

WHAT IS TIPS?

Study that seeks feedback from individuals linked to the tourism industry. Informs Travel Oregon's biennial strategies and RDMO strategic plans.

Collaborative project: Regional Cooperative Tourism Program + Research + DMOs, RDMOs, Chambers, ORLA, and more.



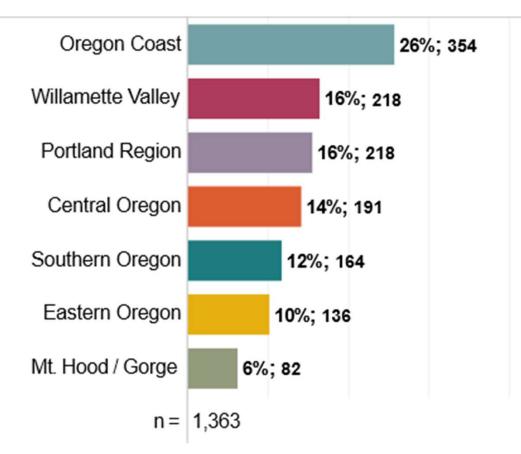
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Digital survey to Oregon tourism industry employees

5th version of the study

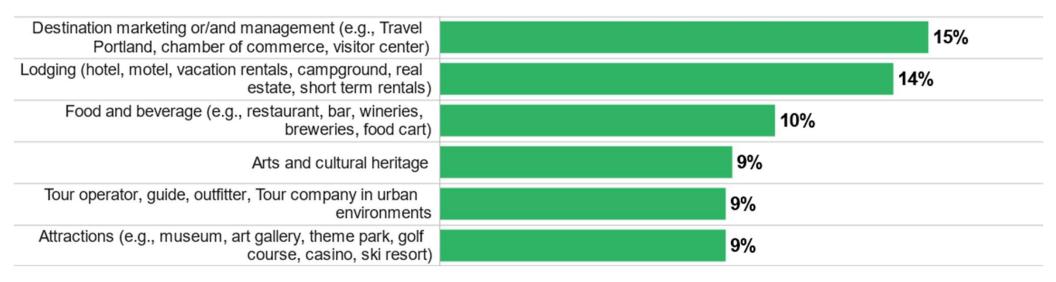
Over 1300 responses from all 7 regions

Responses by region

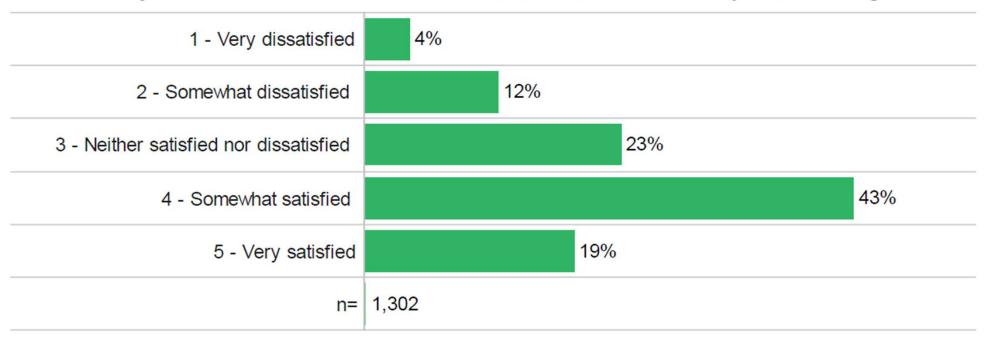


STATEWIDE RESULTS

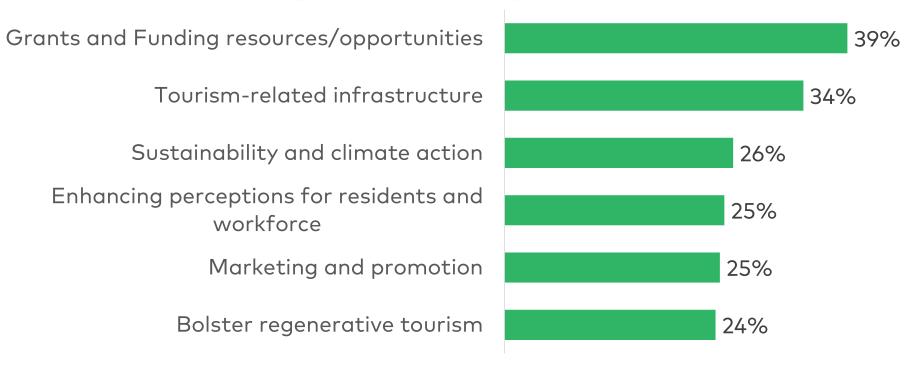
In what sector of the tourism industry do you primarily work?



Please rate your satisfaction with the direction of destination development in Oregon:



Please identify the three areas that you believe should be emphasized for longer-term tourism planning over the next 2 - 5 years. (Rank top three priorities within this list)

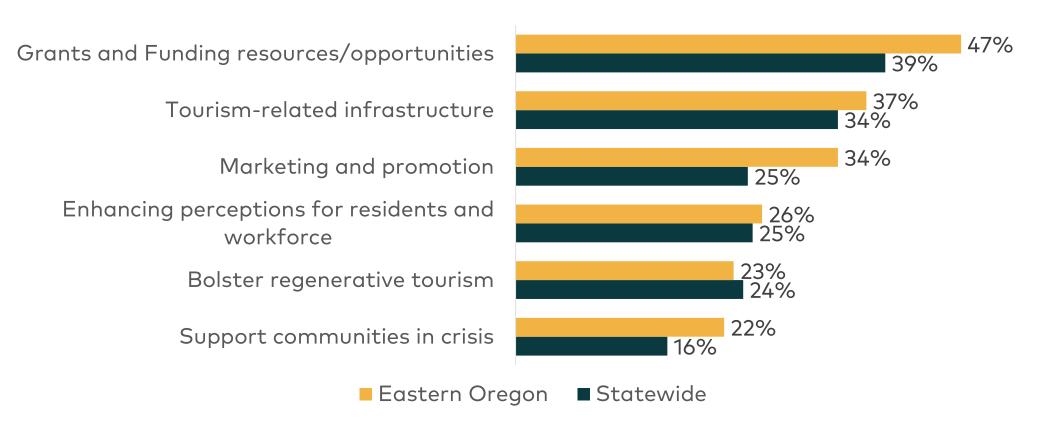


- Oregon's Strengths:
 - Outdoor Rec opportunities
 - Food and Beverage
 - Agritourism
- Oregon's areas for improvement:
 - Public infrastructure
 - Marketing and promotion
 - Downtown development



REGIONAL PRIORITIES

EASTERN OREGON



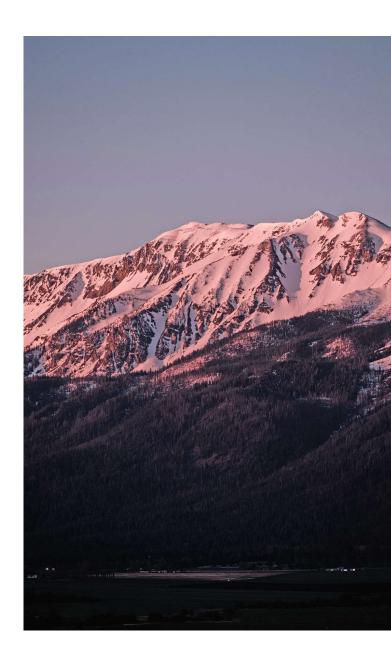
EASTERN OREGON

- Focus areas Destination Marketing, downtown development and food and beverage.
- Low overcrowding concerns. Lack of winter visitation
- Workforce shortages and wildfires stand out as challenges

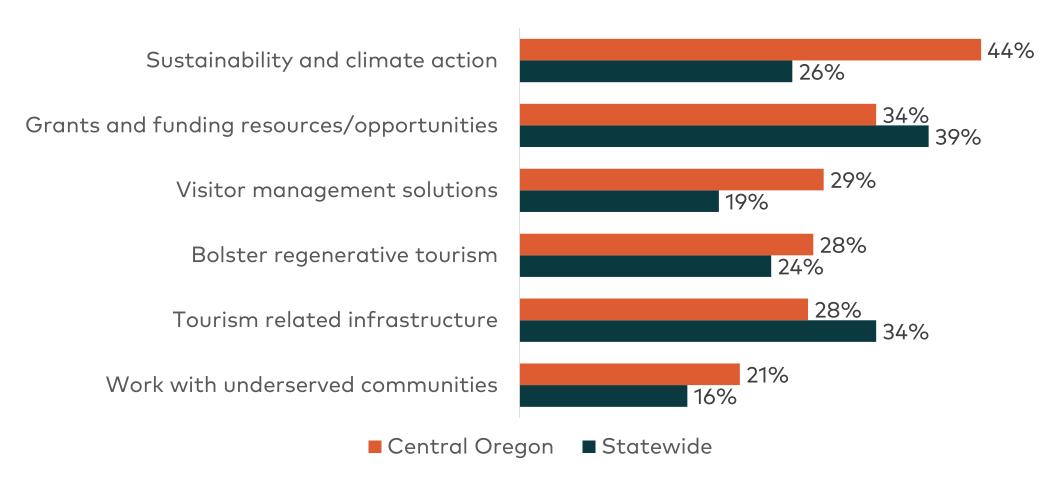


EASTERN OREGON – PROGRAMS/INVESTMENTS 25-26

- Destination Marketing Focus:
 - Social Media Marketing campaigns -\$30,000
 - Guide distribution and fulfillment \$25,000
 - International Development (Go West & IPW) \$10,000
 - Regional Grants Program \$ 40,000



CENTRAL OREGON



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- Focus areas include land stewardship, public infrastructure and welcoming environment for BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ communities
- 67% of respondents believe there are too many visitors in summer
- Affordable housing and wildfires are major challenges



CENTRAL OREGON - PROGRAMS/INVESTMENTS 25-26

- Stewardship Focus:
 - Future Fund (creation of tourism assets, stewardship, cultural tourism, and accessibility focus – \$300,000
 - Regional Strategic Investment Fund –
 (Rural community partnerships) \$28,120
 - Public lands investment (Discover Your Forest, Deschutes Trails Coalition) -\$25,000
 - Travelability conference investments \$32,500



MT HOOD AND CRG



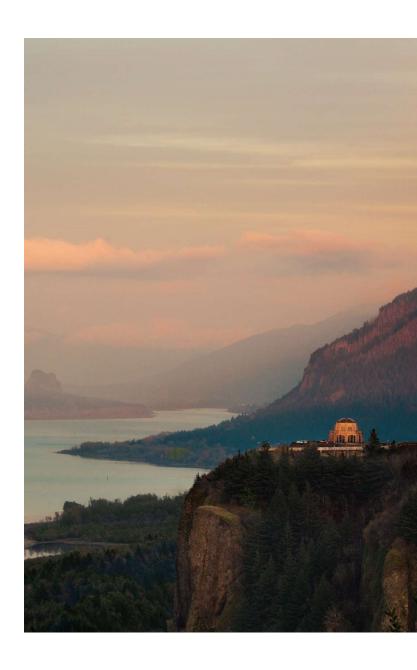
MT. HOOD AND CRG

- Focus areas: public infrastructure, signage/wayfinding, marketing, downtown development
- Overcrowding concerns are higher than statewide in summer and winter
- Workforce housing and wildfire concerns

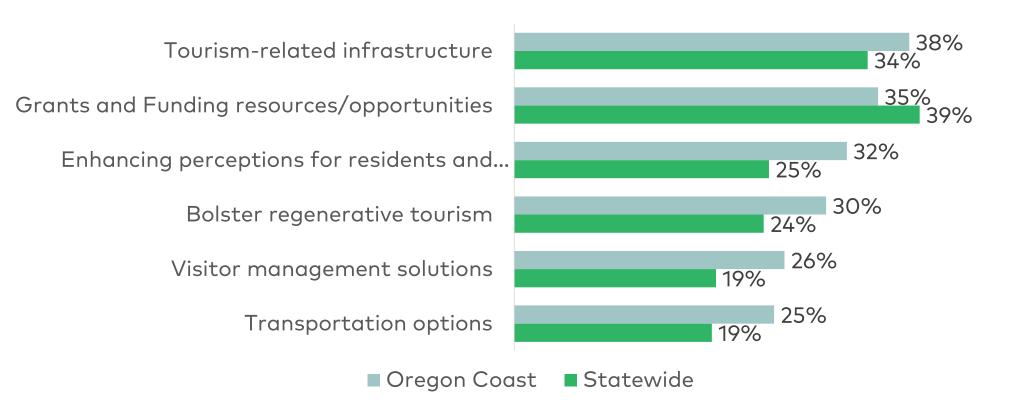


MT HOOD AND CRG – PROGRAMS/INVESTMENTS 25-26

- Public infrastructure:
 - Strategic Investment Fund (Tourism infrastructure needs TBD) \$48,000 (biennium)
- Overcrowding concerns:
 - Strategic Investment Fund (Trail Ambassadors) \$10,000
 - Infinity Loop Map (addresses over visitation and encourages car free travel) - \$43,500
 - Waterfall Corridor Map \$5,000



OREGON COAST



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- Focus areas: public infrastructure, downtown development and outdoor recreation opportunities
- Overcrowding in summer, could do with more visitors in winter
- Lack of affordable workforce housing significantly higher than statewide

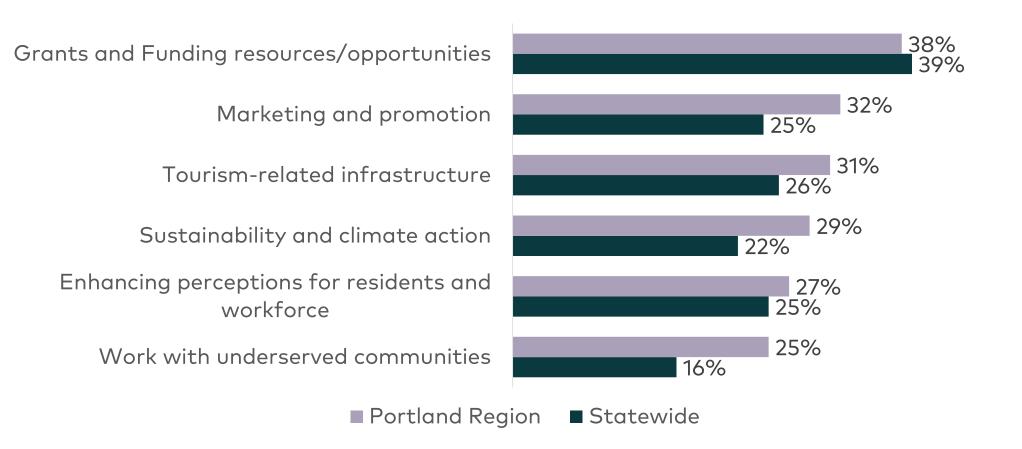


OREGON COAST – PROGRAMS/INVESTMENTS 25-26

- Public infrastructure:
 - Strategic Investment Fund (Tribal Tourism, signage, interpretation) -\$212,195
- Overcrowding:
 - Visitor destination management (ambassador programs, strategic advisory groups) - \$55,000
 - North Coast Express \$100,000
- Outdoor recreation:
 - Mountain Biking Development -\$83,500
 - Paddling and Water Dev. \$19,500



PORTLAND REGION



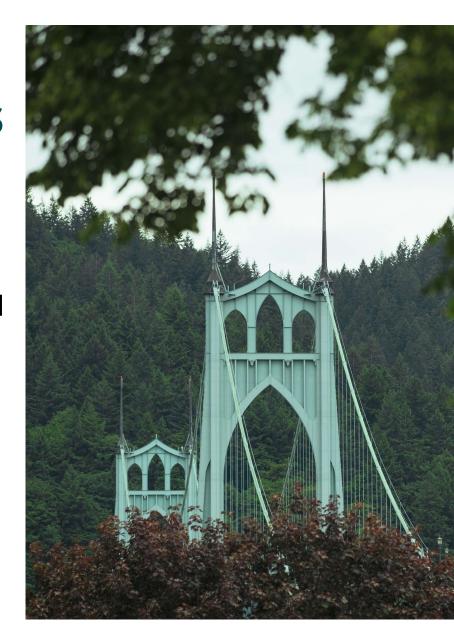
PORTLAND REGION

- Focus areas: downtown development, public infrastructure and marketing.
- Food and beverage is perceived as a significantly larger strength than outdoor rec
- Higher visitation is desired year-round
- Concerns around visitor perceptions

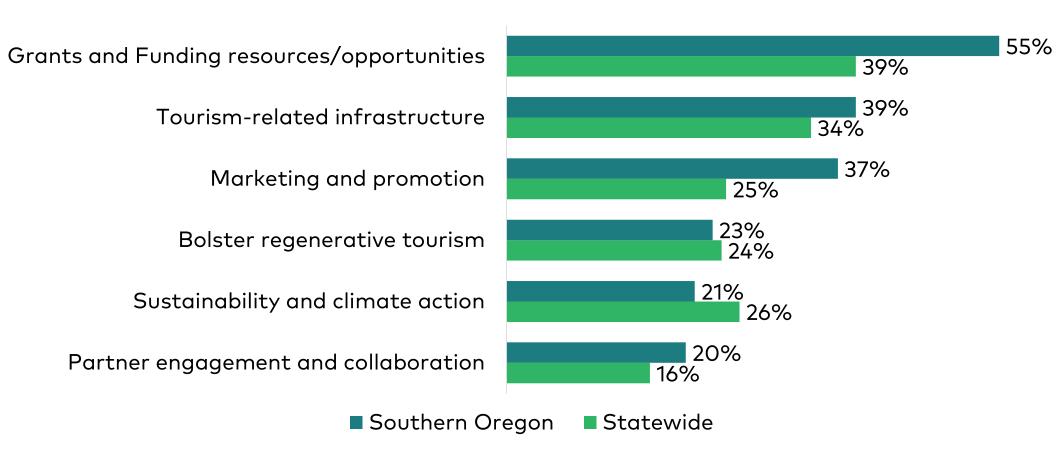


PORTLAND REGION – PROGRAMS/INVESMENTS 25-26

- Downtown development and public infrastructure:
 - Strategic Investment Fund (Central City, leveraged with Travel Portland other budget) - \$40,388
- Concerns around visitor perceptions:
 - PR Agency \$200,000
 - Media Monitoring \$18,600



SOUTHERN OREGON



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- Focus areas: public infrastructure, outdoor rec, and downtown development
- Strengths include outdoor rec, food and agritourism
- Higher visitation is desired year-round
- Tools/training to improve communications and marketing
- Wildfire is cited as the top threat

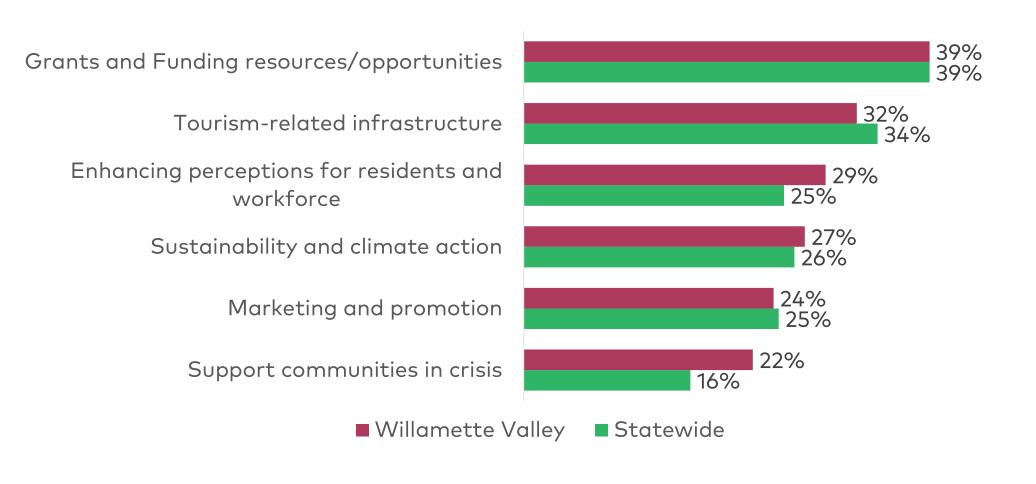


SOUTHERN OREGON – PROGRAMS/INVESTMENTS 25-26

- Public infrastructure, outdoor rec, and downtown development:
 - Regional Partner Infrastructure
 Support \$10,500
 - Dark Skies \$20,000
- Communications and marketing
 - PR and Media Relations \$60,000
 - TSO campaigns \$30,000



WILLAMETTE VALLEY



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- Focus areas: Public infrastructure, outdoor recreation, and marketing.
- Food/beverage and outdoor rec are cited as nearly equally important strengths for WV, followed by agritourism
- Year-round increased visitation would be welcome, especially during winter
- Overall, risks are perceived less severely than statewide results



WILLAMETTE VALLEY – PROGRAMS/INVESTMENTS 25-26

- Public infrastructure:
 - Strategic Investment Fund: \$90,276
 - Mountain Biking Development: \$39,000
- Food/beverage and outdoor recreation:
 - Water Trail Development: \$2,500
 - Outdoor Rec Map Support: \$50,000
 - Agritourism Survey Support: \$5,000
- Increasing year round visitation:
 - Annual Ornament Hunt \$8,000



THANK YOU