

Frequently Asked Questions

- What is Pendleton Economic Development and what does it do?
 - Pendleton Economic Development is a department of the City of Pendleton whose purpose is to serve as the primary contact and guide for corporations and businesses wishing to start, relocate, expand, or develop in Pendleton, Oregon.
 - It is our mission to attract a new generation of innovators, support established businesses, incentivize strategic investments that improve Pendleton's economy, and cultivate community growth.

- Where is Pendleton, Oregon?
 - Pendleton, Oregon is a city in northeast Oregon and is the county seat of Umatilla county. The city is centrally located between major markets such as Portland, Bend, Boise, Tri-Cities, Seattle, and Spokane.

- What is the population of Pendleton?
 - The population of Pendleton is 16,841 ([2021](#)).

- What is the workforce population of Pendleton?
 - Supported by Blue Mountain Community College, Walla Walla Community College, Worksource Oregon, Eastern Oregon University, Columbia Basin College, and more, the workforce population of Pendleton is 9,957, and a labor force of 8,000.

- What is there to do in Pendleton, Oregon?
 - Residents and visitors enjoy a multitude of recreational, entertainment, and social activities, as well as a calendar packed full of exciting events. The famed Pendleton Round-Up alone brings people in from all over the nation. In Pendleton, there is never a dull moment.
 - The Blue Mountains are within an hour's drive of Pendleton and boast some of the best mountain biking, rock climbing, backpacking, and camping in the entire region, as well as some of the finest hunting in North America. The Columbia River, North of Pendleton, offers excellent fishing, sailing, and watersports opportunities, as well as a plethora of parks along the Columbia and in the surrounding area.
 - Whether you're looking for a traditional western meal or authentic overseas cuisine, Pendleton is the place to eat. Home to over 40 top-quality restaurants and options ranging far and wide, you're sure to find a place to satisfy your taste buds.
 - In Pendleton, our restaurants serve ingredients in handcrafted dishes for every taste. Add even more to your experience with a selection of refreshing beverages, and trust us—save room for dessert. To learn more about all there is to experience in Pendleton, visit: www.travelpendleton.com

- What properties are available for rent, lease, or sale in Pendleton?
 - In Pendleton, businesses of all sizes can find properties that exceed their needs. One of our goals is to provide investors, site selectors, and business professionals with the best chance of success. To find your next business location or property, click [here](#).

- Does the City of Pendleton offer incentives for developers and businesses?
 - Yes. The City of Pendleton and the State of Oregon offer a plethora of local and state tax incentives. These incentives are available to companies considering business expansion, relocation, or new business start-ups. To learn more about our generous incentives, contact us today: www.prosperinpendleton.com/contact

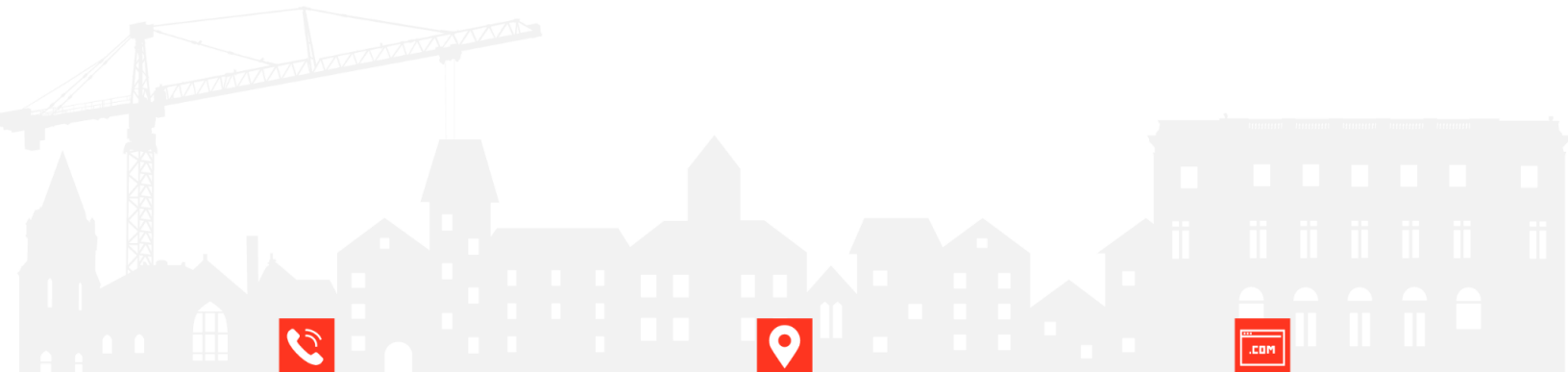
- What are the key industries in Pendleton?
 - Pendleton is home to a number of diverse industries including, Aviation and UAS (drones), Manufacturing, Warehousing and Distribution, Tourism and Entertainment, Agriculture and Food Processing, High-Tech and Bio-Tech, and Medical Testing.

- Who are Pendleton's major employers?
 - The City of Pendleton and neighboring Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation are home to some of the largest employers in the Northeast Oregon region. [Download a list of major employers with contact information here](#).

- Where can I find information on housing in Pendleton?
 - Pendleton develops with workforce in mind - Workforce housing is one such way of supporting both businesses and the community. Pendleton recognizes this and spearheads developments that solve common pain points of new and existing businesses. If you're interested in moving to Pendleton, feel free to [contact us](#) or click the link: [Rentals and Landlord List](#)

- What is the cost of living in Pendleton?
 - Pendleton's cost of living is extremely competitive - 86.5 to be exact (13.5 points lower than the national average).

- Who is the best person to contact regarding economic development in Pendleton?
 - The primary contact for economic development in Pendleton is Steve Chrisman, Economic Development and Airport Director. He can be reached via email at steve.chrisman@ci.pendleton.or.us or by phone at (541) 966-0292.



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