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## Oregon Economy: Who Wins?

More Oregonians are living in poverty now than during the Great Recession

By Arashi Young  
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**M**ore than 60,000 jobs were added to Oregon's economy between August 2014 and August 2015, growing the economy by 3.5 percent -- the fastest growth rate in 10 years.

The last time Oregon added more than 60,000 jobs over a 12-month period was near the end of the high-tech boom in May of 1997.

These numbers dipped slightly in September 2015 with a loss of 5,300

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## Mayor Hales Bows Out

Mayor won't seek re-election bid

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# FREE CLINIC



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

People wait in line outside Key Arena to get into the Seattle/King County Clinic Oct. 22 - 25. Nearly 4,000 patients were treated at the Seattle/King County Free Clinic last week. More than 1,000 dentists, 958 doctors, 149 vision care professionals and more than 1,700 other volunteers helped patients at the event, which is the largest free clinic of its kind in Washington State.

## Oregon Graduation Rates Remain Dismal

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**D**espite slight gains last school year, Oregon still struggles to ensure its students graduate from high school.

Ranked at fourth worst in the nation for high school graduation rates, Oregon is only trailed by Nevada, Alaska and Georgia with a 68 percent graduation rate for 2012-2013 school year. Graduation rates for

Oregon's White students are lowest in the nation and third lowest for Black students according to preliminary data released by the US Department of Education earlier this month.

Both populations showed gains of about 1 percent in last school year's study, but education experts are saying more must be done.

Charles McGee, founder of the education reform organization, Black Parent Initiative, said the slight gains are no cause for celebration.

"I really do believe that a lot of these districts are trying, [but] I can't celebrate when our kids are still dying and ending up in prison," he told The Skanner News.

McGee, who announced this year that he's considering a run for Portland City Council, said the statistics today are reflective of the need for accountable leadership.

"Most importantly for our community, I think we need to understand that our children are at stake,"

McGee said. "We can't wait for any institution, or any person to come and rescue us. We have to be the ones that are mobilized, engaged and asking the tough questions because we are at a crisis point."

Just last month activists from the antiviolence organization Don't Shoot PDX testified in front of Portland Public Schools demanding an audit of all spending related to PPS's equity department, includ-

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## Bar Association President Comes to Portland

Paulette Brown participates in Pro Bono Week

By Christen McCurdy  
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**J**ust months into her tenure as the American Bar Association's first African American female president, Paulette Brown celebrated the association's annual Pro Bono Week in what some might consider an unusual spot: Portland.

"I wanted to kick off Pro Bono Week in sort of a nontraditional place," Brown said. "Some people would

think a more obvious place would be Chicago or Washington D.C. or New York. I am pleased that Portland is welcoming me and has found a great pro bono opportunity for me to participate in."

Monday morning, Brown visited the Urban League's clinic for seniors needing pro bono legal assistance, including help with wills and housing issues.

This year marks the National Bar

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Paulette Brown, president American Bar Association