North Clark County Economic Update

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Since time immemorial, what we now call the Columbia Gorge was part of a densely-settled region of indigenous people, primarily the Chinook but others as well, along the Columbia River, who created communities and summer encampments and a sophisticated cultural heritage. The area was rich in salmon, camas root, wapato, bitterroot, berries, deer, elk and waterfowl. Between 1820 and 1850 diseases brought by Europeans killed up to 90 percent of the native people, and from 1850 onwards U.S. troops enforced treaties under which natives gave up land rights and were forced to move to reservations. Fort Vancouver served as a holding center for natives captured in conflict before they were forcibly settled elsewhere. We take this moment to thank the original caretakers of this land and to reflect upon our shared history as a small step toward reconciliation and repair of our relationships.
3  Photo credit: Washington Post
Median Household Income, 2016-2020

Source: Washington Employment Security Department/DATA Division
Change in Nonfarm Jobs Through 1.75 Business Cycles

Change in Employment Through 1.75 Business Cycles

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Average Annual Wage, 2021

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Source: Washington Employment Security Department/DATA Division
Battle Ground Employment

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Employment by industry

- Agriculture
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Wholesale Trade
- Retail Trade
- Information
- Real Estate, Rental & Leasing
- Professional Services
- Business Services
- Education Services
- Health & Social
- Recreation Services
- Accommodation & Food Services
- Other Services
- Government
- Other

Battle Ground vs County

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Ridgefield Employment

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Ridgefield
County
La Center Employment

Source: Employment Security Department/DATA Division
North Unincorporated

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Summary

- Overall, North County jobs have been recovering from the recession
  - Especially jobs in Ridgefield
  - Not so much jobs in La Center
- Wages pay less than average
- Incomes tend to be higher than average, poverty lower than average
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