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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

A well-drawn plan, but a lot of lousy luck



Andy Giegerich is managing editor of the Portland Business Journal

A social media notice landed about a week ago that reminded me about one of our newest, and most-Portland appropriate, museums.

The Northwest Museum of Cartoon Arts, in Old Town, had an ongoing Will Eisner exhibit that spotlighted work from one of the category's giants. He was one of the first artists to create actual "comic books" and later helped propagate the use of the term "graphic novel." The Eisner Award, named for him, has been bestowed on several great independent comix folks.

Alas, the museum's dispatch contained some sad news: The venue, which had only opened last November, is closing.

Which means an end to the facility's stated goal of creating a "vibrant and living space that is accessible to all and celebrates the history, influence, diversity and joy of all aspects of cartoon art." Along the way, it picked up some noted board members, including Emily Powell of Powell's Books, artist Shannon Wheeler and Katie Pryde, whose Books With Pictures space itself won an Eisner Award (as did Wheeler).

The end of the Eisner exhibit, which coincides with an impending rent increase,



NORTHWEST MUSEUM OF CARTOON ARTS
The Northwest Museum of Cartoon Arts is closing in Old Town June 28.

effectively marks the end of the spot's ability to function.

"Basically, the short story is our expenses are exceeding our revenue and we don't have the money: Our rent is going to increase and we don't have the money to set up the next exhibit, so we're just in a position where we can't continue to operate," board chair Mike Rosen explained.

He added that the group hasn't looked into getting new space.

"We're actually getting a really good deal

from the current landlord. It's just that our rent increases are on a sliding scale," Rosen told the PBJ. "It won't double, but it'll come close to doubling by September, and so just projecting what our revenue has been and what our expenses are in addition to rent, it just doesn't pencil out."

The board is studying what its next steps are as an operating nonprofit.

Before its recent challenges, Rosen's museum deftly reinforced the notion that comics are part of Portland's fabric.

"We were really busy from November through January," he said. "We had a lot of artists and writers come in and do presentations and signings, which drew quite a few people. And that was really rewarding to see fans, because there's so many artists and writers in the Portland area. It's really an embarrassment of riches."

With a powerhouse board and a publishing scene that continues to produce new talent, it seems those riches could be easily tapped by, say, another landlord willing to offer a good deal. Until then, the Northwest Museum of Cartoon Arts closes, at its 322 N.W. Eighth Ave. location, June 28.

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Oregon bankruptcies have been on the rise since spring of 2025

Each week, the Portland Business Journal's public records (you can find them online at bit.ly/PBJRecords) details those who've filed for personal bankruptcy. It's a strategic step, frequently driven by smart attorneys, by those looking to escape, or at least better manage, their financial burdens.

A new study from the New York research firm SmartAsset suggests that use of such financial resets varies from state to state. The need to do so stems from several factors, including unexpected unemployment, divorce and medical emergencies. SmartAsset said personal bankruptcy can cause depression and other health issues.

Thus, the group looked to see if filings were more pronounced in certain areas. Oregon, as the chart below indicates, has experienced a higher increase in fil-

ings over the past year than most states, though the figures increased in all but one state.

Other findings include the emergence of a "bankruptcy belt" which includes four states that rank near the bottom for per capita bankruptcy filings. Those states are all in the south but does not include Florida.

Another per capita nugget: Nevada is the only state west of the Mississippi that counts more than 250 bankruptcy filings per 100,000 residents.

And, while North Dakota and Alaska counted the largest year-over-year increases in personal bankruptcy filings (41% and 29%, respectively), both states remain among those where residents are least likely to file for bankruptcy protection.

— Andy Giegerich

Rank*	State	Change % (2025-2026)	Bankruptcies per 100K	2026 bankruptcies	2025 bankruptcies
5	Oregon	19.1	187	7,995	6,712
12	Montana	16.2	74	845	727
15	California	14.9	134	52,973	46,088
18	Arizona	13.9	169	12,843	11,281
19	Idaho	12.7	121	2,421	2,148
22	Washington	12.5	118	9,376	8,331
24	Nevada	12.3	285	9,301	8,284
25	Colorado	12.3	142	8,461	7,536

*Based on year-over-year filings between spring 2025 and spring 2026 (lower numbers denote worse rankings)

SOURCE: SMARTASSET

BIG NUMBERS

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The number of states west of the Mississippi (Nevada) with more than 250 bankruptcy filings per 100,000 residents over the past year

40.7%

The increase in personal bankruptcy filings in North Dakota, which ranked first in the nation year over year

4

The number of states (Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee) in what Smart Asset calls the "bankruptcy belt," where per capita filings are among the nation's highest

-8.1%

The decrease in personal bankruptcy filings in Maine, the only state that logged a year over year drop



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The report suggests Portland could generate far more money-generating opportunities along the Willamette.

Willamette generates a sizable economic impact

An array of activities attracts 1.2 million visitors to the riverfront each year.

BY SARA EDWARDS
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The Willamette River waterfront is one of Portland’s most visible local amenities. It’s also one of the most underused waterfronts in the country.

So says ECONorthwest, in a study conducted in partnership with the Human Access Project and 14 other private, public and nonprofit organizations.

The study found that riverfront parks host around 1.2 million annual visits, with a majority of those occurring at Tom McCall Waterfront Park in downtown Portland. Recreation on the Willamette River generated roughly \$121 million each year in visitor spending and around \$190 million in additional recreational value not captured in market transactions.

The study examined how the river is used and what economic opportunities the city is missing out on for recreation and activation.

“We’re trying to focus on those users that are directly engaged in recreational pursuits in the data, so how does the Willamette River recreation support economic value,” ECONorthwest Project Director Sarah Reich said during a Portland Metro Chamber breakfast forum.

Top uses for the riverfront were land-based recreational activities like biking and park use, the study found. Biking generated \$57 million in spending and park use generated \$56 million. In-river recreation, such as fishing, boating and swimming, was a much smaller sliver of the pie, comprising only about 6% of all river use. ECONorthwest’s analysis studied the Willamette River and its parks from Kelley Point Park to the north to the Sellwood Bridge to the South.

On the commercial side, boating, including through such options as the Portland Spirit and floating saunas, generates at least 125,000 user days a year but it’s harder to get accurate data. The study concluded there is demand for more commercial boating.

Current commercial operators report a rise in business during peak season but the number of existing commercial options are limited.

Going forward, Reich said, river cleanliness and swimming safety need to be top priorities when it comes to expanding the river’s recreation and value while also expanding riverside amenities such as parks and surrounding infrastructure.

The study compared Portland’s waterfront investment spending with other cities who have activated their waterfronts which included Boise, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Vancouver, B.C.

Compared to these peer cities, Portland’s investments have lagged and not kept pace since the early 2000s, when half of the city’s total investment took place.



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COMINGS AND GOINGS

Openings and closings spotlight highs, lows

Several openings and closings have dotted Portland's restaurant and bar scene as summer begins.

Switchback Saloon opened this month at 4847 S.E. Division St., a rebirth of the old Landmark Saloon. When Landmark, an important part of the music scene, announced it would close, regulars figured out a way for it to live on. The large patio remains, as does the focus on live music and sports. Switchback is open Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to midnight and Saturday and Sunday from 2 p.m. to midnight.

After 18 years in business, The Eastburn restaurant, 1800 E. Burnside St., abruptly closed. In a goodbye post, the owners thanked their staff, landlords and vendors.

Northeast brunch spot Hunnymilk closes June 28 after 11 years. Located inside La Buca at 40 N.E. 28th Ave., the popular spot announced its closure on Instagram. "It's been quite an unforgettable journey but now it's time for the next one," chef-owner Brandon Weeks wrote.

Batch cocktail maker Straightaway Cocktails is closing its longtime Southeast tasting room at 901 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd. Full service ended June 14, with shopping available until July 18.

The company opened its own bar inside Portland International Airport on Wednesday.

NEW DIGS

TAMALE BOY MOVES ITS HQ TO NORTH PORTLAND

The location will house a commercial kitchen and restaurant.

Portland restaurant Tamale Boy is moving its headquarters and commercial kitchen to a new location on North Williams Avenue.

Owner Jaime Soltero Jr. bought a structure at 2323 N. Williams Ave. and is building out a kitchen and consumer-facing restaurant space. The 3,600-square-foot building was previously home to custom bicycle maker Breadwinner Cycles.

The Tamale Boy business consists of two restaurants, one on Northeast Dekum in Portland and the other in Happy Valley, plus catering. The current headquarters on North Russell Street is a commissary kitchen that supplies the restaurants and catering. The Russell location also had a restaurant component that Soltero closed last year.

Soltero is investing heavily in this headquarters project. He bought the building for \$975,000 and is investing \$750,000 into a commercial kitchen in the space. Soltero doesn't have investors and is using his own capital, loans and two grants from Prosper Portland.

Soltero received \$75,000 in a Prosperity Investment Program grant and \$250,000 in a Building Energy Efficiency grant.

The city grant money was especially important because Soltero's SBA loan was delayed due to the



SAM GEHRKE

Jaime Soltero Jr. stands inside Colibri, the restaurant he owns in the Pearl. He is in the process of moving the headquarters of his Tamale Boy restaurant and catering to a building he purchased on North Williams Avenue.

43-day government shutdown last fall.

"This would have never happened without the BEE grant and PIP grant from Prosper Portland and being in a specific zone. So that was a huge factor for us to be able to afford this and move forward," he said.

This is the second building Soltero has acquired. He also owns the restaurant Colibri in the

"This would have never happened without the BEE and PIP grants."

Jaime Soltero Jr., Owner, Tamale Boy

Pearl District and the building it occupies.

"Restaurants, we don't really start making back our money until the fifth year. Once you get to that point (is) where you can feel like you can afford to do the payment and actually get the property," he said.

Soltero is hoping the new location will be open in the next few weeks.

CHEFS

Ryan Roadhouse's Nodoguro launches Sunday tea service

There's a new offering from a chef fresh off a James Beard Award win.

The program is at the now James Beard Award-winning Nodoguro. The restaurant's chef-owner Ryan Roadhouse won the Best Chef in the Northwest Pacific region last week.

Last fall, he quietly started a Sunday high tea program designed to give people a reason to slow down and take time

together. The Sunday tea program unveiled its spring menu this month highlighting ingredients like cherry blossoms, ramps, asparagus, firefly squid and ume.

"Haru, or spring, brings a sense of renewal, with early greens, radishes, fresh seafood and ingredients like bamboo shoots that appear just once a year," Roadhouse said in a written statement. "We're lucky to live in a volcanic region

that shares so much with Japan, from the forests and ocean to the produce and seasons, which keeps us in sync with how we cook and live."

The menu has savory items like Roadhouse's take on the 7-Eleven Japanese egg salad followed by sweet bites.

Nodoguro tea service is offered Sundays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations are \$150 per person and available online.



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Portland attraction brings on two new leaders

The new president began with the company as a singing waiter.

BY MALIA SPENCER
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After 32 years at the helm of Portland Spirit Cruises & Events, its co-founder and president is handing the wheel over to a new generation.

Dan Yates, who helped start the company in 1994, is stepping out of the president role and moving to a board position and a strategic project role at the company. This includes a proposal to open a new waterfront restaurant in the historic Portland Visitor Information Center building.

Effective immediately, the new president is company veteran Dennis Corwin, who was most recently general manager. Stepping into the GM spot is Mindy Dean-Caldwell.



Dan Yates



Dennis Corwin

“It has been the honor of my life to serve as president of Portland Spirit for the last 32 years,” Yates said in a written statement. “While I still have more to give, I recognized it was time to step aside from day-to-day operations and allow the next generation to lead. Mindy and Dennis are exceptionally well prepared and ready to take the helm.”

Corwin has been with the company since it began in 1994. He studied business and music performance at Portland State University and has been active in Pacific Northwest theater.

“Thirty-two years ago, I applied for a ‘singing server’ job, and now I’m president. It’s surreal,” Corwin said in a written statement. “As a family- and employee-owned business, our office has never felt like just a workplace. I’m honored to lead such a passionate and dynamic group of people into our next chapter.”

Dean-Caldwell has been with the company for decades, most recent-



BRAD MCCLAIN

The Portland Spirit will have new executives overseeing its cruises along the Willamette River near downtown Portland.

ly as director of service and product.

“Having spent the past 26 years growing within the company, I’m deeply grateful for the opportunities that have allowed me to learn nearly every aspect of the business,” she said in a written statement.

Portland Spirit operates a fleet of four boats and has year-round cruises including popular dinner and brunch cruises. The company has made significant investments over the past three years in improving its fleet. It has spent more than \$3 million to repower three of its vessels with fuel-efficient diesel engines. It is planning to repower the flagship Portland Spirit in the next five years.

“We are in the strongest position we’ve ever been as a company,” Yates said. “With the investments we’ve made and new leadership in place, I am confident our best years are still ahead.”

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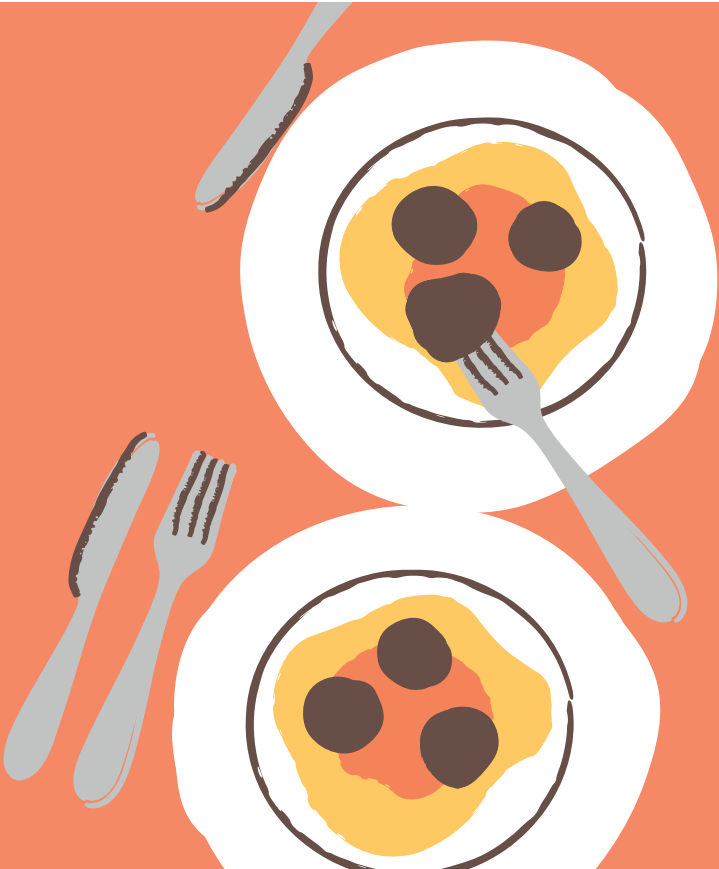
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ECONOMIC IMPACT

Portland Fire to play 50 games in 2027 season

The WNBA announced Wednesday that teams will play 50 games next season, up from the current 44.

The league's new collective bargaining agreement, which took effect in May, allows a maximum of 50 games per season in 2027 and 2028, increasing to 52 from 2029 to 2032.

"It's good for us on two fronts," Clare Hamill, interim president of the Portland Fire, told the Portland Business Journal. "It gives fans more opportunities to see more teams, more games, and the demand right now is so high that it's great from a fan perspective. If you're a sponsor, it's more eyeballs, it's more opportunities for you."

Assuming half of the additional Fire games will be played at Moda Center, that could mean millions more in economic activity for Portland. A Trail Blazers game generates about \$700,000 in visitor spending at local hotels and on food, beverage and retail. The Fire's expanded schedule could bring an estimated \$2.1 million in additional visitor spending to the city.

"Demand for the WNBA has never been greater, and expanding to a 50-game regular season reflects the extraordinary momentum we are seeing across the league," WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert said in a release.

ARENA RENOVATION

PORTLAND CONSIDERS PRICEY MODA MAKEOVER

Blazers provide few details on renovation plans for arena.

The debate over a possible \$600 million Moda Center makeover extends beyond whether public money should fund it to how those millions will be spent.

The answer lies with the Blazers, who have been light on specifics. "A significant renovation is necessary to ensure the arena remains competitive in NBA, WNBA, concert, security, technology, accessibility, and fan experience standards for several decades," the team said in a statement.

"Without sharing an itemized breakdown, these enhancements may include major modernization projects, infrastructure upgrades, reconfiguration of public spaces, back-of-house improvements, new guest amenities, or more."

More details should emerge as Portland City Council inches toward forging a deal with the Tom Dundon-led ownership group.

Karl Lisle, spectator venues and visitor activities program manager for the City of Portland, oversees large city-owned venues including Moda Center and has been in renovation negotiations with the Blazers.

Portland's ownership of Moda frequently gets lost in debate about whether failing to deliver renovations could prompt Dundon to move the team. Paul Allen partnered with



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Backers of a Moda Center upgrade say a considerable investment is way overdue. Just how much the city of Portland should contribute toward renovations has sparked intense debate.

the city in the 1990s to build the arena, retaining ownership while Portland leased the land. In 2024, one year before the lease expired, Portland purchased Moda Center from the ownership group as Allen's estate prepared to sell the team.

"All the public side conversations around investment in the Moda Center are about investing in a publicly owned asset, they're not about direct subsidies to a team," Lisle said.

Regardless of the Blazers' future, the city owns the arena and it needs

"All the public side conversations ... (are not about direct subsidies to a team,"

Karl Lisle, city of Portland

upgrades. A 2024 facility condition assessment estimated \$400 million to \$500 million is needed to keep it running without major renovation for 20 more years.

The \$600 million renovation figure comes from the Blazers, not the city, Lisle said.

The state approved \$360 million for renovations, contingent upon Portland and Multnomah County contributions. The city and Blazers have until 2027 to reach a long-term lease agreement.

PARTNERSHIPS

Cherry Bombs partner with Sleater-Kinney

The Portland Cherry Bombs, a pre-professional soccer team, is teaming up with legendary musicians Sleater-Kinney for a good cause.

The team, which plays in the USL W league and is owned by the same group as the Portland Pickles, is working with the iconic Pacific Northwest riot grrrl band on limited-edition jerseys, with proceeds benefitting Planned Parenthood

of Willamette. Official League, the apparel brand that makes Pickles and Cherry Bombs merch, is also collaborating on the project.

The cream-colored jerseys say "Sleater-Kinney" on the back, alongside the number 94 (the year the band formed) and the words, "Care, Access, Choice."

"This is such a cool way to champion two things we love and believe in: Planned Parenthood and women's sports. The jersey

collab allows fans to contribute to a good cause while looking sharp," Sleater-Kinney, members Carrie Brownstein and Corin Tucker said in a statement.

"This collaboration with Sleater-Kinney is a way to bring fans together around something meaningful while supporting the critical work of Planned Parenthood," Cherry Bombs General Manager Courtney Schmidt said in a press release.



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LET'S TALK REAL ESTATE

Three agents with decades of experience on pricing, hot 'hoods and a long-awaited correction.

Portland's residential real estate market has been amazingly resilient. While single-family home prices have begun to settle, the correction after more than a decade of increases has been subtle. There's been no devastating burst of the bubble. The market, of course, is not a monolith. When it comes to pricing and the pace of sales, location matters, as it always does in real estate. Property type does, too. Single-family homes in most cases have held their value, while condos have sunk.

To get a sense of the dynamics at play, the Business Journal asked three Portland metro real estate agents with decades of combined experience for their take.

Here's what they had to say.

Kate Williams

Kate Williams founded Rose City Realty Group in 2012. The Portland native set up shop in the Pearl District, a neighborhood that was coming into its own as Williams' real estate career was gaining traction.

"The Pearl District has my heart," she said. "It's had some stuff happening these last few years, but for the most part, it's been a very symbiotic relationship. Portland has always been very easy for me to sell, because I love it so much."

We caught up with Williams to talk about her business, which, in addition to The Pearl, focuses on much of inner Portland. We also discussed the state of the market and her outlook for the months ahead.

This interview has been edited for brevity.

How would you characterize the state of the real estate market? I'm happy to say that all indications are that we've hit rock bottom, and we're kind of clawing our way back. As somebody who's had an office downtown, I'm back to propping my door open and welcoming people in. That was not the case the last many years.

Are you seeing the same recovery in your business? Condos are probably half of what I do, maybe a little bit more, and I always say they're the canary in the coal mine. They're always the first to get hit and the last to recover. We're not seeing prices recover yet. We're still seeing predatory buyers coming in and wanting to steal a condo. I've been telling my sellers that if it's not urgent or an emergency to list, then hang

on. It's only going to get better. The panic sellers have already all sold.

What kind of pricing are you seeing on condos? In the Pearl, downtown, Northwest and inner Northeast, we're not seeing prices go down anymore, which is encouraging.

How much lower are prices now compared to pre-Covid? I mean at a minimum 25%, in some cases 50%. I've seen units sell for what they sold

for when the building was built. So, for example, in Tanner Place (1030 N.W. Johnson St.) there are units that are closing at the price that they were when the building was erected in 2002. I'm representing a buyer in contract right now for a two-bedroom corner unit on the fifth floor, and it's going to sell for under \$500,000. At the height, we were seeing those selling for \$650,000, \$675,000, and in the cases of them being really dialed, \$800,000.

Any notable trends in single-family home sales? I think people have a hangover from how hard it was to get supplies and contractors and how much pricing skyrocketed during the pandemic. So, if a house needs to be painted, it's hard to talk somebody through it. People want it to be turnkey, and those detached houses that are close in that are priced reasonably are getting multiple offers, still.

What's your ratio of buyers who are in Portland versus those from other places? I have six (houses under contract or recently closed) and of those there's Wisconsin, Bend and San Francisco, so three were outside Portland.

Given the pricing dynamics we've talked about, what advice do you have for first-time buyers? Prices will rebound. That's what they do. ... I'm personally an advocate that's pushing friends and people I love that now is the time. Pounce, buy a condo. It's doable.

— Suzanne Stevens

"Condos are probably half of what I do, and I always say they're the canary in the coal mine."

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Cristina John

Cristina John has spent the past 21 years navigating Portland's residential real estate market. As a real estate broker with Cristina John Properties, Inc., operating under the Keller Williams Realty Professionals umbrella, she has built her business primarily on referrals from past clients. Her territory spans a wide swath of the metro area. When contacted for this story last week, she was preparing to list a home in Welches.

Are there any Portland-area neighborhoods that are hotter than others right now? I would tell you that homes that are selling are priced well and the condition is almost perfect. And that's everywhere in the city. The city is still hot. There are still multiple offers at times for the homes that are near impeccable, or in almost perfect condition. That's true whether it's in Beaverton, or Portland, the city or suburbs. It's everywhere.

In terms of the hottest neighborhoods, I am not sure if I can tell you one or the other is the best place to be. I feel like it's, "Is this home priced well and is the condition impeccable?" and that's what's moving the needle. Buyers today want move-in ready homes, and that makes sense. The interest rate is a bit higher than in recent years and remodeling is more expensive today than it has been. And most of my clients just don't have the time.

I spoke with someone else today who said the same thing. Also, pricing is a bit flat as well. Sellers who purchased three years ago, and want to sell today, are not really making any gains. So that part is really hard. Sale prices are not far off from what the home was purchased for. It's really hard for people to understand. They need a Realtor who understands the market, and can make pricing and condition suggestions that fit today's dynamic environment.

Figuring out what the price needs to be, figuring out exactly what needs to be done to the home in order for it to move, is essential. Kitchens and bathrooms are essential. Those have to be dialed in. And it doesn't necessarily have to be a \$100,000 remodel. It just has to be clean, modern and good-



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looking. I spend a lot of time refreshing new properties, through referral contractors.

And often times, the sellers ask, "Well, if I spend \$60,000, am I going to get \$60,000 back?" No, you're going to get an offer. Which is hard to comprehend sometimes.

You'd mentioned prices are flat. They're kind of flat, and condos are not selling as quickly as they have in the past. Units with above average

HOA fees are experiencing longer days on the market.

Higher interest rates are a factor. Interest rates for condos are a bit higher than the interest rate for a single family home or townhome.

The other issue for condos is insurance. A lot of insurance carriers are dropping insurance for condos or farming it out to a more expensive option. Buyers are less interested in condos with above average HOA fees, at the moment.

Incentives used to be big in your world. However, it seems like anything that used to be extras in homes are kind-of standard now. People want a true primary bedroom. People want updated kitchens with good flow and open floor plans. A backyard is kind-of give and take: Some of my clients want big yards, but most of them just want a reasonably sized yard. They're real busy. They don't have time to maintain a large space.

In the end, though, people are mortgage-payment conscious. It's the higher interest rate environment, and I think people are worried about what's happening in our financial environment. And, without getting into politics, people are concerned in general about international events. At the end of the day, consumers are really concerned about their monthly payment.

So in some parts of Tigard and Beaverton and Gresham, builders are offering closing costs, they're offering better interest rates, upgrades and they're offering appliances. The builders are in direct competition with sellers selling in the immediate vicinity.

There are a few first-time buyer programs out there. The city of Tigard has one. The city of Beaverton has one, I believe. And I have a client in the city of Portland who's been awarded a grant for \$97,000 to purchase a home.

Are you excited about the market right now? I mean, the market is the market. I just have to work within the parameters of today's reality. Sellers are not excited about it, the buyers are a little bit more excited because they can negotiate a little bit more than in recent years. Depending on the property and time on the market, buyers are seeing a little more room to negotiate repairs, closing costs and price.

Any major concerns? Where are we with jobs in Portland? If people have jobs, they feel good, and have a lot more confidence to make life-changing financial decisions. Consumer confidence is not as strong as it has been in recent years.

— Andy Giegerich



LIVING ROOM REALTY

Bonnie Roseman

Bonnie Roseman of Living Room Realty has worked in Portland's residential real estate sector for 35 years. Over that time, she's crafted brilliant geographical theories (see her answer to the first question, below) and both surfed and rode out many trends. We talked to her last week about the current state of the local market.

First off, we were wondering where it's easiest to sell homes in the Portland area right now. For the most part over the decades, there's an overlapping intersecting pair of ovals, with the Willamette River on one axis and

Burnside on the other. If you drew an oval around each one, the closer you are to the center of either axis, the hotter it is. When you go out diagonally in any direction, it gets less desirable overall. But I've done this for 35 years, and most of the neighborhoods that are hot have been in demand that whole entire time: Laurelhurst, Alameda, I'd say Alberta is especially hot. And we have expanded: When I started, it was north of Division and south of Prescott. Now, people love to be in Concordia near Fern Hill Park, Kenton, Foster-Powell has improved over the years.

On those diagonal trajectories,



"People want to walk to the coffee shop. They want to walk home with groceries. They want transit."

Bonnie Roseman

you just find yourself a little more unmoored from the traditional neighborhoods. There are fewer trees. But it's perfect for certain people: You want to work on your loud motorcycle or have band practice. There are certain things that when you go in areas that are a bit more isolated, it gives you the leeway of doing things.

Overall, though, people want to walk to the coffee shop. They'd like a bookstore not too far away. They want to walk home with groceries. They want transit. And they want a beautiful park.

We keep hearing the market is bad... I have a bone to pick with that a little bit. I think the press does this thing that, well, first off, there's always a lag, right? Because how can you guys know what's happening? I explain to sellers, I don't want to set your price until a couple of days before we go on, because every weekend we have a reset based on what happened that weekend. And so it's really hard to know from a longer range view what's going on.

Does that mean it's mostly competitive right now? It's very, very competitive for desirable properties. Now, if you have clutter, you didn't get the cat box smell out, you didn't repair things, that is a tougher sell because buyers are maxed out, with interest rates [at around 6%]. I mean, they're still historically low, but when you think of what they were [between 3% and 4% a decade ago], the ultimate payment was still manageable for many people. But now, a 6% rate on current prices is astronomical. People are looking at their savings, or whether their family can help them, can they tap into their retirement? They're pulling every resource they have just to get in.

So having your house ready for the buyer is definitely the way to go. You know that that is going to get a higher price because (buyers might not) have the money for their down payment, their closing costs, a big monthly payment and also have to figure out how to save for things. Condition is very very important.

Tell me what you're excited about in the field right now. I am seeing an increase in interest in building in the city, and I'm very excited about that because we desperately need housing of every type at every price point. And you know, for so many years, it's been, when you talk to builders, they're like, oh, the city's just too hard to work with, it's too expensive, there's too many rules. And just recently, I feel this year, I've been hearing more interest in getting back to some infill.

And while I am very opposed to tearing down good homes that come in all different sizes and styles, there are things that are blights, there are abandoned commercial sites that could be housing and different things. So I'm really excited to see some energy going into renewal of blighted areas.

Any specific concerns? My biggest concern is affordability, peoples' wages. I have a 26-year-old daughter and she has a nice job. But on her own, it's hard to imagine how she would ever be able to buy a house if her family couldn't help her. And many, many people don't have families that can help. In general, if you don't have generational wealth, it has become increasingly difficult to face that affordability: I'd really call it almost a crisis between the high prices and the interest rates.

— Andy Giegerich

War, rates and affordability roil housing market

Just when you thought stability had arrived, a surge of uncertainty.

At the start of 2026, there were signs Portland's housing market was beginning to stabilize. With mortgage rates hovering around 6 percent, the region was experiencing a more balanced real estate market than it had seen in years and, in some cases, even a buyers' market. Pricing had flattened, sales activity was showing modest growth and sellers who had previously stayed on the sidelines were beginning to reenter the market.

By late February, the spring housing market appeared poised for a rebound. Mortgage rates dipped below 6 percent for the first time in more than three years, and both buyers and sellers were beginning to reengage with the market.

That momentum quickly changed following the sudden onset of war in Iran.

The effects on the economy, interest rates and the housing market are only just coming into focus, but so far, the signals are negative. Mortgage rates jumped by as much as half a point in the six weeks after the war began, and March saw the highest one-month increase in the gasoline consumer price index in decades.

Those shifts matter because buyers today are increasingly sensitive to even small changes in monthly cost. A modest increase in mortgage rates can dramatically reduce what buyers qualify for, especially once rising insurance premiums, transportation costs and everyday expenses are layered in.

For many households, affordability is no longer just about qualifying for a mortgage, but being able to realistically sustain the monthly cost of living in a home.

That pressure is reshaping buyer behavior across Oregon.



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Some buyers are prioritizing homes closer to work to reduce commuting expenses. Others are turning to multi-generational living arrangements to share costs and create more financial flexibility. Accessory dwelling units, or ADUs, are also becoming increasingly attractive as homeowners look for opportunities to generate supplemental income.

Meanwhile, sellers are adjusting to a different type of buyer than the market saw during the pandemic years.

Homes increasingly need to be move-in ready because many buyers are far more cautious about taking on additional costs after closing and often lack cash reserves for repairs or upgrades,

especially after stretching to afford higher monthly payments. Buyers are also facing mortgage costs well above what many current homeowners locked in during the pandemic.

Insurance is also becoming a growing factor in transactions. Premiums have risen substantially, and underwriters are becoming more selective about the properties they are willing to insure. Recently, an insurance company required a roof replacement on a home we had in escrow before the sale could move forward. Situations like this are becoming more common and can create unexpected hurdles for both buyers and sellers.

All of these factors affect the housing market, which extends



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well beyond real estate transactions themselves.

According to the National Association of Realtors, the real estate industry accounted for nearly \$68 billion, or 19.9 percent of Oregon's gross state product, last year. That impact includes not only home sales and mortgage lending, but also construction, remodeling, title and insurance services, moving expenses, home improvement spending and other economic activity connected to housing.

While these ancillary industries may also falter during a shaky real estate market, it is important to maintain perspective. Oregon's economy is not in decline, and employment and gross domestic product trends still point toward growth, even if that growth is more moderate than what the state experienced during the post-pandemic years.

However, several long-term shifts are influencing the market. Population growth has slowed compared to previous decades, fewer people are relocating to Oregon than during the peak pandemic migration years and some residents are choosing to leave the region altogether. Household sizes are also changing, which continues to shape affordability and housing demand.

Like many regions across the country, Oregon is balancing economic growth with increasing demands on infrastructure, public services and affordability. Those pressures will continue to influence long-term economic conditions and consumer confidence. The good news is that Oregon's economy is still growing, even if growth has slowed from the pace seen during the post-pandemic surge.

Today's housing market requires buyers, sellers, businesses and policymakers alike to think differently about affordability, risk and long-term sustainability. Real estate has always reflected consumer confidence and economic momentum. Right now, both are being tested across Oregon. **Z**



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Portland architect proposes housing for vacant retail spaces

Such projects could run at least \$100K less than normal building costs.

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A Portland architect has a potential solution for the city’s lack of housing and vacant retail spaces. Sebastian Guivernau, through his ISEEPDX project, is developing a project called Storefront Living, which envisions adding housing to empty ground floor retail spaces of apartment buildings.

The units would be an extension of existing apartment buildings but could be moved or taken out if landlords decide to convert the space back to retail. Each unit would be constructed within the retail space with a buffer between unit walls and the building’s exterior to create apartment hallways. Guivernau’s research found that the units could be constructed for a price ranging from \$200,000 and \$250,000 per unit. Guivernau said it typically costs between \$300,00 and \$450,000 per unit for construction. The costs are lower because the units would be installed in existing spaces. “Storefront Living creates housing capacity without acquiring land or

constructing a new building, reducing delivery timelines from the three-and-a-half to five years often required for ground-up housing to approximately six to nine months,” he told the Business Journal. “The goal is to work collaboratively with property owners, community organizations and public agencies to get a pilot project built. Storefront Living is still in its conceptual phase. Guivernau came up with the idea in 2024 in a conversation about the challenges seniors face when it comes to finding housing in their neighborhood and whether Portland’s long-vacant storefronts could become housing. The discussion expanded to cre-

Storefront Living is a potential solution that would add more housing units and reduce vacancies in ground floor retail spaces.

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ating a framework for converting ground floor retail spaces to create housing for people who want to stay in their neighborhoods.

Guivernau has spent the last year and a half assembling a development team.

Storefront Living is being developed by ISEEPDX. He's also working with Portland firms such as GBD Architects and R&H Construction and others on feasibility, permitting, pricing and implementation.

"You're not really changing the storefront, but you're instead creating these environments that would allow for that infrastructure and reinvigorate the downtown core that would otherwise just sit empty," R&H's director of business development Adam Rainey said. "The whole concept was intriguing to us as a company as a potential solution to get the city back to where it needs to be."

Project partners spent much of 2025 meeting with city staff about the feasibility of the project and zon-



A rendering shows what a potential unit in a Storefront Living project could look like.



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ing, permitting and building code considerations associated with converting a retail space into residential use.

"It's a way to get revenue and do your part with the city by bringing life back to the street," Guivernau said. "I've worked on multifamily projects, and (developers) are realizing that the retail component is not going to come so (the city is) allowing things such as live/work

additions and zoning and planning changes so they would allow this."

Kyle Andersen and Marcus Lima from GBD said the initial concept would create a kit of parts that could be replicated in other retail spaces across the city.

The units would be built on lift-ed pallets with plumbing and electrical connections underneath. The units would also be spaced apart for additional privacy.

"Getting the city's interest is important because there's going to be some things that are a little unusual," Andersen said. "This could be an opportunity with a blank slate – an empty storefront – to develop a new way of thinking of housing."

Guivernau's concepts come as Portland city councilors weigh the idea of implementing a tax or fee on vacant ground-floor retail spaces and apartment units.

Along with conversations with elected officials, Guivernau also wants to work with other stakeholders such as Prosper Portland to garner support for his program.

"To be able to try something that hasn't been done like this in any other city and to be the first ones to do it is huge," Guivernau said. "One of the core ideas behind Storefront Living is that housing can also function as neighborhood infrastructure that introduces a more diverse and multigenerational mix of residents into buildings and districts." ❧

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5	Coldwell Banker Bain ⑧ coldwellbankerhomes.com/pacific-northwest	4200 Mercantile Dr. #700 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 503-224-7325	\$554.88 million	888	0	0	Residential real estate; luxury real estate	1983	Gregg Lane , District Manager, Julia Nordby, Regional VP, Jennifer Lind, Regional President
6	Oregon First & Washington First Properties ⑦ orwa1st.com	6600 S.W. 92nd Ave. #200 Portland, OR 97223 503-646-5006	\$438 million	793	12	12	Residential; commercial; new constructions; land; property management; business opportunities	1994	Mickey Lindsay, Owner
7	(w)here real estate ⑨ where-inc.com	4475 S.W. Scholls Ferry Rd. #110 Portland, OR 97225 503-222-4373	\$298.45 million	366	7	7	Deeply local; serves residential properties ranging from luxurious estates to urban condominiums; provides client service support; demonstrates knowledge of the local market	2012	Suzann Baricevic Murphy, President, Kellie Chauncey-Lance, Finance Director, Marilyn Valdez, Managing Principal Broker
8	Soldera Properties Inc. ⑪ solderaproperties.com	525 3rd St. Lake Oswego, OR 97034 503-334-1515	\$234.51 million	377	1	1	Residential real estate sales including new construction, multifamily and condos	2008	Joe Fustolo, Patrick Krause, Owner and Principal Brokers
9	Neighbors Realty ⑫ workwithneighbors.com	1826 N.E. Everett St. Portland, OR 97232 503-444-9338	\$192.12 million	304	4	4	Residential real estate; tenant placement	2019	Bradley Twiss, Owner
10	24/7 Properties LLC ⑳ 247prop.com	2051 Willamette Falls Dr. West Linn, OR 97068 503-482-0500	\$81.22 million	89	9	9	Property management; real estate	2011	Jeffrey Edmondson, Owner, Kristina Griffith, Director of Operations, Stacey Metz, Transaction Coordinator
11	Dwell Realty ⚡ dwellrealtypdx.com	4064 N. Mississippi Ave. #C-1 Portland, OR 97227 503-208-3797	\$72.28 million	107	22	22	Residential real estate brokerage	2009	Tracey Hicks, Owner
12	Sadle Real Estate LLC ⑰ sadlerealestate.com	9755 S.W. Barnes Rd. #560 Portland, OR 97225 503-828-9551	\$49 million	91	3	3	Residential home sales; buyers; sellers; downsizing; upsizing; referrals; market guidance; short sales; difficult situations; estates; trusts	2012	Rick Sadle, CEO
13	Cano Real Estate LLC ⑱ canorealestate.com	415 E. Mill Plain Blvd. Vancouver, WA 98660 360-823-3333	\$38.83 million	54	3	3	Residential real estate services for sellers and buyers	2003	Nathan Cano, Owner and Broker
14	Epique Realty Ramsay Real Estate Group ㉓ charlesramsay.epiquerealty.com	10260 S.W. Greenburg Rd. Portland, OR 97223 503-819-9191	\$26 million	65	45	4,500	commercial; residential; luxury; global; land	2000	Charles Ramsay, Managing State Broker
15	ODonnell Group Realty ㉑ odonnellgrouprealty.com	1830 N.W. Riverscape St. #806 Portland, OR 97209 503-519-3400	\$23 million	30	2	2	Global relocation; Luxury properties; second homes; residential development; custom builds	2007	Kathleen O'Donnell, President and Owner, Caitlin Michael Riley, Owner
16	Chris Balmes Properties LLC ㉔ chrisbalmesproperties.com	18959 S.W. 84th Ave. Tualatin, OR 97062 503-427-0372	\$12 million	23	5	5	Residential; multifamily; vacation	2006	Lisa Balmes, Co-Owner and Licensed Principal Broker
17	Ken Miller & Associates ㉚ kenmillerassociates.com	11725 S.W. Queen Elizabeth St., #A King City, OR 97224 503-639-0630	\$11.92 million	34	2	2	Active 55+ residential real estate sales	2008	Ken Miller, President
18	Think Real Estate ⚡ think-portland.com	212 S.E. 18th Ave. Portland, OR 97214 503-847-2722	\$10.89 million	781	58	58	Residential; multifamily; commercial	2013	Hope Beraka, Owner and Managing Principal Broker
19	Lovejoy Real Estate ⚡ lovejoyrealestate.com	828 N.W. 19th Ave. Portland, OR 97209 503-312-4642	\$112,861	300	6	6	Buyers; sellers; luxury; investors; first-time buyers, down-sizers; condo sellers; condo buyers	2003	Charles Turner, Jennifer Turner, Co-Owners
20	The Alpine Group Inc. ㉞ alpinepdx.com	4750 S.W. Washington Ave. Beaverton, OR 97005 503-641-4620	\$86,222	5	16	19	Multifamily; single-family homes; plexes; budgeting; maintenance; owners' reports	2003	Tiffany Laviolette, President

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RANKED BY PORTLAND METRO-AREA RESIDENTIAL UNITS MANAGED

Name / prior rank / website ¹		Address / phone	Metro units managed	Global units managed	Multifamily share of metro units	Metro employees	Specialties	Top local executive(s)
1	Greystar Real Estate Partners ② greystar.com	1125 N.W. Couch St. #450 Portland, OR 97209 503-546-5300	19,200	1.1 million	100%	367	Global real estate investment management and development; management of rental housing properties	Lisa Nerheim Chereck, Senior Managing Director
2	Norris & Stevens Inc. ⑥ norris-stevens.com	900 S.W. 5th Ave., 17th Fl. Portland, OR 97204 503-223-3171	5,900	10,500	99%	190	Multifamily lease-up and management; commercial management (all types); brokerage and leasing	David Keys, Chairman and Managing Director, Timothy Mitchell, President, Joe Adrian, Multifamily Mgmt. Div. EVP, Marshall Ellis, Commercial Management Division EVP
3	Quantum Residential ⑨ quantumresidential.com	601 E. 16th St. Vancouver, WA 98663 360-696-9000	4,555	6,739	99%	164	Affordable; market rate; commercial real estate; lease ups; re-positioning; renovations	Kalib Locke, President
4	Pinehurst Management * pinehurstmanagement.com	10700 S.W. Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy. #412 Beaverton, OR 97005 503-484-7564	4,000	6,000	70%	90	Multifamily property management	Marsha Zimmerman, President
5	Commonwealth Property Management Services Co. ⑧ cwres.com	18150 S.W. Boones Ferry Rd. Portland, OR 97224 503-244-2300	3,175	15,780	99%	83	Manufactured housing; multifamily; RV parks; HOAs; marina/moorage; fee-management and brokerage services	Adam Cook, President, Loren Landau, Owner and Broker, Tom Petitt, VP
6	Bluestone Real Estate Services / SVN Bluestone ⑩ bluestonemgt.com	9430 S.W. Coral St. #100 Portland, OR 972323 503-222-3800	2,975	2,975	88%	156	Commercial management; association management; multifamily management; commercial brokerage; hotel brokerage	Cliff Hockley, President, Russell White, Director, Jeremy Boardman, EVP
7	Meritus Property Group LLC ⑪ merituspg.com	1111 N.E. Flanders St. #206 Portland, OR 97232 503-224-2446	2,700	2,700	100%	90	Multifamily; value add; commercial; industrial; retail	Josh Bean, Principal, Paul Del Vecchio, Principal, Garrett Dennett, Commercial VP, Amber Craven, VP
8	NWV Group ⑰ nwvgroup.com	2808 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. #G Portland, OR 97212 503-282-4696	1,450	1,450	85%	30	Apartment buildings; lease-ups; new construction	Mark Reed, Principal
9	Atlas Management LLC ⑫ atlaspnw.com	7800 S.W. Durham Rd. #300 Portland, OR 97224 971-808-9358	1,158	3,429	85%	54	Multifamily property management; single-family property management; commercial property management; asset management; maintenance services	Andy Labunsky, President and CEO, Mark Iliyn, CFO, Brandon Morett, COO
10	Regency Management Inc. ⑳ regencymanagementinc.com	P.O. Box 1459 Beaverton, OR 97075 503-644-5251	1,125	1,470	99%	74	Property improvement; inhouse project/asset manager; annual or semi-annual inspections; inhouse maintenance support/dispatch; resident retention programs	Kristy Sanchez, President
11	Edge Asset Management ⑱ edgemgt.com	2233 N.W. 23rd Ave. #100 Portland, OR 97210 503-292-7733	1,106	1,106	100%	28	Comprehensive asset management services for commercial properties and multi-unit dwellings	Scott Elliott, President, Amy Einstein, Director
12	Mainlander Property Management Inc. ⑱ mainlander.com	3927 Lake Grove Ave., P.O. Box 2028 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 503-635-4477	1,064	1,064	4%	30	Single-family homes and condominium management	JJay Jensen, GM, Christopher Hermanski, Principal Broker and Owner
13	24/7 Properties LLC ㉔ 247prop.com	2051 Willamette Falls Dr. West Linn, OR 97068 503-482-0500	815	815	68%	9	Property management; real estate	Doug Moe, Director of Property Managment, Jeffrey Edmondson, Owner
14	The Alpine Group Inc. ㉓ alpinepdx.com	4750 S.W. Washington Ave. Beaverton, OR 97005 503-641-4620	800	800	67%	16	Multifamily; single-family homes; plexes; budgeting; maintenance; owners' reports	Tiffany Laviolette, President
15	Schnitzer Properties ㉔ schnitzerproperties.com	1121 S.W. Salmon St. #500 Portland, OR 97205 503-242-2900	398	398	100%	134	Flex industrial; retail; office; multifamily	Jordan D. Schnitzer, President
16	Living Room Property Management LLC ㉕ livingroomrentals.com	421 S.E. 10th Ave. Portland, OR 97214 503-929-5223	396	396	30%	14	Single-family and small multiplex management for investors of all sizes in the Portland metro region, including in-house maintenance services	Jenelle Etzel, Owner, Coty Thurman, President
17	Carefree Management LLC ㉘ carefreeinc.com	9498 S.W. Barbur Blvd. #202 Portland, OR 97219 503-297-8111	309	309	0%	2	Residential property management; single-family homes; condos	Timothy McGrath, Shea McGrath, Presidents
18	Dwell PM * dwellpmpdx.com	4064 N. Mississippi Ave. #C-1 Portland, OR 97227 503-208-3797	200	200	25%	10	Third-party management of residential, multifamily and commercial real estate	Chris Guinn III, Owner
19	Pilot Property Management LLC / Pilot Investment Properties LLC ㉗ pilot-properties.com	18959 S.W. 84th Ave. Tualatin, OR 97062 503-610-8698	150	172	10%	6	Residential; commercial; vacation; long-term, short-term and HOA	Lisa Balmes, Co-Owner and Principal Broker
20	Oregon First & Washington First Properties ㉙ orwa1st.com	6600 S.W. 92nd Ave. #200 Portland, OR 97223 503-646-5006	115	115	10%	12	Residential; commercial; new constructions; land; property management; business opportunities	Mickey Lindsay, Owner

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Portland Metro–Area ZIP Codes with Most Homes Sold in 2025

RANKED BY NUMBER OF CLOSED SALES OF HOMES IN THE PORTLAND METRO AREA DURING THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR

	ZIP code, prior rank	City / neighborhood	Primary county	State	Homes sold, 2025	Median sale price, 2025	Median days on market, 2025
1	97229 ①	N.W. Hts./Cedar Mill/Bethany	Washington	Oregon	866	\$772,522	32
2	98682 ②	Orchards/Livingston	Clark	Washington	814	\$500,000	24
3	97123 ③	Hillsboro	Washington	Oregon	776	\$520,000	42
4	97224 ⑦	Tigard/King City	Washington	Oregon	723	\$599,500	34
5	97007 ④	Aloha/Hazeldale/Kinton	Washington	Oregon	710	\$635,000	38
6	97206 ⑥	Foster/Powell	Multnomah	Oregon	653	\$460,000	18
7	97080 ⑧	Gresham	Multnomah	Oregon	622	\$510,000	31
8	97045 ⑨	Oregon City	Clackamas	Oregon	600	\$585,000	25
9	97219 ⑩	Multnomah Village	Multnomah	Oregon	591	\$644,000	22
10	98604 ⑫	Battle Ground	Clark	Washington	583	\$549,900	52
11	98642 ⑤	Ridgefield	Clark	Washington	578	\$635,400	53
12	98607 ⑭	Camas	Clark	Washington	575	\$812,698	26
13	97217 ⑯	Arbor Lodge/Kenton	Multnomah	Oregon	527	\$510,000	24
14	97223 ⑬	Tigard/Metzger	Washington	Oregon	491	\$612,500	27
15	97086 ⑪	Happy Valley	Clackamas	Oregon	487	\$672,950	31
16	98686 ⑳	Salmon Creek/Pleasant Valley	Clark	Washington	471	\$558,255	29
17	97211 ㉔	Piedmont/Concordia	Multnomah	Oregon	459	\$575,000	10
18	97202 ⑰	Sellwood/Eastmoreland	Multnomah	Oregon	446	\$644,100	11
19	97068 ㉑	West Linn/Lake Oswego	Clackamas	Oregon	413	\$800,000	21
20	98662 ⑮	Five Corners/Homan	Clark	Washington	409	\$445,000	27
21	97124 ㉒	Hillsboro/Rockcreek	Washington	Oregon	402	\$539,700	28
22	98661 ㉕	Minnehaha/Ft. Vancouver	Clark	Washington	392	\$440,500	27
23	97140 ㉓	Sherwood	Washington	Oregon	385	\$647,350	29
24	97203 ⑰	St. Johns	Multnomah	Oregon	378	\$454,950	18
25	98685 ㉖	Felida	Clark	Washington	376	\$619,000	32

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Portland Metro–Area ZIP Codes with Fastest–Selling Homes

ZIP CODES WITH 100 OR MORE SALES RANKED BY MEDIAN HOME DAYS ON MARKET IN 2025 CALENDAR YEAR

	ZIP code, prior rank	City / neighborhood	Primary county	State	Median days on market, 2025	Homes sold, 2025	Median sale price, 2025
1	97215 ①	Mt. Tabor	Multnomah	Oregon	7	223	\$690,000
2	97213 ⑤	North Tabor/Hollywood	Multnomah	Oregon	9	347	\$560,000
3	97211 ③	Piedmont/Concordia	Multnomah	Oregon	10	459	\$575,000
4	97202 ⑭	Sellwood/Eastmoreland	Multnomah	Oregon	11	446	\$644,100
4	97214 ③	Ladd's Addition/Hawthorne	Multnomah	Oregon	11	241	\$688,500
6	97212 ①	Irvington/Grant Park	Multnomah	Oregon	12	292	\$796,500
7	97027 ⑤	Gladstone	Clackamas	Oregon	13	110	\$513,000
8	97222 ⑤	Milwaukie/Ardenwald	Clackamas	Oregon	15	333	\$490,000
9	97216 ⑭	Montavilla/Hazelwood	Multnomah	Oregon	16	194	\$405,000
9	97225 ⑩	Cedar Hills/Raleigh Hills	Washington	Oregon	16	264	\$763,225
11	97060 ⑩	Troutdale	Multnomah	Oregon	17	157	\$475,000
11	98663 ⑤	N.W. Vancouver/Rose Village	Clark	Washington	17	146	\$499,950
13	97203 ④①	St. Johns	Multnomah	Oregon	18	378	\$454,950
13	97206 ⑳	Foster/Powell	Multnomah	Oregon	18	653	\$460,000
13	98683 ⑳	Cascade Park	Clark	Washington	18	328	\$549,450
16	97068 ⑳	West Linn/Lake Oswego	Clackamas	Oregon	21	413	\$800,000
16	97218 ④①	Cully	Multnomah	Oregon	21	166	\$462,500
16	97220 ⑳	Parkrose/Sumner	Multnomah	Oregon	21	269	\$428,000
16	97266 ④⑤	Lents	Multnomah	Oregon	21	301	\$406,000
16	98664 ⑳	Vancouver Heights/Marrion	Clark	Washington	21	215	\$471,400
21	97030 ④⑤	Gresham	Multnomah	Oregon	22	267	\$435,000
21	97078 ⑨	Aloha	Washington	Oregon	22	191	\$510,000
21	97219 ⑳	Multnomah Village	Multnomah	Oregon	22	591	\$644,000
24	97008 ⑩	S. Beaverton/Washington Sq.	Washington	Oregon	23	227	\$570,000
24	97062 ⑤⑥	Tualatin	Washington	Oregon	23	374	\$611,000
24	97221 ⑳	Sylvan/Bridlemile	Multnomah	Oregon	23	185	\$796,500
24	97267 ⑭	Oak Grove/Oatfield	Clackamas	Oregon	23	346	\$531,000
24	98684 ⑩	Fircrest/Countryside Woods	Clark	Washington	23	296	\$479,600

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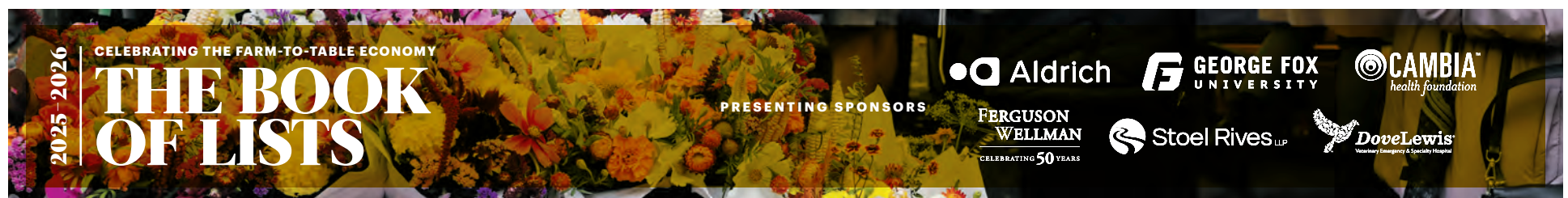
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CITIES WITH POPULATIONS OF 5,000 OR MORE RANKED BY FIVE-YEAR POPULATION PERCENTAGE GROWTH, 2020 TO 2025

City / prior rank	County	State	5-year population growth	1-year population growth	Population 2025	Population 2024	Population 2020
1 Ridgefield ①	Clark	Washington	57.77%	3.17%	16,290	15,790	10,325
2 Estacada ②	Clackamas	Oregon	40.52%	4.56%	6,232	5,960	4,435
3 Boardman ③	Morrow	Oregon	25.43%	1.25%	5,820	5,748	4,640
4 Wood Village ⑤	Multnomah	Oregon	18.85%	0.1%	5,220	5,215	4,392
5 Woodburn ⑫	Marion	Oregon	18.56%	4.2%	30,843	29,599	26,015
6 Happy Valley ④	Clackamas	Oregon	18.13%	2.03%	28,291	27,727	23,949
7 Umatilla ⑳	Umatilla	Oregon	16.32%	4.31%	8,617	8,261	7,408
8 Cornelius ⑪	Washington	Oregon	16.11%	1.76%	14,763	14,508	12,715
9 Prineville ㉔	Crook	Oregon	13.46%	1.5%	12,288	12,107	10,830
10 Redmond ⑦	Deschutes	Oregon	13.11%	1.97%	38,199	37,460	33,771
11 Battle Ground ㉗	Clark	Washington	9.87%	1.42%	22,790	22,470	20,743
12 Junction City ⑨	Lane	Oregon	9.85%	0.4%	7,472	7,442	6,802
13 Madras ⑥	Jefferson	Oregon	8.94%	1.54%	8,242	8,117	7,566
14 Dallas ㉕	Polk	Oregon	8.06%	0.93%	18,213	18,046	16,855
15 Lebanon ⑭	Linn	Oregon	7.98%	0.62%	20,060	19,937	18,577
16 Independence ④⑨	Polk	Oregon	7.96%	0.12%	10,638	10,625	9,854
17 Philomath ⑰	Benton	Oregon	7.86%	0.96%	5,776	5,721	5,355
18 Washougal ㉟	Clark	Washington	7.75%	1.16%	18,360	18,150	17,039
19 Bend ⑰	Deschutes	Oregon	7.74%	1.45%	107,079	105,552	99,391
20 Vancouver ③①	Clark	Washington	7.43%	1.23%	205,100	202,600	190,915
21 Camas ㉔	Clark	Washington	7.31%	1.12%	27,970	27,660	26,065
22 Talent ⑥③	Jackson	Oregon	6.53%	4.46%	6,701	6,415	6,290
23 Canby ㉔①	Clackamas	Oregon	6.25%	0.84%	19,326	19,166	18,189
24 Newberg ③⑨	Yamhill	Oregon	5.98%	1.67%	26,720	26,281	25,212
25 Hillsboro ③⑧	Washington	Oregon	5.82%	1.54%	112,735	111,024	106,532

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Residential Mortgage Lenders in the Portland Metro Area

RANKED BY DOLLAR VOLUME OF PORTLAND METRO-AREA PURCHASE LOANS ORIGINATED IN 2024

	Name / website	Address / phone	Portland metro-area mortgage volume, 2024	Dollar volume market share, 2024	Number of metro mortgages, 2024	Loans originated market share, 2024	Average loan amount	Top local executive(s)
1	United Wholesale Mortgage <i>uwm.com</i>	585 S. Blvd. E Pontiac, MI 48341 800-981-8898	\$1.02 billion	8.68%	2,112	8.35%	\$480,810	Mat Ishbia, Chairman, President and CEO
2	Guild Mortgage Company LLC <i>guildmortgage.com</i>	10260 S.W. Greenburg Rd. #900 Portland, OR 97223 503-452-0001	\$815.8 million	6.98%	1,883	7.45%	\$433,242	Brandon Spooner, Regional VP
3	OnPoint Community Credit Union <i>onpointcu.com</i>	2701 N.W. Vaughn St. #800 Portland, OR 97210 800-527-3932	\$609.61 million	5.21%	1,501	5.94%	\$406,133	Rob Stuart, President and CEO
4	Nations Direct Mortgage <i>myndm.com</i>	2475 Village View Dr. #100 Henderson, NV 89074 866-762-3940	\$411.98 million	3.52%	892	3.53%	\$461,861	Dan Upton, CEO
5	CMG Mortgage Inc. <i>cmgfi.com</i>	3100 Crow Canyon Rd. #400 San Ramon, CA 94583 800-501-2001	\$407.31 million	3.48%	823	3.25%	\$494,903	Christopher George, President and CEO
6	Rocket Mortgage <i>rocketmortgage.com</i>	40600 Ann Arbor Rd. E #201 Plymouth, MI 48170 888-474-0404	\$349.11 million	2.99%	753	2.98%	\$463,619	Varun Krishna, CEO
7	U.S. Bank <i>usbank.com</i>	900 S.W. 5th Ave. Portland, OR 97204 971-323-6782	\$335.21 million	2.87%	597	2.36%	\$561,482	Seth Tindall, Market Executive for Oregon and S.W. Washington
8	Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp. <i>fairwaymc.com</i>	5410 S. Macadam Ave. #100 Portland, OR 97239 503-545-9879	\$286.96 million	2.45%	653	2.58%	\$439,441	Michael Leland
9	Mortgage Express LLC <i>mtgxps.com</i>	10260 S.W. Greenburg Rd. #830 Portland, OR 97223 503-520-1141	\$281.97 million	2.41%	623	2.46%	\$452,592	Kevin Hancock, President, David Brown, CFO
10	CrossCountry Mortgage Inc. <i>crosscountrymortgage.com</i>	6850 Miller Rd. Brecksville, OH 44141 877-351-3400	\$255.15 million	2.18%	521	2.06%	\$489,722	Ron Leonhardt, Founder and CEO
11	Guaranteed Rate Inc. <i>rate.com</i>	3940 N. Ravenswood Ave. Chicago, IL 60613 866-934-7283	\$229.48 million	1.96%	489	1.93%	\$469,274	Victor Ciardelli, President and CEO
12	Lennar Mortgage LLC <i>lennarmortgage.com</i>	11807 N.E. 99th St. #1100-A Vancouver, WA 98682 855-813-7951	\$209.06 million	1.79%	467	1.85%	\$447,655	Laura Escobar, President
13	American Pacific Mortgage Corp. <i>apmortgage.com</i>	3000 Lava Ridge Ct. #200 Roseville, CA 95661 916-960-1325	\$174.15 million	1.49%	389	1.54%	\$447,674	Ned Payant, CEO
14	DHI Mortgage Co. Ltd. <i>dhimortgage.com</i>	4350 Galewood St. #100 Lake Oswego, OR 76011 800-315-8434	\$172.55 million	1.48%	428	1.69%	\$403,154	Sonya Luechauer, CEO
15	Pennymac Loan Services LLC <i>pennymac.com</i>	3043 Townsgate Rd. #200 Westlake Village, CA 91361 800-777-4001	\$157.64 million	1.35%	295	1.17%	\$534,356	David Spector, CEO
16	JPMorgan Chase Bank <i>chase.com</i>	1211 S.W. 5th Ave. Portland, OR 97204 503-238-3100	\$155.47 million	1.33%	300	1.19%	\$518,233	Michael Hurley, Regional Manager and Managing Director
17	First Tech Federal Credit Union <i>firsttechfed.com</i>	5100 N.E. Dawson Creek Dr. Hillsboro, OR 97124 855-855-8805	\$150.92 million	1.32%	333	1.29%	\$453,198	Shruti Miyashiro, President and CEO, Theran Colwell, Chief Member Solutions and Strategy Officer, Monique Little, Chief People and Admin. Officer
18	Movement Mortgage LLC <i>movement.com</i>	8024 Calvin Hall Rd. Indian Land, SC 29707 877-314-1499	\$143.11 million	1.22%	315	1.25%	\$454,302	Casey Crawford, CEO
19	Provident Funding Associates LP <i>provident.com</i>	1235 N. Dutton Ave. #E Santa Rosa, CA 95401 888-547-4050	\$140.79 million	1.2%	279	1.1%	\$504,606	Craig Pica, Founder and CEO
20	Newrez LLC <i>newrez.com</i>	1100 Virginia Dr. #125 Fort Washington, PA 19034 888-673-5521	\$133.5 million	1.14%	304	1.2%	\$439,145	Baron Silverstein, President

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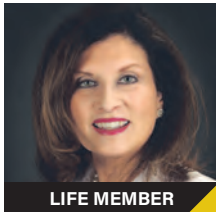
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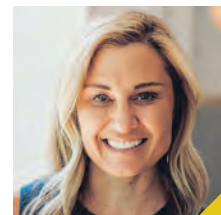
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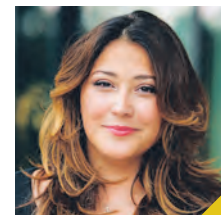
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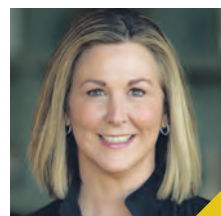
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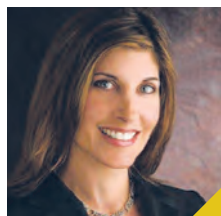
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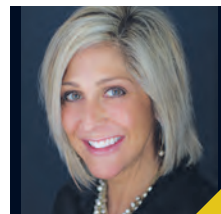
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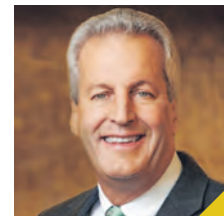
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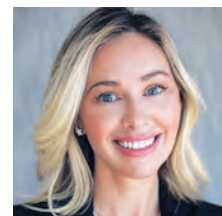


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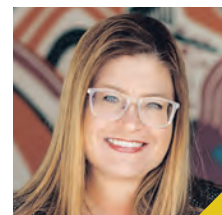
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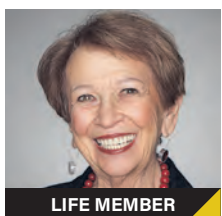
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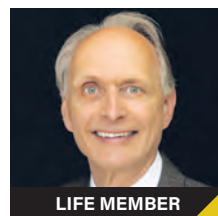
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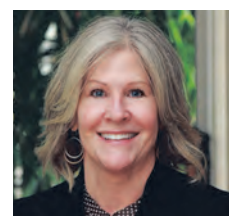
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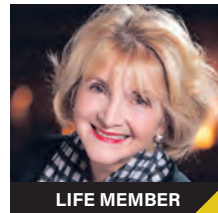
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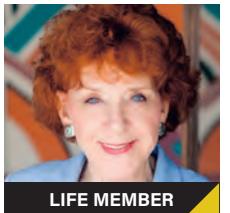
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The gap we saw was specific: most Salesforce consulting firms are either massive and impersonal, or small and overstretched. Neither model puts much weight on what happens after go-

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Start with the people who will actually use the

system, not just the leadership team signing the contract. So much friction in CRM and RevOps implementations comes from building around what looks good in a demo rather than what a sales manager or account coordinator actually needs on a Tuesday morning.

The other thing I'd push on is change management, which tends to get treated as an afterthought when it should be part of the strategy from day one. Technology doesn't fail because the software is bad. It fails because people don't trust it, don't understand it, or weren't brought along in the process. If you want your investment to stick, the humans have to come first.

What advice would you give to women founders who are building expertise-driven firms in evolving industries?

Find your community early and take it seriously. I'm in the Oregon Executive MBA program at the University of Oregon here in Portland, and in rooms like the BizWomen Coalition, because the best growth happens when the people around you are invested in each other's success. It's a strategic advantage to know people who will both challenge and support you.

Give yourself credit for the nonlinear path, too. I had a winding career across nonprofits, corporate retail, agency life, and startups before landing here. The breadth isn't a liability. It's what makes you interesting to clients and harder to replicate.

And be honest about what you don't know yet. I came into entrepreneurship without a finance background, and instead of pretending otherwise, I went back to school and built it. Confidence doesn't mean having all the answers. It means being willing to go get them.

What are you most excited about right now in the future of CRM, revenue operations, and client service?

The conversation around AI in CRM is moving fast, and I think it's creating a real opportunity for firms that have always prioritized process and adoption. The tools are only as good as the data behind them and the teams using them, which means everything we preach about thoughtful implementation and end-user buy-in matters more now, not less.

I'm also excited about the shift toward Revenue Operations as a discipline in its own right, especially in professional services. For a long time, CRM was seen as a sales tool. What we're seeing now is firms starting to understand it as infrastructure for the whole client lifecycle, from business development through delivery and renewals. That's the conversation we've been trying to have with clients for years, and it's finally landing.

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Dr. Susan Huang

LEGACY HEALTH

Title: President and CEO

What it does: 7-hospital Portland-based health system

When: June 16

Previous: chief physician and executive for Providence, chief executive, Providence Clinical Networks

“Dr. Huang stood out for her deep clinical expertise, her proven ability to lead complex health systems, and her commitment to the patients and communities we serve. We are confident she is the right leader to guide Legacy forward and to build on our strong foundation of high-quality, community-centered care.”

— Nancy Locke, Legacy’s CEO search committee chair



Aparna Bawa

INTEL

Title: Executive vice president and chief legal and people officer

What the organization does: Designs and manufactures semiconductors

When: May

Previous: Chief operating officer, Zoom

“Aparna brings a rare combination of operational rigor, business judgment and people-first leadership. Her experience helping scale global technology companies through periods of significant change will be invaluable as we build a stronger, more agile Intel.”

— Lip-Bu Tan, Intel CEO



Krystyna Riley
Chief Executive Officer,
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Many organizations have smart strategies, yet still struggle to execute. In your view, what are the biggest behavioral barriers that get in the way?

Most organizations don’t fail because the strategy is wrong. They fail because the day-to-day environment doesn’t support the behaviors the strategy requires. At Havior, we see the same patterns again and again: leaders who appear aligned in meetings but act differently in execution, accountability that is vague or inconsistently applied, and people asked to change without enough clarity, reinforcement, or support. The barrier is rarely intent. People generally want

THE TAKEAWAY: What Happens When Behavioral Scientists Have to Change Their Own Behavior

to perform well. The real question is whether they know exactly what to do differently — and whether the environment around them makes doing it possible.

Havior helps organizations focus on the critical few behaviors that drive results. How do you determine which behaviors matter most — and where to start?

We start with a deceptively simple question: if results aren’t where they need to be, what would people have to do differently to get there — specifically, observably, and consistently? The goal isn’t a long list of desired behaviors; it’s the critical few with the greatest impact on business outcomes. From there, we diagnose what’s getting in the way: unclear expectations, competing priorities, missing skills, weak reinforcement, structural friction. The right starting point is almost never more communication. Most often, it’s sharper clarity about the few actions that matter, reinforcement when people take them, and leaders visibly following through themselves.

When leaders are stepping into a new role or leading through growth or change, where do you most often see misalignment show up first?

In the gap between what leaders say matters

and what they actually pay attention to and reinforce. A new leader inherits legacy habits, unclear decision rights, and teams that have learned to read between the lines. People can leave the same meeting, with the same slide deck, holding very different interpretations of what matters most. Early in any transition, the work is to ask a lot of questions, understand the history, make expectations concrete, model them visibly and reinforce them consistently, and remove any barriers getting in the way. Teams don’t align because of a kickoff message. They align because the environment keeps signaling what’s important and good looks like.

What do leaders most often misunderstand about how accountability and trust are built inside teams?

Many leaders treat accountability as something to deploy after performance slips — a corrective tool. In reality, accountability and trust are built much earlier, through clarity and consistency. People trust leaders when expectations are explicit, decisions are followed through on, and feedback is timely and fair. Teams trust each other when standards are shared and applied evenly. Accountability, done well, simply removes ambiguity: people know what is expected,

what matters, and what will happen next. That certainty — far more than slogans about trust — is what strong teams are built on.

After 15 years with the firm and now leading Havior as CEO, what have you learned about what creates lasting business performance?

The most humbling lesson came from our own reinvention. After more than three decades in this work, we rebranded as Havior, which meant a room full of behavioral scientists had to change their own behavior. We had every advantage — decades of expertise, the case for change, a shared methodology, genuine commitment — and the change still tested us. That’s the point: change is personal, even people who understand the science can resist when asked to change too much, too quickly. That experience sharpened my answer to this question: lasting performance comes from changing what people do every day, not just what they understand or agree with — and from leaders staying with the work long enough for new habits to stick.

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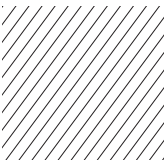
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scorecard

A weekly and year-to-date summary of public records collected by Portland Business Journal through June 19

Building Permits ▲ 36 Current Week	Federal Tax Liens ▼ 05 Current Week
115 Week Prior	2 Week Prior
79	7
2026	2026
1,726	137
2025	2025
2,043	126

Lawsuits ▲ 13 Current Week	New Businesses ▼ 19 Current Week
42 Week Prior	309 Week Prior
29	328
2026	2026
697	7,995
2025	2025
674	7,133

Real Estate ▼ 73 Current Week	State Tax Liens ▲ 13 Current Week
316 Week Prior	30 Week Prior
389	17
2026	2026
6,228	245
2025	2025
5,937	292

NOTE: RECORDS COLLECTED FROM JAN. 1 THROUGH THE CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD

Liens highlights

The following total includes a sampling of federal, state and mechanics liens collected by American City Business Journals through June 19

State Tax Liens Filed

The following includes total tax liens of \$5,000 or more filed against area businesses with the county recorder.

\$1,519,085

Dollar value of all state tax liens collected this week. Total New state tax liens collected this week: 30

Building Permits

Largest building permits collected by American City Business Journals through June 19

COMMERCIAL PERMITS

CONTRACTOR	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	RECORDED DATE
P&C Construction Co.	13050 NW Main St., Portland 97106	Banks HS	\$19,703,570	06/15/26
Taylor Sadlowski	14113 NE 3rd Ct., Vancouver 98685	(fire alarm system)	\$11,828,037	06/09/26
Kevin Kelly Fortis Construction Inc.	1100 SW 6th Ave., Portland 97204	Standard Insurance	\$6,100,000	06/12/26
Insituform Tapani LLC	40995 NW Washington Ave., Banks 97106	CWS Quail Valley (pump station)	\$2,540,000	06/05/26
Walsh Construction Co. Oregon	15402 NW Cornell Rd., Beaverton 97006	Cornell Rd. Transitional Housing	\$2,247,500	06/10/26
Taylor Sadlowski	11503 NE 74th Ave. #H, Vancouver 98662	(fire alarm system)	\$2,177,428	06/08/26
Bob Schommer AC Schomer & Sons Inc.	6000 NE 80th Ave., Portland 97218	N/A	\$2,100,000	06/15/26
Kirby Nagelhout Construction Co.	3915 SE 112th Ave., Portland 97266	N/A	\$1,764,000	06/11/26
Convergence Architecture	1620 SE 190th Ave., Portland 97233	(update exhaust system)	\$1,500,000	05/11/26
Westcore Alpha Vancouver LLC	12115 NE 99th St. #1810, Vancouver 98682	N/A	\$1,023,696	06/08/26

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

CONTRACTOR	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	RECORDED DATE
Canyon Crest Homes LLC	23685 SW 82nd Ave., Tualatin 97062	N/A	\$914,917	06/08/26
Pacific Lifestyle Homes Inc.	23800 SW Wunderli Canyon Rd., Sherwood 97123	N/A	\$908,422	06/11/26
Pacific Lifestyle Homes Inc.	32744 NW Walteria Ln., Hillsboro 97124	Lot 5 Padgett Estates	\$900,057	06/11/26
Robert Andrews and Marsha Andrews et al.	24305 NE 177th Ct., Battle Ground 98604	N/A	\$745,720	06/10/26
Five Star Builders Inc.	12850 NW Main St., Banks 97106	Banks Middle School	\$650,780	06/08/26
Noyes Development Co.	18100 NW Anastasia Dr., Portland 97229	Lot 56 Creekside	\$596,679	06/16/26
Toll Bros Inc.	16257 NW Holman Way, Portland 97229	Lot 103 Hosford Farms	\$592,964	06/11/26
Toll Bros Inc.	16365 NW Holman Way, Portland 97229	Lot 111 Hosford Farms	\$548,751	06/15/26
Noyes Development Co.	18101 NW Anastasia Dr., Portland 97229	Lot 57 Creekside	\$518,517	06/16/26
Holt Holdings WA LLC	10703 NE 140th Ave., Vancouver 98682	N/A	\$485,754	06/10/26

Commercial Real Estate Transactions

A sampling of new commercial deed transactions collected by American City Business Journals through June 19

SELLER'S NAME	BUYER'S NAME	ADDRESS	VALUE	DOCUMENT NUMBER	COUNTY
Division Oil LLC	PM Ventures 7 LLC	9150 SE Division St., Portland 97266	\$6,000,000	2026-038421	Multnomah
Atlas Tanasbourne S1 LLC	CL Evergreen Shops OR LLC	2515 NE TOWN CENTER DR., HILLSBORO 97006	\$5,673,220	2026-025859	Washington
Clyde V Brummell LLC and E Margaret Brummell LLC	Sellwood Land Holdings LLC	1674 SE Sherrett St., Portland 97202	\$4,650,000	2026-038986	Multnomah
James Myers and Gina M. Myers	Erick Warriia	17865 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd., Portland 97224	\$1,000,000	2026-025556	Washington
Burong Huang and Manna Chen	Shuyi Chen	6633 SE Powell Blvd., Portland 97206	\$880,000	2026-038579	Multnomah

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Residential Real Estate Transactions

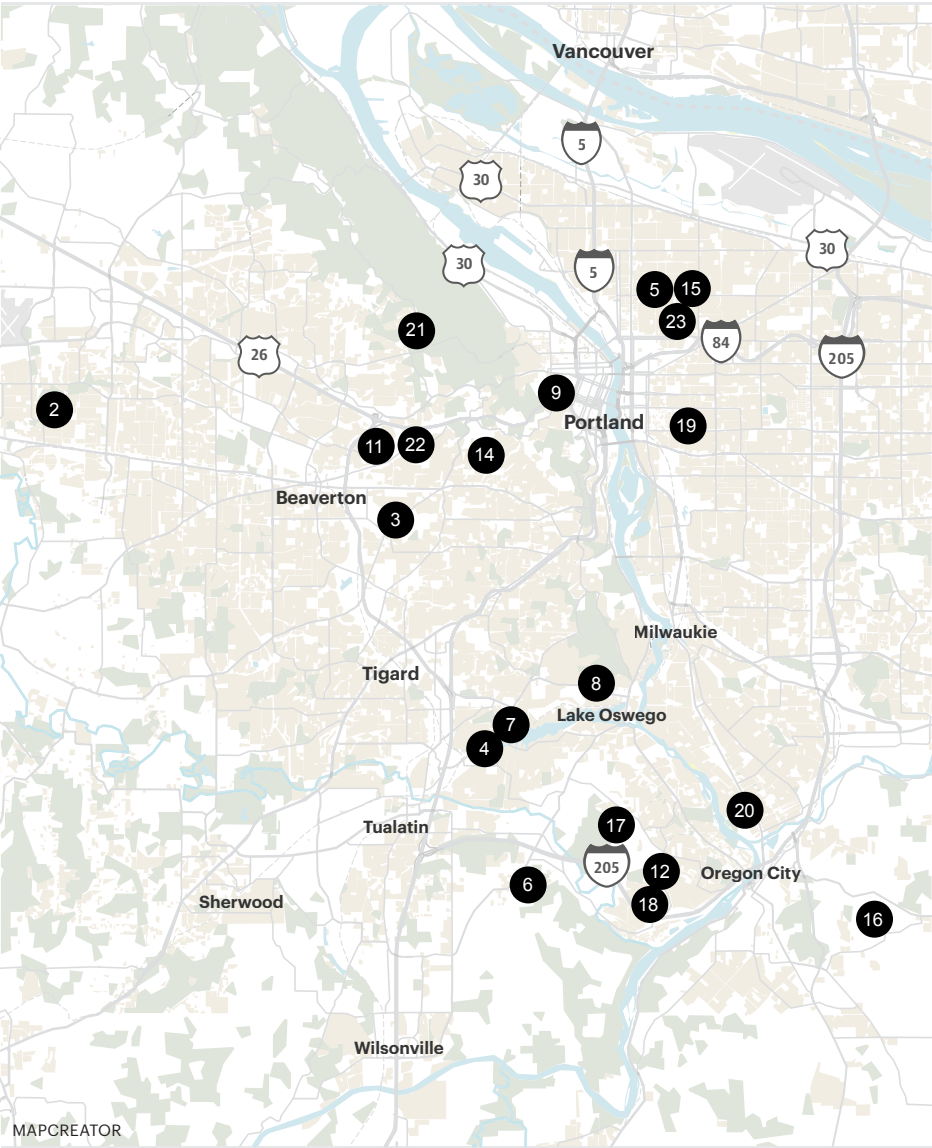
The map below offers a geographic breakdown of some of the largest residential real estate transactions filed during Portland's current collection period. Details on specific locations, parties, dollar values and the nature of each project, when available, can be found in the adjacent table.

Multnomah County	Washington County	Clackamas County
115	92	89
Annual records totals collected from Jan. 1 through the current reporting period		

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\$4.5M

The week's number one residential real estate transaction



Residential Real Estate

A ranking of the largest residential real estate transactions, ranked by dollar value of estimated project costs, filed and collected by American City Business Journals through June 19

MAPPED	SELLER	BUYER	ADDRESS	VALUE	RECORDED DATE
N/A	Terry Obrist	CRP FPC Hood View Owner LLC	14548 SE 172nd Ave., Clackamas 97015	\$4,500,000	06/04/26
2	Helene Vandomelen Living Trust and Denise Vandomelen	CND Vandomelen LLC	5550 SE Helene St., Hillsboro 97123	\$2,900,000	06/03/26
3	Christopher D. Carle and Megan M. Carle	Michael C and Jamie E Anderson FMTR and Michael C. Anderson	6055 SW 90th Ave., Portland 97223	\$2,850,000	06/01/26
4	Kenneth Hooton and Jessica Hooton	2000 Schuerholz Family Trust and Donald J. Schuerholz	4579 Upper Dr., Lake Oswego 97035	\$2,500,000	06/02/26
5	Whitney Casares and Scott Casares	William Matthew Shields and Mariah Celeste Hudson	2744 NE Alameda St., Portland 97212	\$2,200,000	06/05/26
6	Hulsman Family 2011 Trust and Sally A. Hulsman	Patricia Fitzgibbons Clegg and Don W. Clegg	3163 SW Turner Rd., West Linn 97068	\$2,200,000	06/04/26
7	Lake Grove Development LLC	Jennifer Bianchini and Walter Bianchini	3884 Lake Grove Ave., Lake Oswego 97035	\$1,960,000	06/02/26
8	Jesus Alvarez and Gena Marie Anderson	John Bryant Kohler and Kayla Jenson Kohler	1190 Bayberry Rd., Lake Oswego 97034	\$1,699,000	06/04/26
9	Cheryl Ann Tonkin Irrevocable Trust and Cheryl Ann Tonkin	Hoffman Survivors Trust and Joyce L. Hoffman	1540 SW Vista Ave. #2000, Portland 97201	\$1,680,000	06/01/26
N/A	Bradley Thomas Young and Gina M. Munster Moore	Ryan Hale and Helene Hale	30125 NW Scotch Church Rd., Hillsboro 97124	\$1,650,000	06/01/26
11	David Tai Bornoff and Alexis C. Bornoff	Akram Khan and Juliann Gronquist	2785 SW 99th Ave., Portland 97225	\$1,645,800	06/01/26
12	Adam Marcel Hulsmans and Cindy Verbraeken	Elizabeth Serapion Tugas and Mariano Palomares Tugas Jr.	2625 Satter St., West Linn 97068	\$1,615,000	06/05/26
N/A	Patrick Elwer and Theresa Elwer	Andy & Mindy Poorman Trust and Andrew D. Poorman	9946 NW 326th Place, Hillsboro 97124	\$1,600,000	06/01/26
14	Thomas G. Steininger and Amy J. Lewis	Peter Collin Johnson and Lyan Leinalani Bonn	3619 SW 50th Ave., Portland 97221	\$1,570,000	06/03/26
15	Kevin D Schafer and Martha H Schafer RLT and Kevin D. Schafer	Saruwatari Family Trust and Matthew K. Saruwatari	2838 NE Hamblet St., Portland 97212	\$1,505,000	06/02/26
16	Trace D. Liberty and Alicia M. Liberty	Kyle Shepanek and Amanda Shepanek	17847 S. Hidden Lake Dr., Oregon City 97045	\$1,446,500	06/03/26
17	Kelly Sabom and Brian Sabom	Carsten D. Debakker and Eleanor B. Debakker	21180 S. Sweetbriar Rd., West Linn 97068	\$1,400,000	06/03/26
18	Stephen D. Nopson and Roberta Nopson	Matthew J. Stinger and Angela M. Smith Stinger	2393 Taylor Dr., West Linn 97068	\$1,395,000	06/01/26
19	Alan Zacarias and Katie Zacarias	Paulina Alejandra Flores Gonzalez and Arturo Banuelos	2897 SE Sherman St. #A, Portland 97214	\$1,325,000	06/04/26
20	Andrii Migorian	Vasile Hutuleac and Sofica Hutuleac	19319 SE River Rd., Milwaukie 97267	\$1,290,000	06/03/26
21	John L. Backes et al.	Dosoon Song and Eunhwa Lee	1937 NW Tivoli Ln., Portland 97229	\$1,260,000	06/05/26
22	Nathaniel DW Parker 2018 Trust et al.	Ryan Wesley Davis and Emily Coleman	8110 SW Valley View Dr., Portland 97225	\$1,249,000	06/01/26
23	Raymond J Lewis Jr. RLT and Raymond J. Lewis Jr.	Daniel K. Whitaker and Robert O. Valentin	2415 NE 25th Ave., Portland 97212	\$1,215,000	06/03/26

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KIARA HARDY LOOKS TO OFFER GREAT FOOD AT CORPORATE EVENTS

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After years of juggling multiple kitchen locations, chef Kiara Hardy has a commissary kitchen of her own that will allow her to grow Kitchen Killa Culinary Solutions, her private chef and catering business.

Hardy has leased a 1,473-square-foot commercial kitchen at 1140 S.E. Seventh Ave. from the nonprofit Ecotrust. The kitchen is within the Ecotrust building called Redd West. Ecotrust’s large event space the Redd on Salmon is just around the corner.

With the lease Hardy is able to launch a new business line called Corporate Express that will offer corporate catering for events, office meetings, employee lunches and breakfast service.

Since landing in Portland in 2019, Hardy has rented time at other shared commissary kitchens for her business. Most recently, she hopped between a kitchen in Rockwood that was rented on a first come, first served basis, and the kitchen at adult training center POIC, also in Rockwood.

Neither location afforded her storage for ingredients or equipment.

“We needed more space so that we can really max out our capacity and be able to say yes to some of the things that we were saying no to because we couldn’t guarantee having access to kitchen space,” Hardy told the Business Journal.

For the new Corporate Express business, Hardy can provide a quick turnaround with just 48-hour advance ordering. That wasn’t possible before when her kitchen use needed to be mapped out well ahead of events.

Kitchen Killa is a mix of



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Hardy’s private chef work and chef-driven catering. Her core culinary team is 12, but her staff can balloon to 90 people depending on event needs. She uses a team of independent contractors for her front-of-house and back-of-house needs.

She had searched for her

Chef Kiara Hardy is owner of Kitchen Killa Culinary Services, which specializes in private chef and catering.

own commercial kitchen space for some time. Working with Ecotrust on this lease has been beneficial.

“We had very amicable negotiations,” Hardy said. “I made clear we’re a small business trying to grow. We’re not like some trillion-dollar business, but

THE SCOOP

Owner: Kitchen Killa Culinary Solutions

What’s next: Hardy is launching Corporate Express, which will provide corporate catering.

Location: Her new commercial kitchen is at Ecotrust’s Redd West building in Southeast Portland.

we do need more space. We need more capacity so that we can reach our capacity.”

Hardy estimates she has invested \$45,000 to outfit the existing kitchen as she wants it for her business. In addition to adding corporate catering, the new space will allow her to have more events going in a day or week since she will be able to have teams work in shifts.

The Ecotrust Redd campus is designed to support food businesses, logistics, events, education and mission-aligned organizations working toward a more equitable regional food system, said Megan Foucht, communications director for Ecotrust.

In addition to Hardy’s space, the Redd West building has two other commercial kitchens that are also leased to food entrepreneurs.

“The Redd is intentionally different from a traditional office or industrial property. The campus was created as a regional food hub and houses a diverse mix of tenants that support Oregon’s diverse food economy,” Foucht said.

Other tenants include B-Line, a distribution and logistics company, as well as other nonprofits and social enterprises working in food systems.

Hardy’s new Corporate Express product is available now. People can see menu items and place orders online.

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