

Top Ten Reasons to Do Business in Clark County, WA

Strategically located minutes north of Portland along the I-5 Corridor, Clark County offers all the amenities of a metropolitan city, accompanied by affordability and high quality of place.

FAVORABLE BUSINESS CLIMATE

- Washington does not impose a corporate income tax, personal income tax, unitary tax, nor does it tax dividends, interest, or capital gains.
- In the Tax Foundation's 2014 State Business Tax Climate Index, Washington ranked #12 in the US.
- Business friendly jurisdictions with local incentives and assistance programs.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PORTS

- Interstate 5 connects Clark County to the major markets along the West Coast, from Seattle to San Diego. Running east-west, Interstate 84 links Clark County with Eastern Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.
- Deep-water ports, full rail access, and proximity to Portland International Airport (PDX) make Clark County one of the strongest inter-modal transportation hubs in the Northwest.

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

- The Portland International Airport (PDX), only minutes from downtown Vancouver, WA, offers daily, non-stop flights throughout North America, Europe, and Asia; PDX has ranked America's #1 airport by Travel+Leisure in 2013, 2014, & 2015.
- PDX consistently ranks among the top airports in the world for on-time departures and arrivals. In January 2016, the U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics ranked PDX #1 in the U.S. for YTD on-time departures.

LEASABLE SPACE

- Overall, Clark County commercial lease rates are very competitive within the Portland Metro Region:

	CLARK COUNTY	PORTLAND CBD
Industrial/Office Flex	\$10.27	\$20.57
Class A Office	\$22.02	\$29.87
Class B Office	\$16.15	\$27.26

CoStar Analytics, 2015 Year-End Report

LAND

- Clark County has shovel-ready industrial and commercial zoned land primed for development.

UTILITIES

- The primary electric power supplier in Clark County, Clark Public Utilities, is a public, cost-of-service provider that offers some of the most competitive power prices in the United States. In 2014 the average industrial rate was 5.58 cents p/kWh.
- The County also benefits from an extensive fiber-optic network, designed to meet the needs of the most demanding industries.

EDUCATION AND JOB-READINESS

- Washington is ranked #1 in the country when it comes to the concentration of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) jobs, and Clark County has the support in place to ensure our workforce can meet the fast-changing demands of our employers.
- Clark College and Washington State University Vancouver offer a wide-range of disciplines and programs, from highly customized technical programs to advanced level graduate degrees.

WORKFORCE

- Approximately 60,000 workers commute to Portland to work. In a recent transportation survey, 80 percent of commuters would readily take a job in Clark County to reduce commute time and avoid Oregon income tax.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- The median home value for a single family house in Clark County, WA, was \$214,300 (2014).

COST OF LIVING

- Clark County's 2014 cost of living was indexed at 102.9, lower than Seattle (126.9), San Francisco (167.5), and San Diego (135.4) metropolitan areas.