection: The Business Cycle



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS (Household data). Not seasonally adjusted

Social Connection: Migration

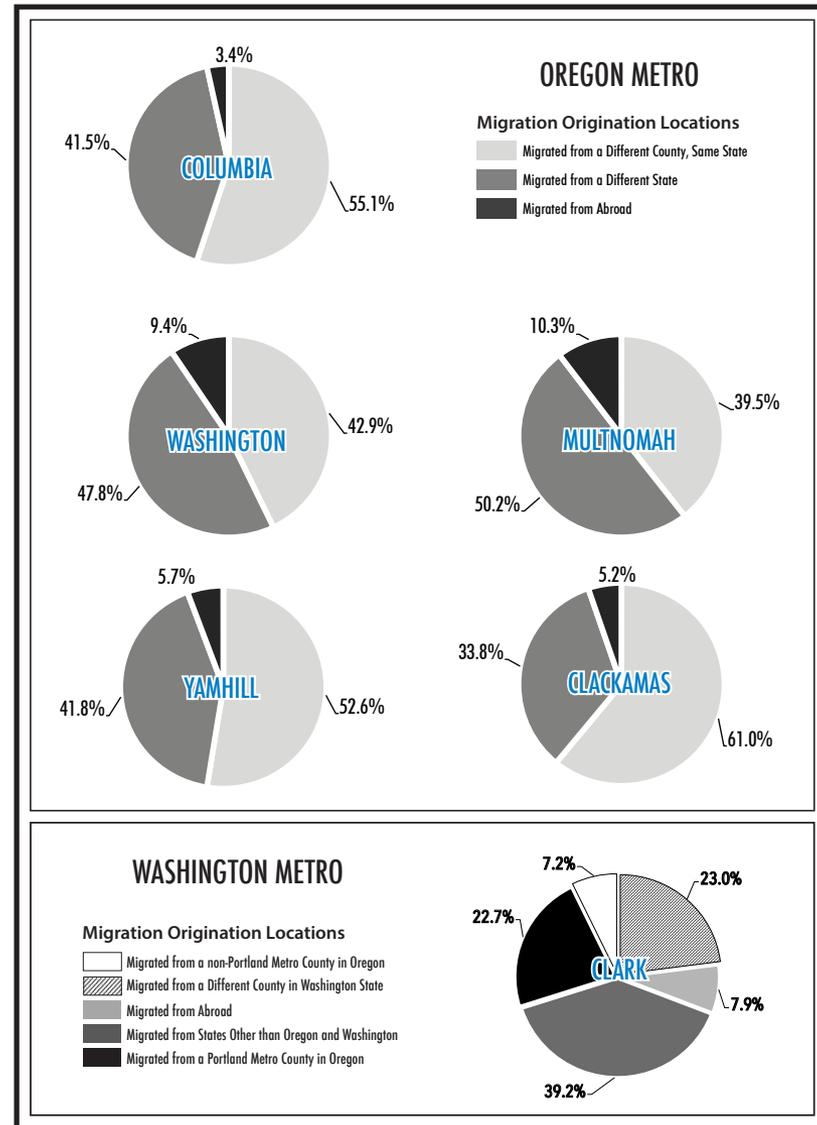


Source: ACS

Inter-regional Migration in the Metroscope by County
(2006-2010 5-Year Period)

Migration Facts:

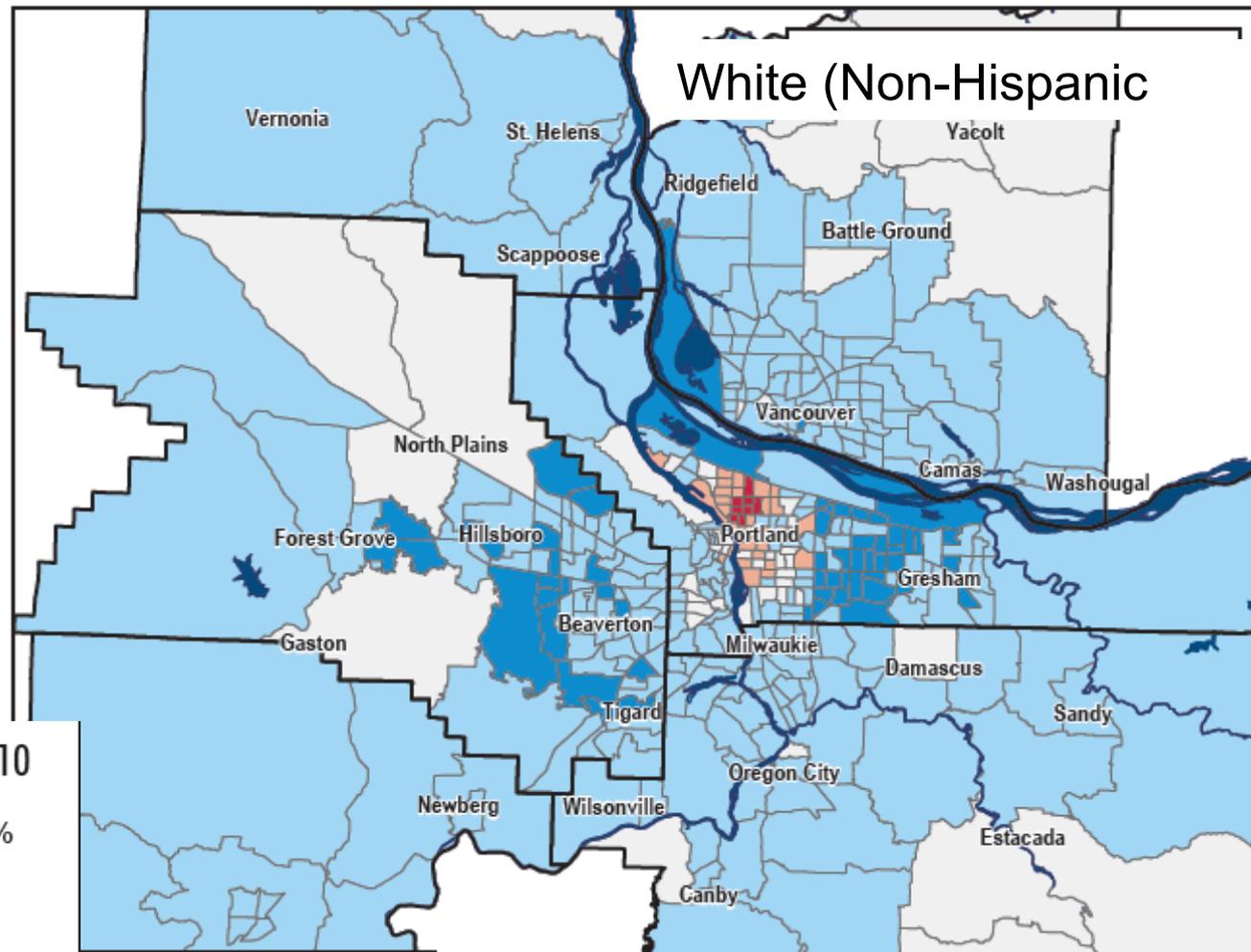
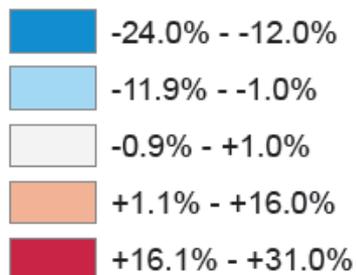
- All counties experience migration from many places
- Multnomah county has the greatest percentage of migration from abroad.
- Almost a quarter of Clark County migrant are from one of the Portland Metro counties in Oregon



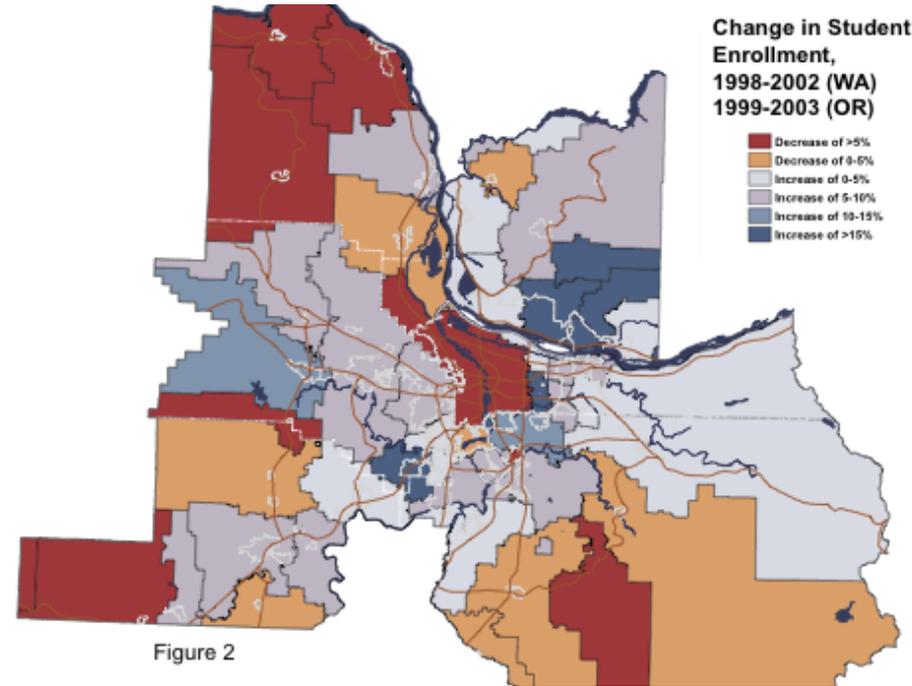
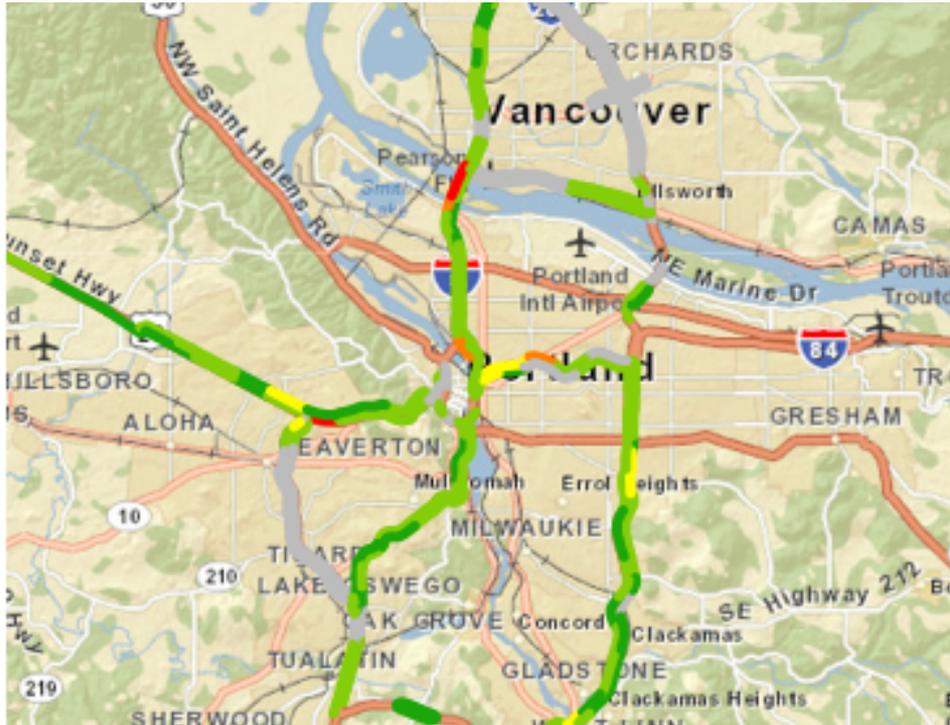
Change travels fast

All parts of the region are becoming more diverse

% Change 2000 to 2010



Benefits of Collaboration



Economies of scale in service provision
Internalize external impacts of policies
Reduce regulatory inconsistency
Improve system information and function

Costs of Collaboration

- Competition among many local governments maximizes choice (Tiebout)
- Compromise on priorities
- Benefits may be difficult to communicate and may occur in the future
- Collaboration takes time; trust must be built
- Some barriers are insurmountable

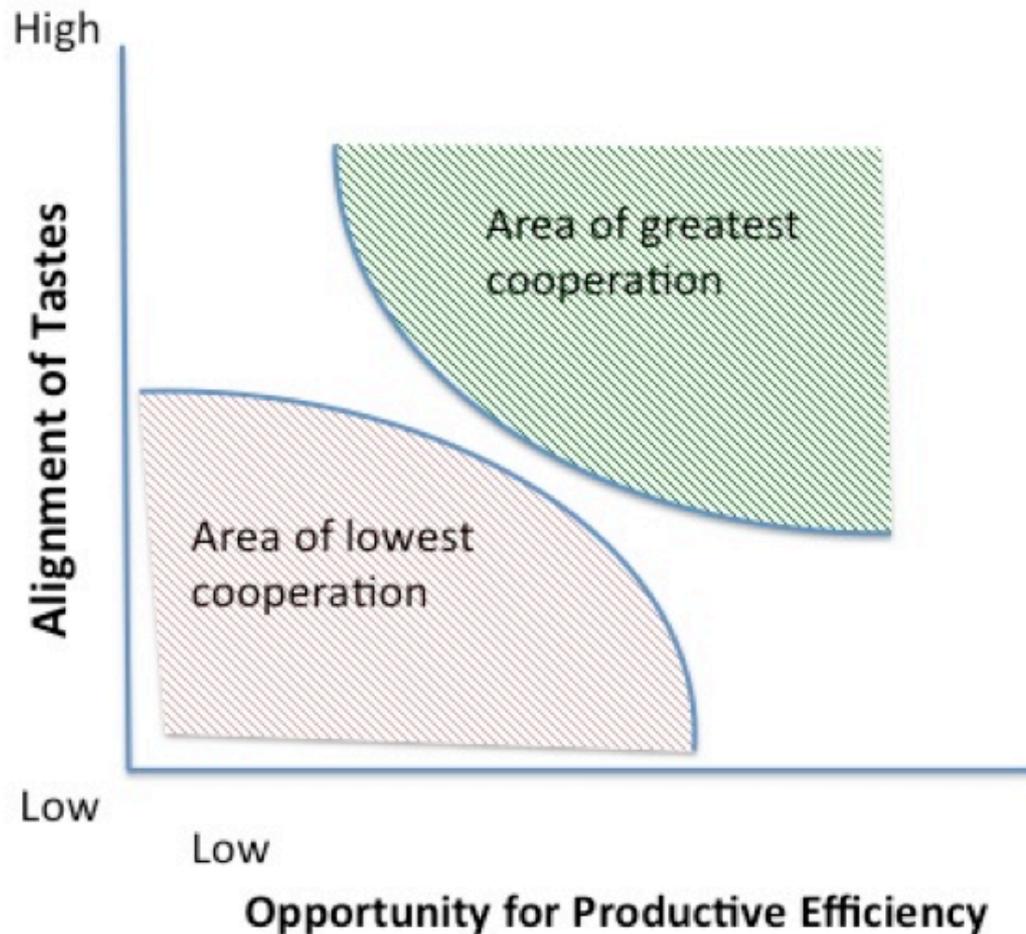


Impact of a state border



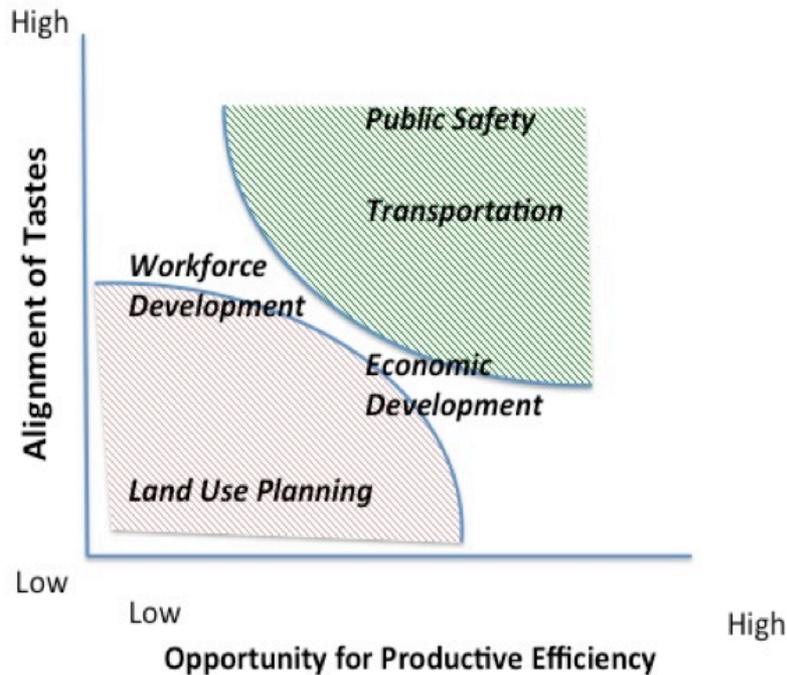
- Bureaucratic differences become much bigger
- Money comes from different places
- Congressional delegations can help or hurt
- Differences in legislative focus

How do we decide?

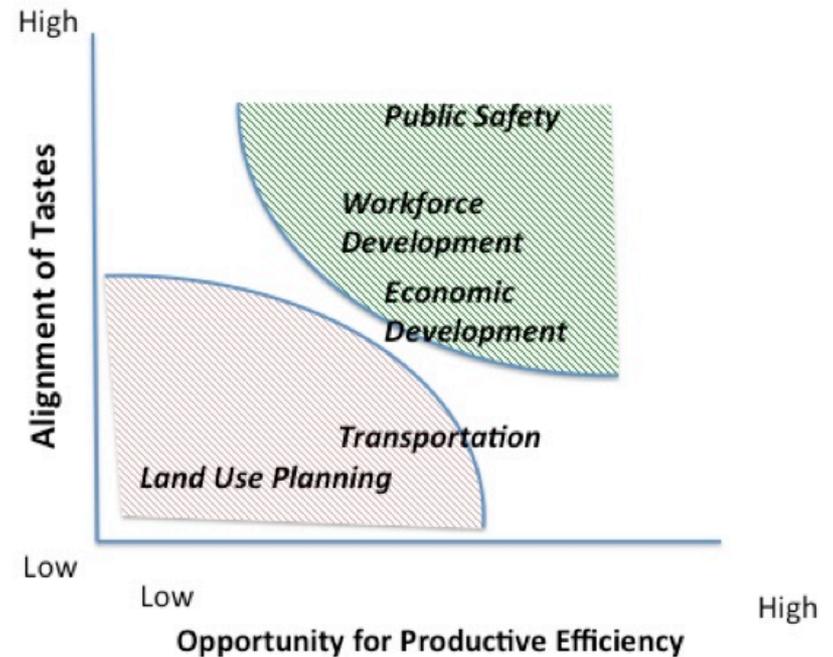


Things change...

2007



2014?



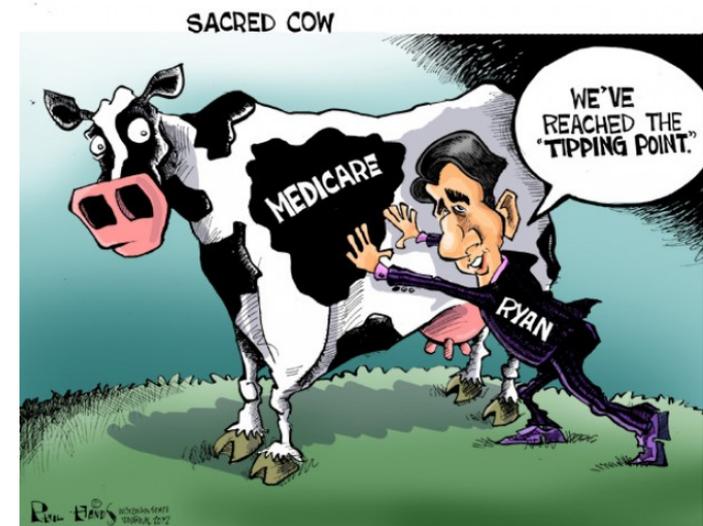
Lessons from the Portland region: Success factors

- A shared recognition of the problems facing both sides
- Inclusiveness
- Understanding joint benefits and aligned interests
- Personal relationships matter, but institutional arrangements continue
- Political leadership is key to success



Finding the tipping point

- Know your constituency
- Check the numbers
- Start small
- Develop written agreements
- Practice collaboration with patience
- Analyze collaborative failures and make adjustments



Cartoon by Phil Hands, Wisconsin State Journal