

Economic Profile



The City of Milwaukie offers a low-cost of doing business, excellent transportation access, and a world-class workforce of over 300,000 within 7 miles. If you want to improve your bottom line, the City of Milwaukie is prepared to help you make it happen.

While we are proud of the many firms who have chosen Milwaukie, our City leadership is committed to continually improve the local business climate, whether that means finding resources to revitalize downtown or working with a local company to resolve any issue that may arise. That commitment comes from the top and runs through the entire government.

Executives Bob Moore of Bob's Red Mill and Mike Richardson of Dark Horse Comics chose to base their companies in Milwaukie in part because of personal ties to the City, but they have been able to grow and expand here because it is a great place to do business. Bob Moore describes Milwaukie as a "superior transportation hub," a place where the "City really values" local businesses, and home to an excellent, stable workforce. Mike Richardson has been able to attract top talent to his publishing company because of the "small city" advantages of Milwaukie. Firms such as Precision Castparts Corp. (PCC) Structural and Oregon Cutting Systems have also chosen to expand several times in Milwaukie, where they have encountered "minimal red-tape" and the ability to "accommodate growth seamlessly."



Milwaukie is home to a wealth of businesses from manufacturing to medical to comic books.



Access to the Willamette River is right downtown.

Business Advantages

- Minutes from I-205, I-5, and I-84 and 6 miles to downtown Portland
- Excellent transportation
- Industrial sites on 99E and OR224
- Two rail-served industrial areas

"The location is so convenient with access to I-5, I-205 and Highways 43 and 224, that our staff can commute easily from anywhere in the Portland metro area."

– Cindy Barrick, Advantis

Our Enterprise Zone

- 100% state property tax exemption on new investment for 3 years
- 5-year exemption for above-average-wage job creation
- A very competitive tax environment with no sales or inventory tax, and no City or County business income or payroll tax
- Responsive local regulatory agencies

"I've experienced first-hand [the City's] responsiveness to business needs around development and growth and their creative efforts to address the unique needs of both large and small businesses."

– Richard Smith,
Providence Milwaukie Hospital

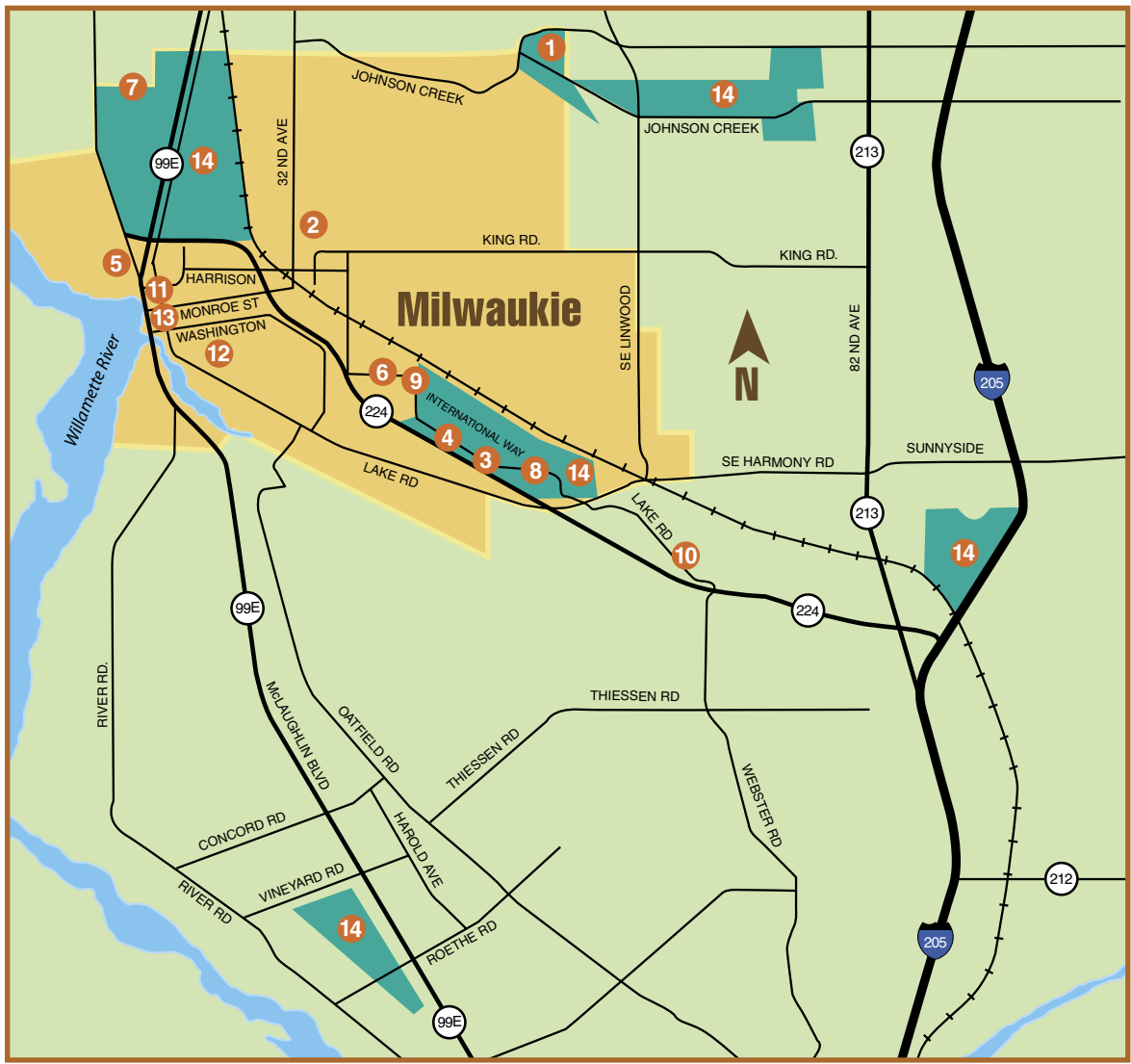
"Milwaukie officials were very helpful during our renovation and flexible on various zoning issues."

– Andrew Franklin,
ODS Health Plans

Lifestyle Advantages

- Historic downtown and Riverfront Park renovation
- Affordable housing market
- Award-winning community hospital, Providence Milwaukie
- One of the 50 best cities in America to raise a family
- Recreation opportunities include the Willamette River, trails for hikers and bikers, and 1 hour to Mt. Hood, the Columbia River Gorge and the Oregon Coast

Milwaukie & Surrounding Area



Map not to scale

Legend

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Precision Castparts/PCC Structurals
4600 SE Harney Drive 2. Providence Milwaukie Hospital
10150 SE 32nd 3. Blount, Inc./Oregon Cutting Systems
4909 SE International Way 4. OECO
4607 SE International Way | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. ODS Health Plans
10505 SE 17th 6. Team Northwest Food
4105 SE International Way 7. Stoner Electric
1904 SE Ochoco Street 8. Bobs Red Mill
5209 SE International Way 9. ADP
4211 SE International Way | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10. United Western Grocers
644 SE Lake Road 11. Milwaukie City Hall
10722 SE Main Street 12. Milwaukie High School
11300 SE 23rd 13. Dark Horse Comics
10956 SE Main Street 14. Enterprise Zones |
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