

Portland's Working Waterfront

The Portland Harbor is an economic engine that has existed as a source of jobs and vitality for the Portland metropolitan area for more than a century. Businesses locate on the waterfront in Portland due to the connections to two major highways, two major railroads and a river transportation system. The utilization of all of these modes of transportation allows businesses to reduce their costs and employ thousands of Portland area residents, many with family wage jobs.

- The 50 industrial marine businesses in Portland support approximately 20,000 local jobs bringing almost \$1 billion in personal income to the region's economy.
- The average income of these jobs is \$45,000 – higher than Portland's average household income of \$41,000
- 1 out of every 9 jobs in the Portland/Vancouver area is located in or supported by the work done in the Portland's Harbor Industrial District.

