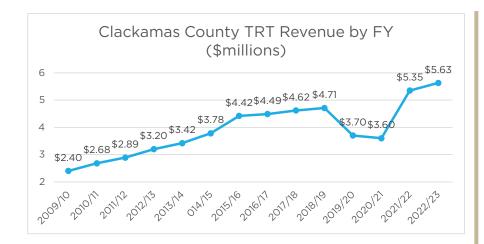
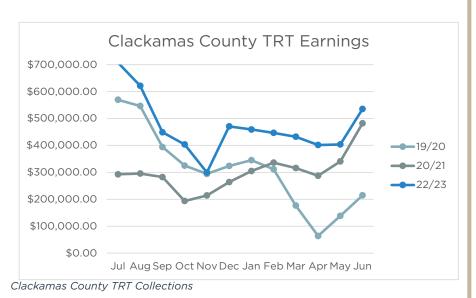
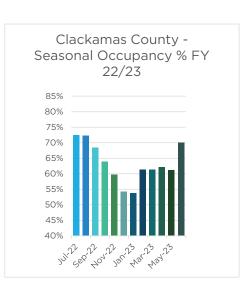
# FY 22/23 Annual Report

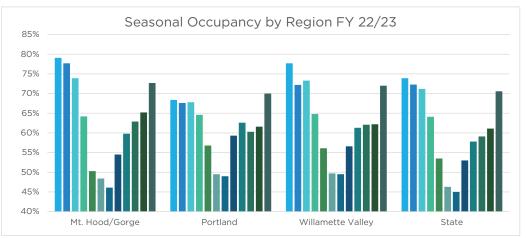
Clackamas County Tourism's mission is to improve the quality of life for residents by optimizing the economic impacts of the tourism industry. The statistics shared here are indicators of the industry's benefits as an economic driver.





TRT earnings (left) show strong recovery, with FY 22/23 performing above prepandemic levels (first part of FY 19/20). FY 22/23 seasonal occupancy (right) shows lower occupancy rates during the winter months. When compared to regional and state trends for the same time period (below) Clackams County's winter occupancy remains stronger with less marked seasonal change during FY 22/23.

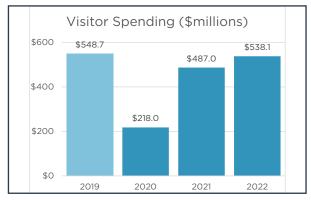


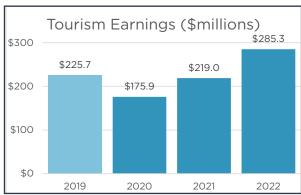


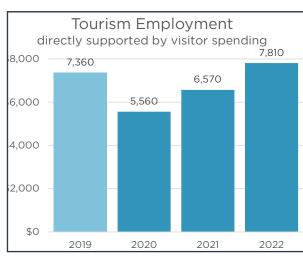
Smith Travel Research (STR)



# 2022 <u>Economic Impact Measurements</u>



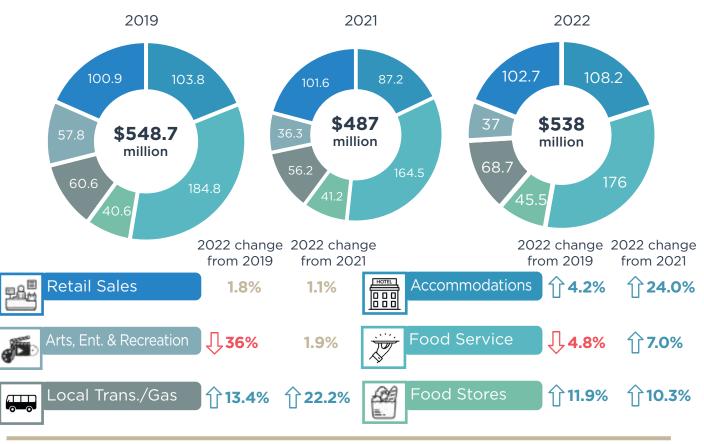




Dean Runyan & Associates
Earnings and Employment include CARES Act support for 2020

#### VISITOR SPENDING BY SECTOR

Overall, 2022 visitor spending in Clackamas County reached 98% of 2019 (prepandemic) levels. Below is a breakdown of total visitor spend by commodity purchased in (\$millions). Details may not add to totals due to rounding. - Dean Runyan & Associates



#### LOCAL IMPACT

In 2022 the average visitor...

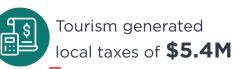


from 2019 (vs. \$58/dav)

stayed for **3.1** days

**7%** from 2019 (vs. 2.9 days)

6% YOY from 2021 (vs. 3.3 days)



10% from 2019 (vs. \$6.0M)

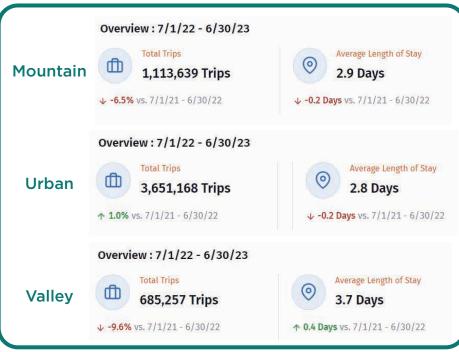
25% YOY from 2021 (vs. \$4.3M)

# FY 22-23 Datafy Visitor Trends

Datafy leverages data sources like geolocation, spending, demographics, transportation and more to turn "big data" into reportable and actionable insights. These insights help destination managers with decision making. Datafy represents trends of data rather than precise number counts in a destination because of the variables in how the data is collected. On the next few pages, the data is set to represent all visitors from FY22/23 whose main residence is from 50+ miles away from Clackamas County.

# All of Clackamas County



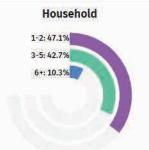


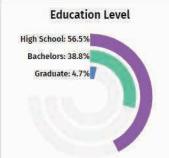
The above shows a significant increase in unique visitors in FY 22/23 over FY 21/22 with a relatively stable number of total visitor trips. This is likely due to the fact that FY 21/22 was still relatively impacted by COVID with a significant number of in-state repeat visitors. In FY 22/23 we saw an increase in fly and drive markets from others states, so while there are a larger number of unique visitors than the previous year, we see little change in total trips because there were fewer repeats within the year from those visitors.

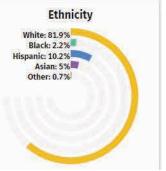






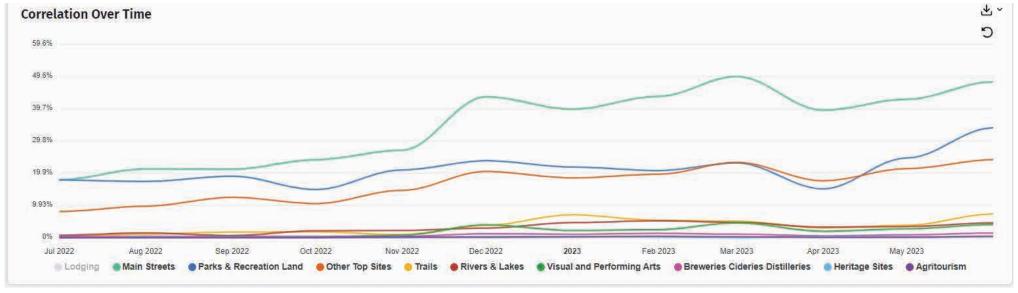






# FY 22-23 Datafy Visitor Trends

The below data shows the correlation of all visitors (50+ miles away) who stayed in lodging and what type of activity areas they visited over the course of their trip(s) during FY 22/23. Visitation to main streets increased starting November 2022 and continued to see increases over the holidays as well as spring break 2023.



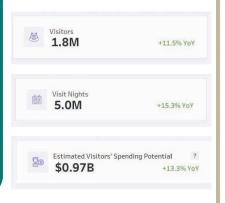
To the right are top visited "sites" in Clackamas County in FY 22/23. Though Datafy is not able to capture a true visitor count, this data is incredibly valuable in identifying trends. Here, you will notice our highest visited tourist attraction areas are those mostly based on Mt. Hood. This aligns with our understanding of top tourism sites in the region. However, when looking at the overall trip visitation in the previous Datafy page, the urban (Portland) region still receives the highest number of overall visitor trips in the county by more than double as compared to the Mt. Hood region. This could be due to the proximity to Portland city attractions, Clackamas County's urban lodging options for Portland and/or a close place to visit friends and family or one of our main streets.

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Hood National Forest Zigzag Distric.	1,470,026
Clackamas Town Center PR	582,234
Wilsonville Main Street	527,304
Government Camp Main Street	205,147
Summit parking lot MHG	191,055
Timberline Summit Ski Area MHG	189,904
Sandy Main Street	174,836
Villages of Mt. Hood Main Street	150,302
Oregon City Main Street	136,171
Timberline Lodge & Ski Area	83,814
Lake Oswego Main Street	81,705

Willamette River - lower PR	80,178
Mt Hood Skibowl MHG	67,257
Happy Valley Main Street	65,814
Mt. Hood National Forest Clackamas D	53,251
West Linn Main Street	47,774
Cascadia Center for Arts & Crafts	43,849
Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm WV	42,844
Monarch Hotel & Conference Center	42,511
Molalla Main Street	38,526
Canby Main Street	37,099
Clackamas River - lower PR	36,229

# FY 22-23 Placer.ai Visitor Trends

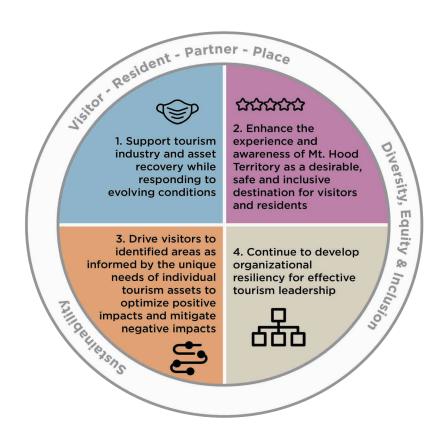
With the Mt. Hood/Gorge Region's access to data platform Placer.ai, we were able to pull a FY 22/23 tourism report for Clackamas County top visitor markets including daily disposable income. This data represents visitors from the US that spent the night in the county and stayed no more than 31 days.



CBSA =	Visitors	Visit Nights =	Median Daily Disposable
	OK 200K 400K 600K 800K	OK 500K 1000K 1500K 2000K	Income \$8 \$200 \$400
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro.	0.57M	1.5M	\$199.6
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	0.15M	0.31M	\$256.1
Corvallis, OR	73.7K	0.31M	\$162.4
Salem, OR	98.6K	0.28M	\$163.0
Eugene-Springfield, OR	85.2K	0.26M	\$146.9
Bend, OR	64.5K	0.14M	\$179.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anah	42.8K	0.14M	\$240.9
Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler, AZ	29.6K	0.10M	\$207.8
San Francisco-Oakland-Berkel	30.1K	86.1K	\$313.8
Boise City, ID	24.6K	69.4K	\$179.3
Medford, OR	25.3K	61.7K	\$152.8
San Diego Chula Vista Carlsba	14.8K	53.5K	\$233.4
Sacramento-Roseville-Folsom	19.9K	50.2K	\$222.6
Spokane-Spokane Valley, WA	17.8K	48.8K	\$174.8
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ont	12.6K	45.7K	\$200.0
Albany-Lebanon, OR	17.2K	37.4K	\$154.4
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Cla	12.4K	36.7K	\$325.8
Kennewick-Richland, WA	16.7K	35.5K	\$198.0

# FY 22/23 Strategic Outcomes

Clackamas County Tourism set four key strategic outcomes for FY 22/23. These outcomes came out of a planning process involving stakeholder feedback, the Tourism Development Council and staff. The Strategic Outcomes respond to the current state of the tourism industry with the goals of recovery as well as optimizing tourism's impact across the communities of Clackamas County. In addition to the four Strategic Outcomes, Clackamas County applies three key lenses to all of our work: sustainability; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; and the key stakeholders of Visitor, Resident, Partner and Place (VRPP). The following pages recap the intent of each Strategic Outcome and give examples of how Tourism's work during FY 22/23 supported the outcomes.



# **Outcome 1: Tourism Recovery**

"Support tourism industry and asset recovery while responding to evolving conditions"

A survey of tourism partner businesses ranked impacts of COVID-19 and the 2020 Riverside Fire as barriers to their success and identified lasting effects to the visitor experience. This outcome is focused on those specific needs and acknowledges the possibility of ongoing impacts and future disruptive events.

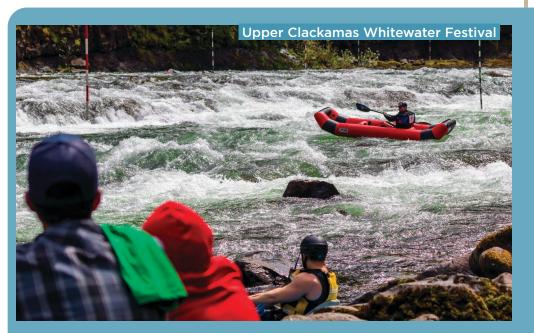
To support tourism industry recovery following COVID, Clackamas County Tourism leaned in to providing direct support to businesses. Marketing support came in the form of **specially tailored collaborations**, as well as an **expanded Marketing Support Co-Op Program**. Co-Op offerings included print and digital marketing with local and global ad outlets. Price to participate ranged from \$50 - \$750 to meet the needs of diverse partner businesses. A total of 45 businesses participated in the FY 22/23 Co-Op program, many using multiple offerings.





Not all sectors within the tourism industry were impacted equally by COVID. Among the hardest hit were food and beverage as well as heritage assets. In January 2023. Clackamas County Tourism refreshed and rebranded our Tap Trail, Wine Trail and Heritage Trail. The new look and feel of the trails paired with improved functionality. We supported the relaunch of the passes with tailored paid advertising campaigns. The program refresh resulted in 12k views of the Heritage Trail content, 477 Tap Trail sign ups and 418 Wine Trail sign ups. The Tap Trail and Wine Trail together drove 237 visits to business via gamified passport check-ins and redemptions.





In FY 22/23 impacts of the 2020 Riverside Wildfire were still effecting the Upper Clackamas River recreation assets and the nearby community of Estacada. Clackamas County Tourism funded a request from the National Forest Foundation leveraging federal funding to restore the Rainbow Campground and Riverside Trail, year-round recreation assets. Additionally, Mt. Hood Territory provide an event sponsorship for the 2023 Upper Clackamas Whitewater Festival to assist the event's recovery momentum after a 3-year hiatus due to COVID and the wildfire. These investments support immediate community needs as well as develop long-term destination assets.

### Outcome 2: Safe and Inclusive

"Enhance the experience and awareness of Mt. Hood Territory as a desirable, safe and inclusive destination for visitors and residents"

This outcome considers both perceptions of Mt. Hood Territory as a destination, as well as elements of safety in the on-theground experience. It encompasses DEI values and travel for all. It also considers safety for visitors and residents in the face of



We launched our "Otter Do" campaign featuring an animated river otter offering a friendly invitation for visitors to travel responsibly in Mt. Hood Territory. The campaign addresses visitor safety as well as destination health and its effect on residents. "Otter Do" messaging was supported with paid advertising, resulting in 13k page views and over 3,300 conversions. YouTube video content received nearly 30,000 views across 6 videos. The "Otter Do" page was one of our top 10 most visited pages for FY 22/23, and contributed to safe behaviors and perceptions of responsible tourism.

#### Otter Dos

#### Otter Do Responsible Travel Videos

No matter when you visit Mt. Hood Territory, you're set to have a great time. Each season presents its own list of things you should know to ensure your trip is as good as possible. The Mt. Hood...



Why Should You Stay On Trail And Practice Leave No...

Oregon's Mt. Hood Territory 29K views • 9 months ago



Be Safe And View Wildlife From A Distance

Oregon's Mt. Hood Territory 122 views • 7 months ago



OTTER!

OTTER MIDWEEK

Top Reasons To Camp Midweek

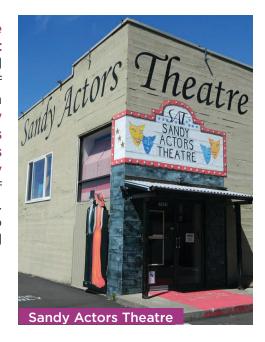
Oregon's Mt. Hood Territory 17 views • 8 months ago



Best Way To Travel Up Mt. Hood - Ride The Mt. Hood...

Oregon's Mt. Hood Territory 100 views • 10 months ago

The Sandy Actors Theatre received a Strategic Investment **Program grant** from Mt. Hood Territory in the amount of \$20,000 to replace stadium style seating with ADA-friendly and flexible seating options that will enable all guests to attend and better enjoy performances regardless of physical or mobility challenges. The improvements will work to expand visitation to new and diverse audiences.



From recent wildfire experience, we knew that visitors staying in vacation rental properties were the most difficult to support during disasters. To address this need, we provided 72-hour emergency kits with customized Clackamas County emergency information to vacation rental properties registered with Clackamas County TRT. The project delivered supplies for 1,136 people to 151 properties, most in rural Clackamas County. This project benefitted both visitors and residents' safety in the destination by easing strain on first responders.



#### Outcome 3: Visitor Flow

"Drive visitors to identified areas as informed by the unique needs of individual tourism assets to optimize positive impacts and minimize negative impacts"

Clackamas County is a large destination, with varied needs across geographic and industry sector areas. This outcome focuses on supporting areas that are at capacity and driving visitors to underutilized assets.

Knowing that there is a demand for outdoor recreation in our destination and that many areas especially on Mt. Hood experience negative impacts from overuse, Mt. Hood Territory created an **outdoor recreation map for the Molalla River Recreation Corridor**. Mt. Hood Territory convened Molalla tourism leaders and worked with Travel Oregon to complete and distribute the brochure map, which included recreation assets as well as agritourism experiences, dining and shopping around Molalla. This project takes an identified interest area

- outdoor recreation - and provides an alternative experience in an area with capacity.

# Molalla River Corridor Recreation Map

CITY OF MOLALLA



You'll find, all kinds of adventure in the forests and farms across the Wild & Scenic Molalla Cordion—and well cover those soon enough—but the city of Molalla Istoff rewards visitors who take time to stroll the cozy downtown core, dive into its historic charms, and embrace a wide range of fun attractions.

Want to ride a miniature train, dive into regional history, or actually skydive from more than three mileup? You can do it all (and then some in Molalla. Here's a sampling of idea and attractions to help you plar a memorable trip to the friendly community.

Molalla Train Park: Since 1954, Molalla Train Park has offered Joyous fides on ministrue trains to kids of all ages. Today, the four-acre park features 4,200 feet of track—all of which can be explored with rides that shows ponds, shrubs, bridges, and impressive forested scenery. Ride typically last 7-10 minutes and are

Escape Molalla: Do you think you and your friends or family can solve all the puzzles and make it out in time? Find out at Escape Molalla, the city's beloved escape room. There you'll be lorked in.

e a themed room—perhaps an y Old West-style saloon or a faw s science lab—while searching for clues, solving puzzles, and s working together to emerge victorious before time expires.

Splat Action Paintball Park: As one of the oldest paintball parks in the Pacific Northwest, Splat Action is a community institution that offers 4 wooded acres teeming with bunkers, buildings, treehouses, and other exciting obstacles.

 Skydive Oregon: Enjoy views of Mount Hood from above Oregon's tallest peak with an adrenaline-pumping jump through Skydive Oregon. Firsttimers can try tandem jumps with an experienced skydiver—and start their thrilling descents from as high as 18,000 feet. On your way down, epic views include

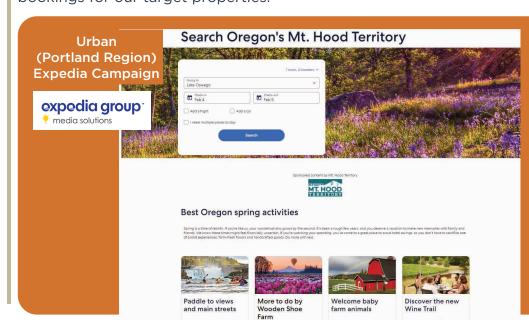




To address summer congestion along the popular stretch of the Clackamas River, Mt. Hood Territory convened a group of land managers and partners to put together an informational campaign promoting alternative float options. Working with State and County Parks and nonprofit groups like We Love Clean Rivers, we worked to mitigate the negative impacts through visitor dispersal. Learnings from the 2022 season went on to improve the following year of the initiative.



Lodging tax collections showed that Clackamas County's urban Portland region hotels were continuing to recover more slowly than other regions of Clackamas County, so we ran a **spring lodging campaign through Expedia featuring our Portland Region properties**. The campaign had nearly 17M impressions with 6,475 clicks to a custom landing page within the Expedia platform. This campaign resulted in the booking of 2,481 room nights with an estimated \$392,000 in gross bookings for our target properties.



# **Outcome 4: Organizational Resiliency**

"Continue to develop organizational resiliency for effective tourism leadership"

Informed by COVID's impact on Transient Room Tax revenue, this outcome focuses on organizational capacity to provide needed tourism programs and leadership responsive to the dynamic needs of the destination. Resiliency includes financial reserves to provide consistent tourism functions.

In FY22/23 we reached our goal for contingency reserve, establishing a reserve that supports confident programming and provides some stability from the short-term impacts of fluctuations in Transient Room Tax collection. The team also added capacity and expertise in communications, public relations, digital advertising and database management through industry leading contractors and passionate staff. Reaching this level or organizational stability and capacity expands the tourism resources available to partners and communities throughout Clackamas County and improves efficiencies.





Clackamas County Tourism brought back many of our partner trainings and conference sponsorships in FY 22/23, supporting our outcome of effective leadership of Clackamas County's tourism industry. We brought back favorite in-person programs including the Annual Agritourism Summit and Frontline FAM Tours. We added new programs like Google Ad training to meet current partner needs. We had 104 partners attend our hosted trainings. and also provided sponsorships to allow 18 partners to attend specialized trainings and conferences beyond Mt. Hood Territory's offerings.



In FY 22/23 we were able to **invest in data tools** to ensure strategic tourism development. Contracting with Datafy shows us visitor trends across industry sectors and geography of our region. We are already seeing the benefits of this investment, incorporating first-party data into audience targeting to **optimize our marketing**. Through the Mt. Hood Gorge Region we've also invested in Placer.ai visitor data. We are excited to **serve as a resource for local and community partners to get specialized data** to enhance their understanding of their own visitor trends.

# Oregon's Mt. Hood Territory **Clackamas County Tourism**



# **TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

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America's Hub World Tours **Oregon City** 

#### **Luke Spencer - Vice Chair**

**Clackamas River Outfitters** Estacada

#### **Caterine Connall Nyland**

Best Western Agate Beach (remote) Sandy

#### **Tessa Koch**

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#### **Samara Phelps - Executive Director**

**Clackamas County Tourism** 

# **MISSION**

Enhance the quality of life for residents by optimizing the economic impacts of the tourism industry derived from the County's Transient Room Tax.

## **VISION**

Serve as the leading force to grow and sustain tourism in Clackamas County through effective and efficient marketing and asset development strategies, and by building strong partnerships with businesses, organizations, other governmental entities and citizens.

# FY 23/24 STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

Strategic outcomes from FY 22/23 were carried over to guide

