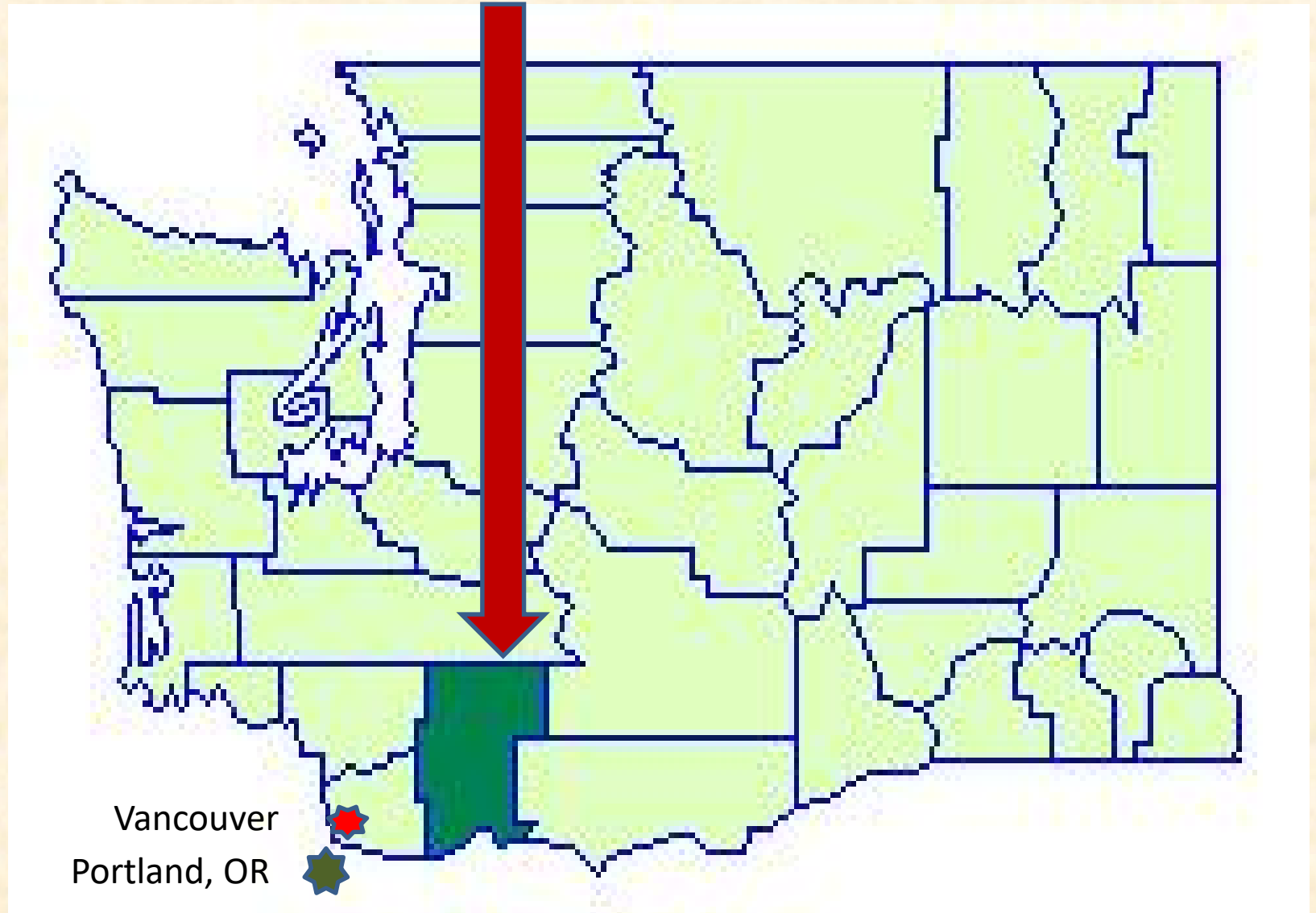


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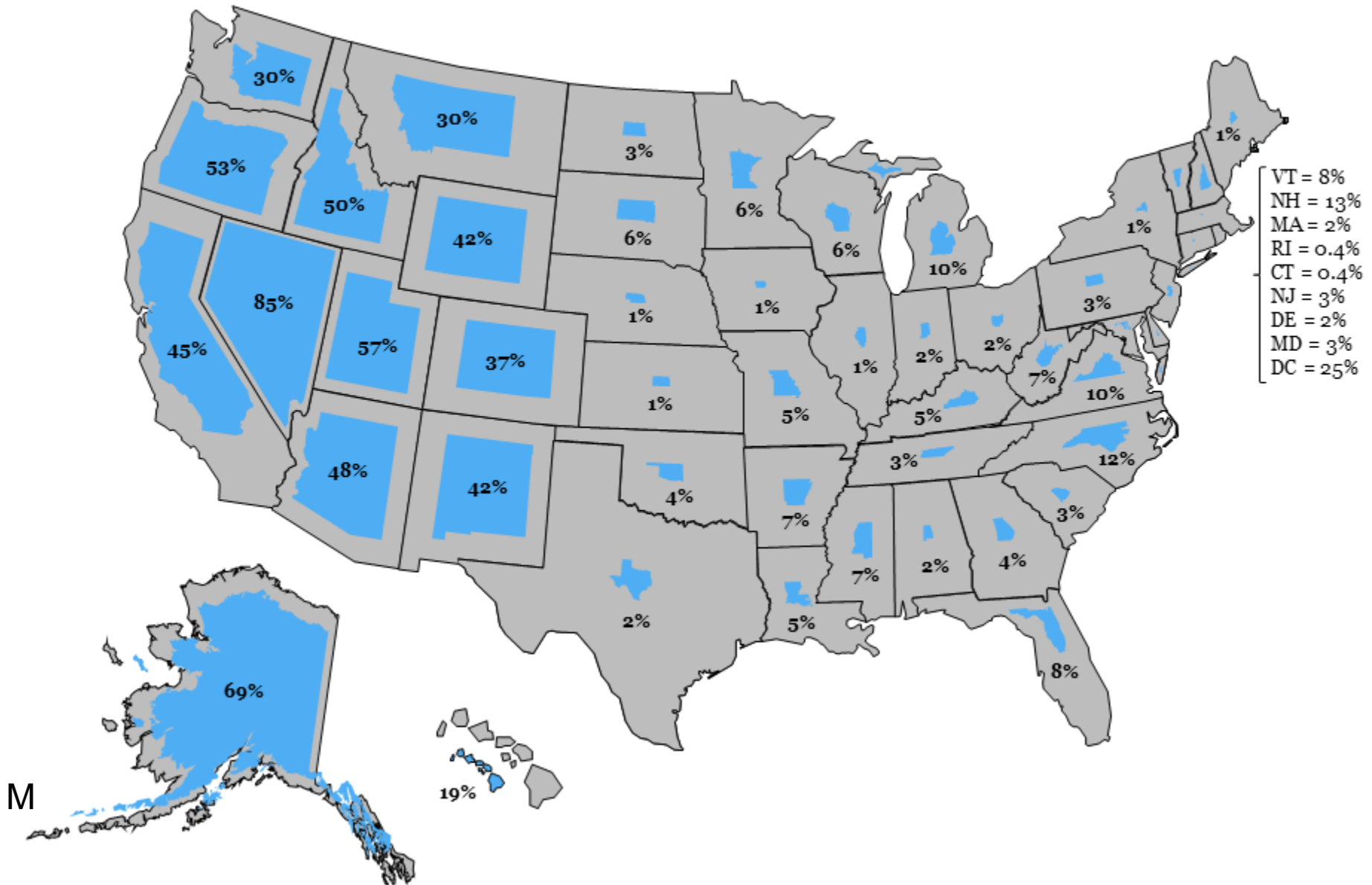
## **A Case in Point: Skamania County, WA**

2019-March

# Skamania County, WA



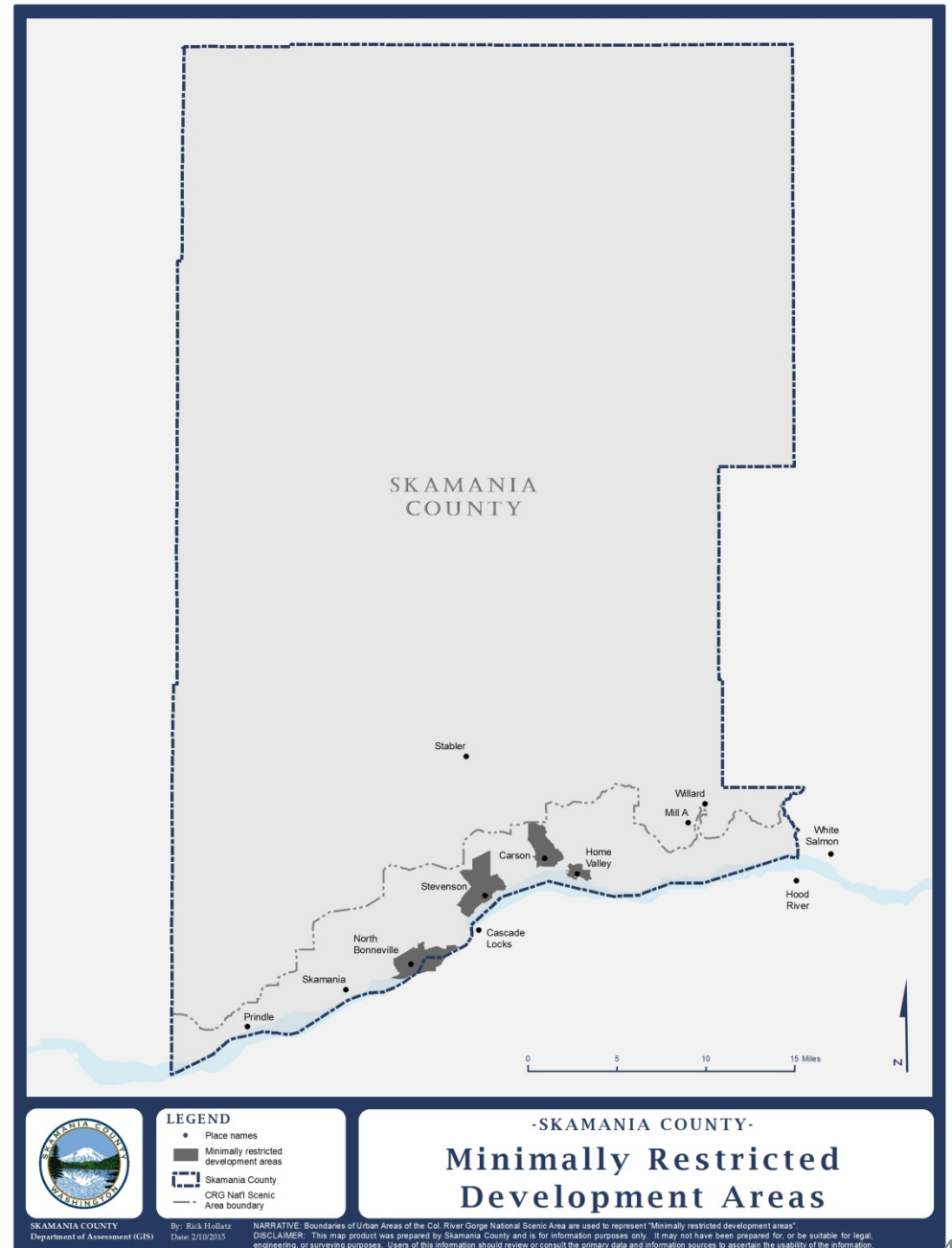
# Portion of each state that is federal land



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# Impact of the CRGNSA\* on future development in Skamania County

- The total county land area impacted by the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Act is 87,353 Acres. Represented by land south of the broken line on the map.
- Of that, development is severely restricted in 87,000+/- acres
- Development is allowed in the shaded Urban Development Zones, about 7800 acres or 9% of the County's' Scenic Area.
- The UDZ 's comprise much of the existing development, further reducing potential opportunities.

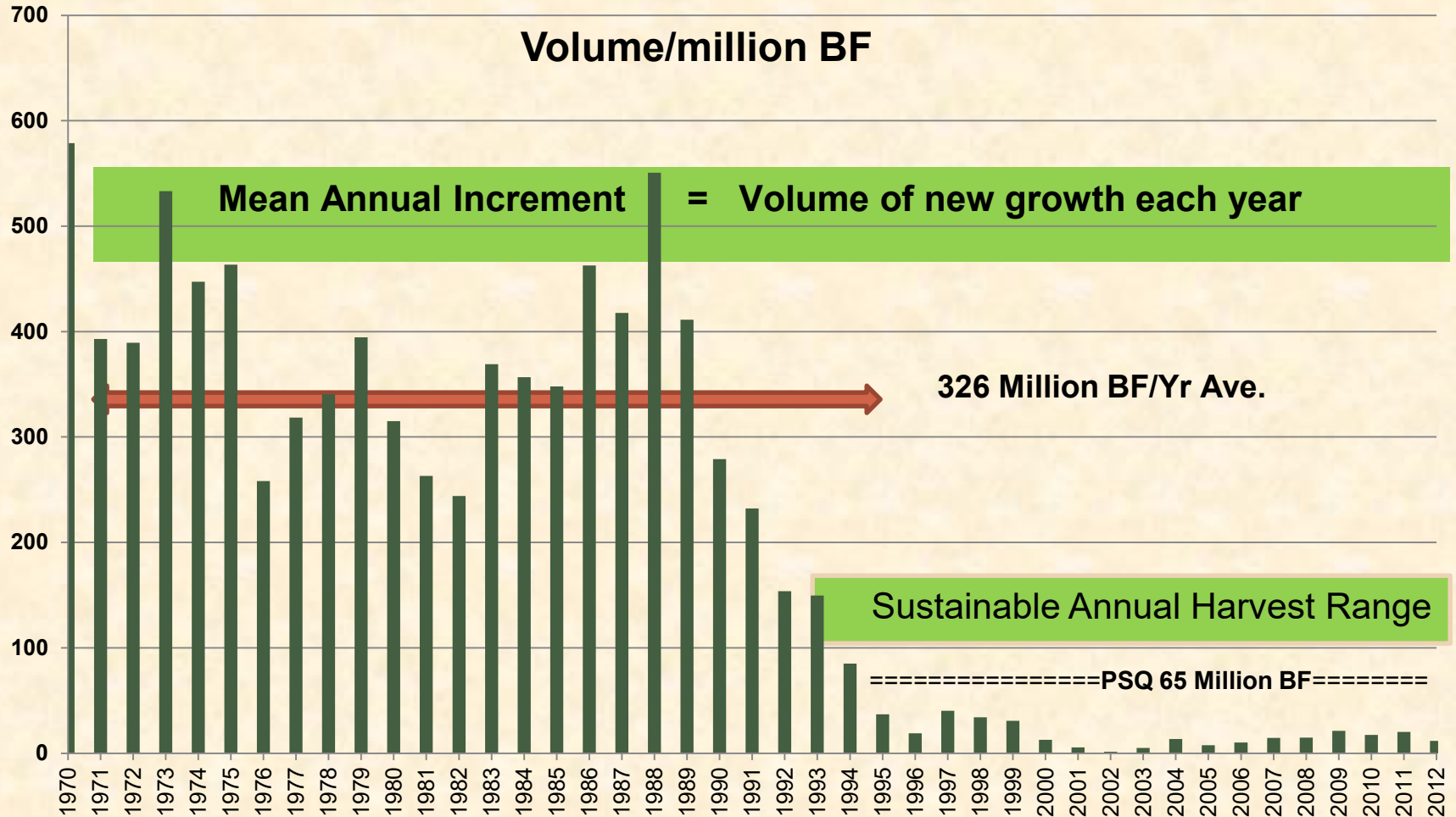


\*Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

# GPNF Annual Timber Yield -1970-2012

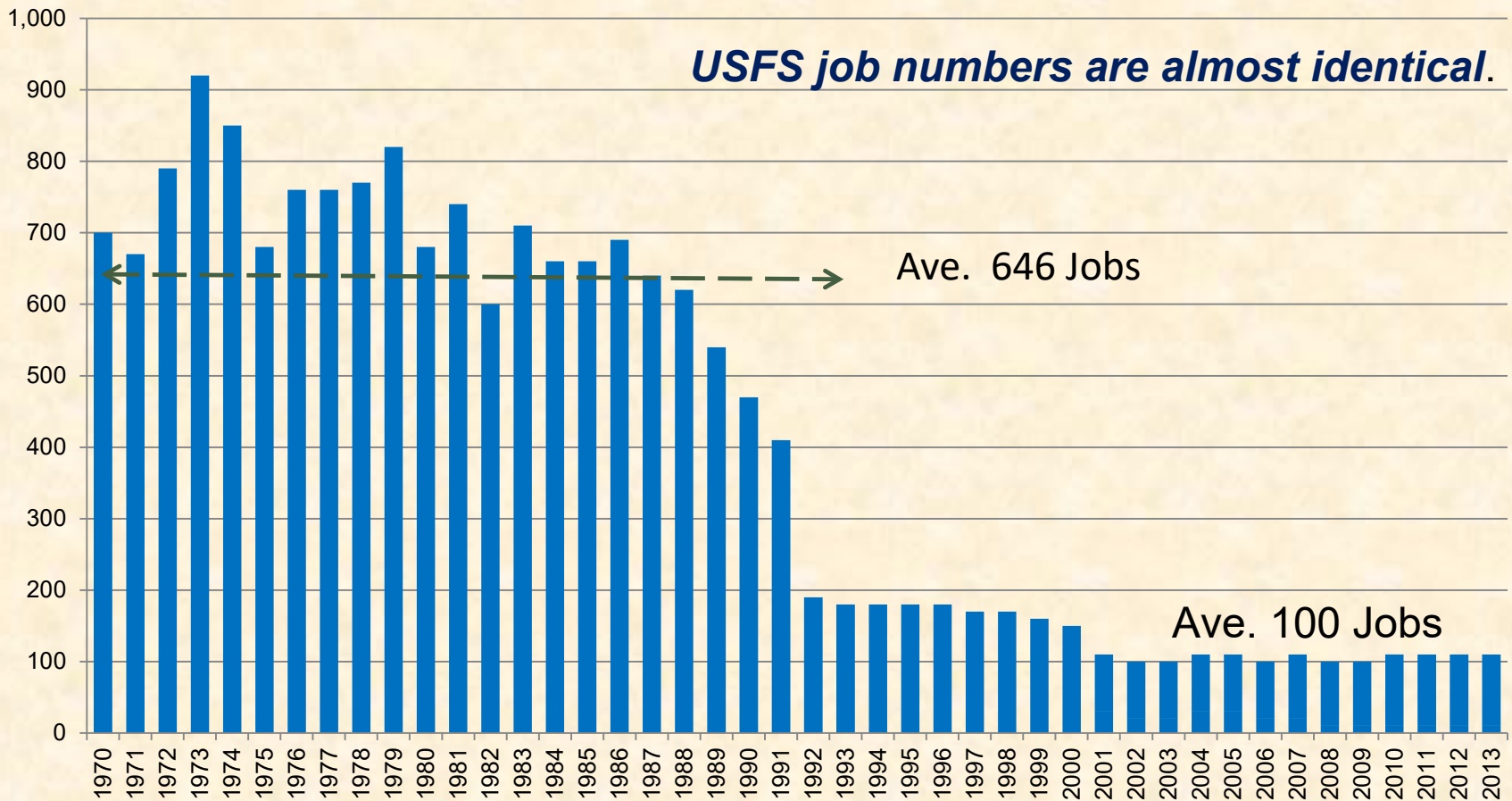
## Past – Present and Future Potential

Average Harvest 1970-1996 = 326 million BF/yr  
 Average Harvest 1996- 2012 = 17 million BF/yr



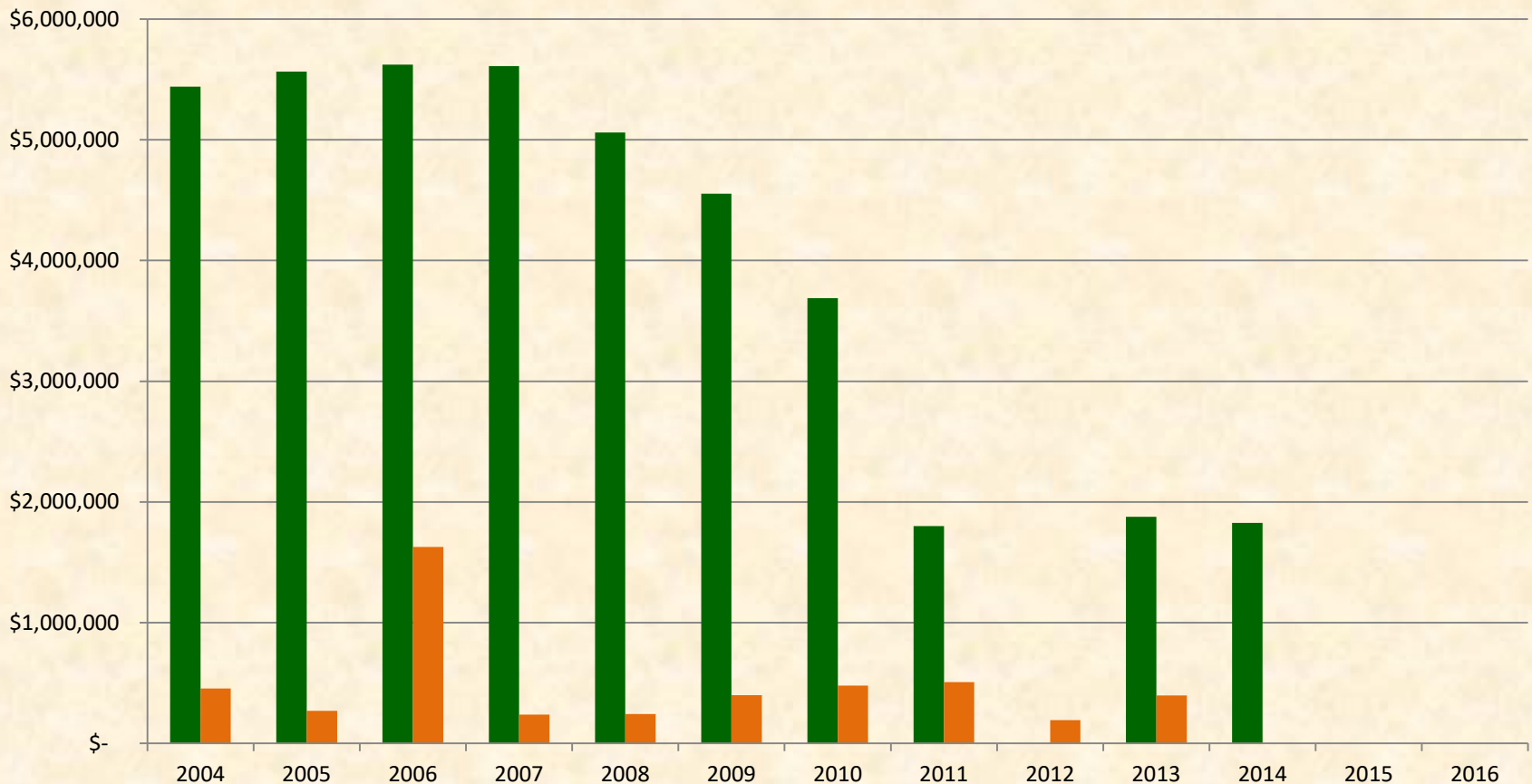
# Timber Related Private Employment Skamania County 1970-2012

Big Picture: NWFP -Over 316 mills closed and 33,000 jobs lost.



# County Comparison of SRS vs Timber Harvest Payment Options

■ SRS   ■ 25% of actual



## Timber Sale

Historical agreement that delivered **25 %** of forest timber receipts to the County Budget.

Sales typically generate more \$/MBF as less is required of the Contractor.

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Local Contractor wins some or all of contract

Skamania County Commissioners' Budget

## Stewardship Sale

Promulgated in 2008 to keep timber sales receipts on the Forest. No revenue for County Current Expense

Sales typically generate less \$/MBF as more is required of the Contractor.

Award of all services in County

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Award with partial services in County

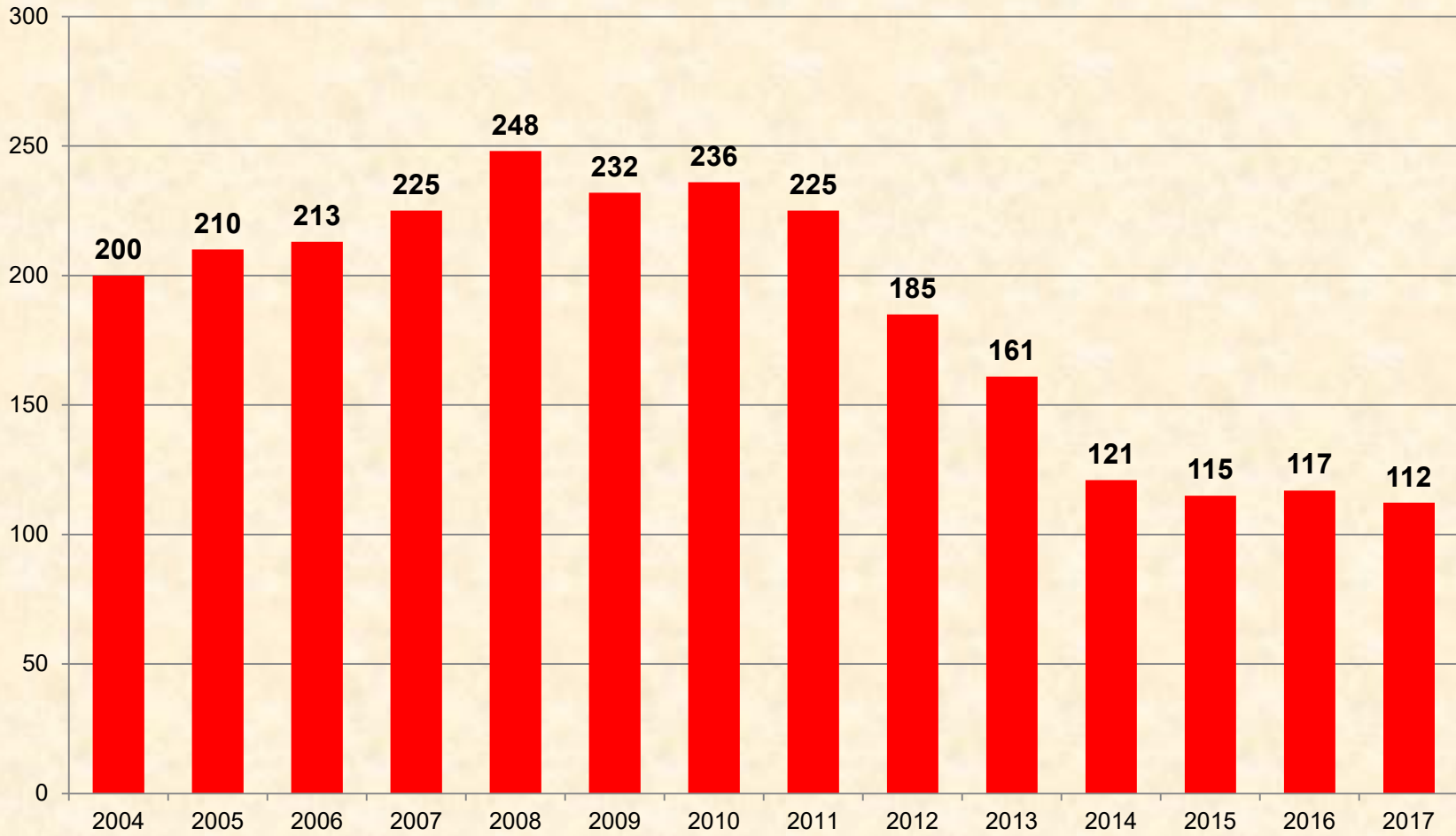
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Award all services out of County

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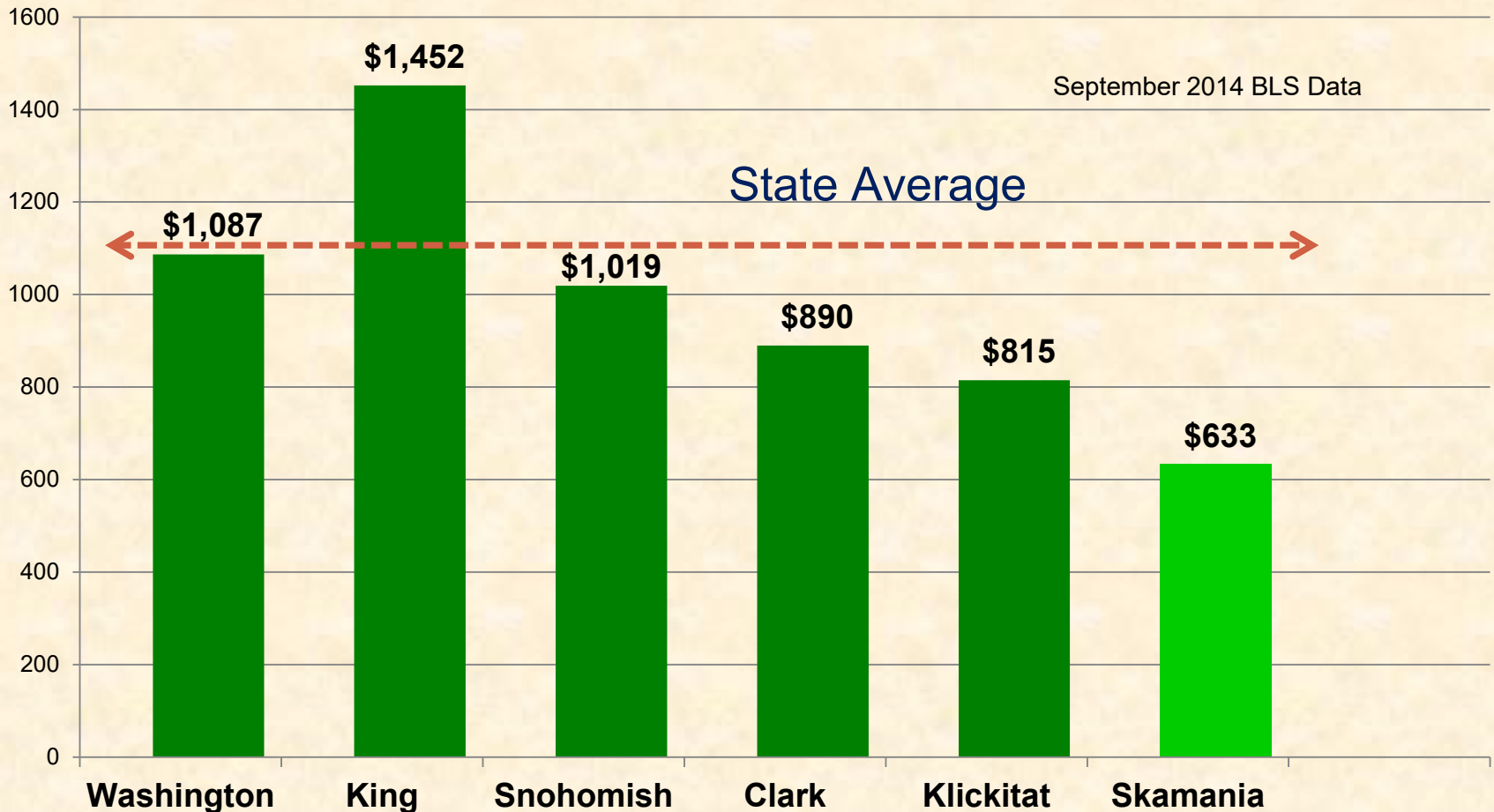


# Skamania County Employees



# Weekly Wages by County

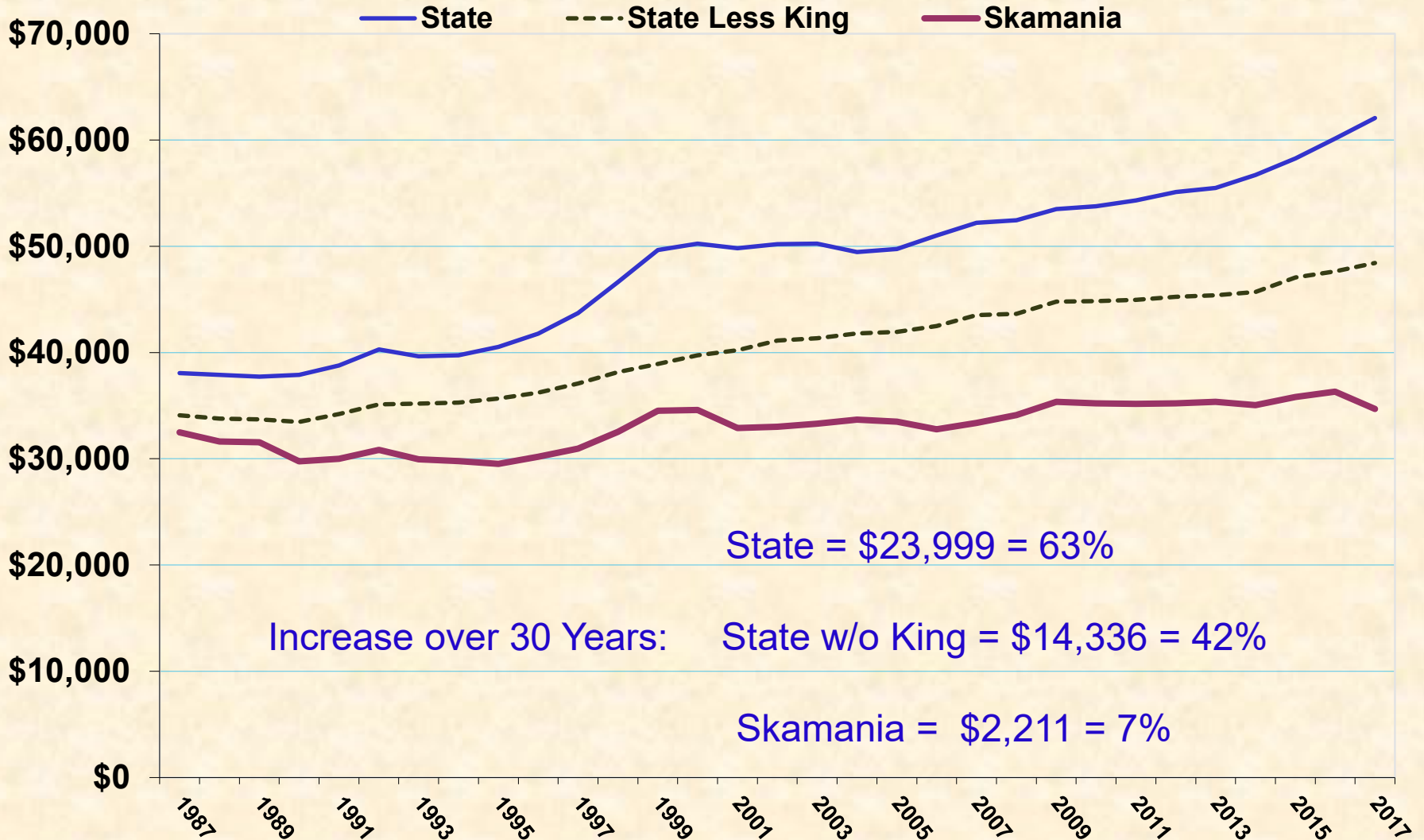
Skamania County Average is 58% of Washington State Average



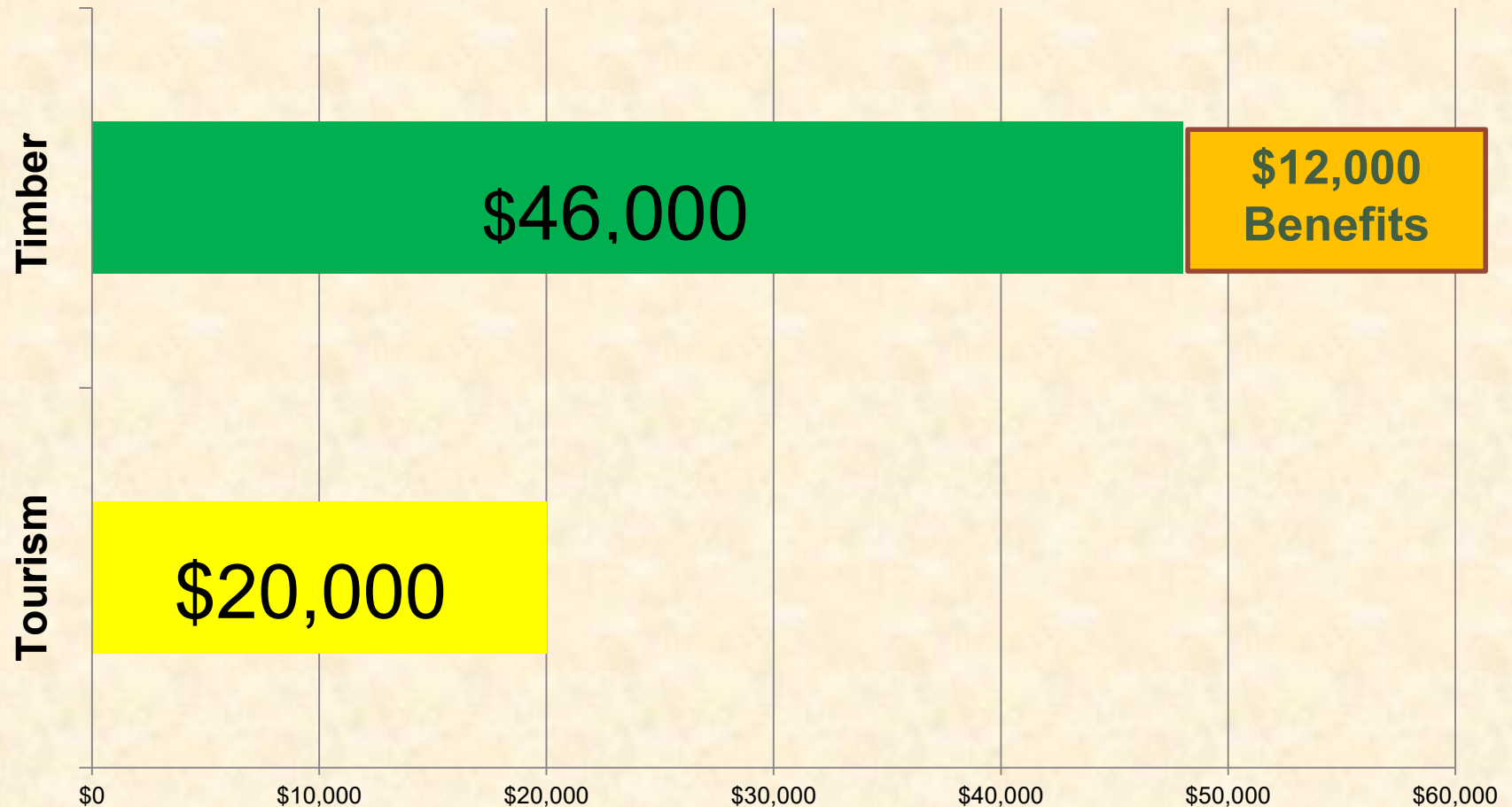
Skamania County wages rank 37th of 39 Washington Counties

# Skamania County Ave. Annual Wage Growth Comparison

## Adjusted for Inflation



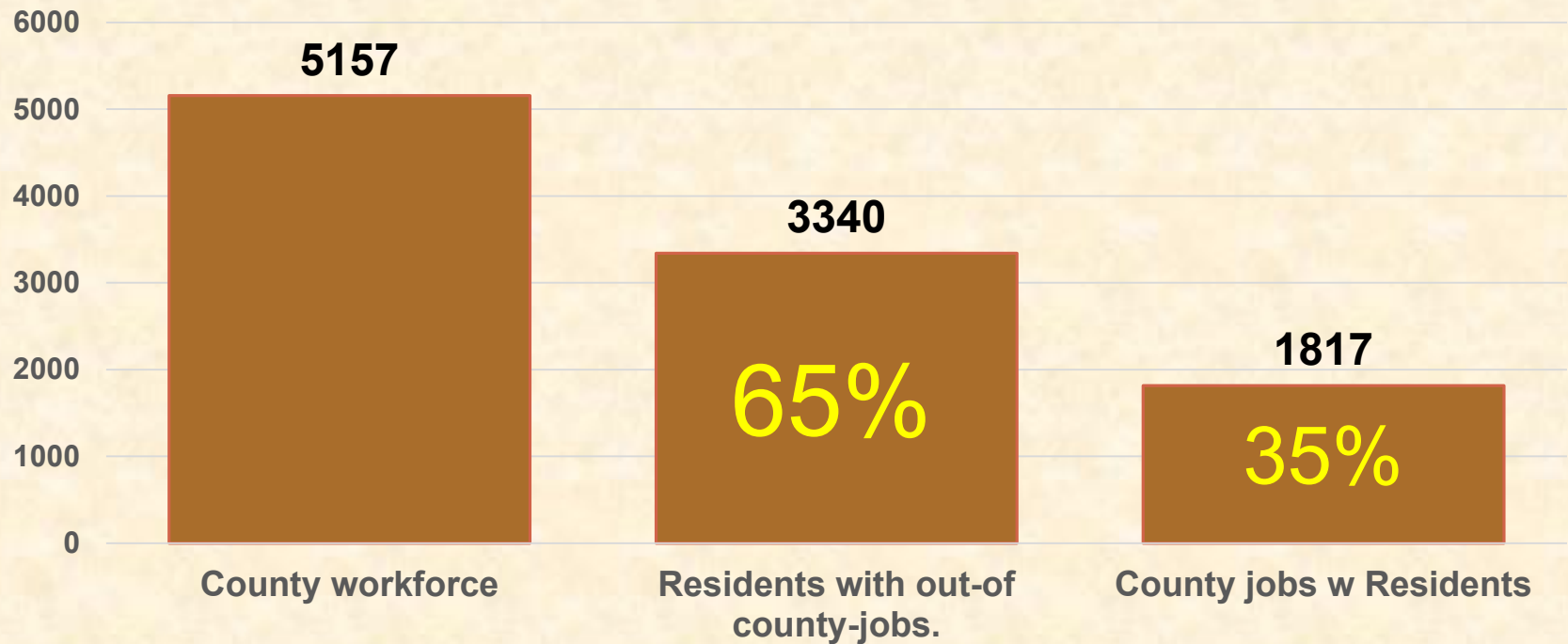
# Tourism vs Timber - Annual Income



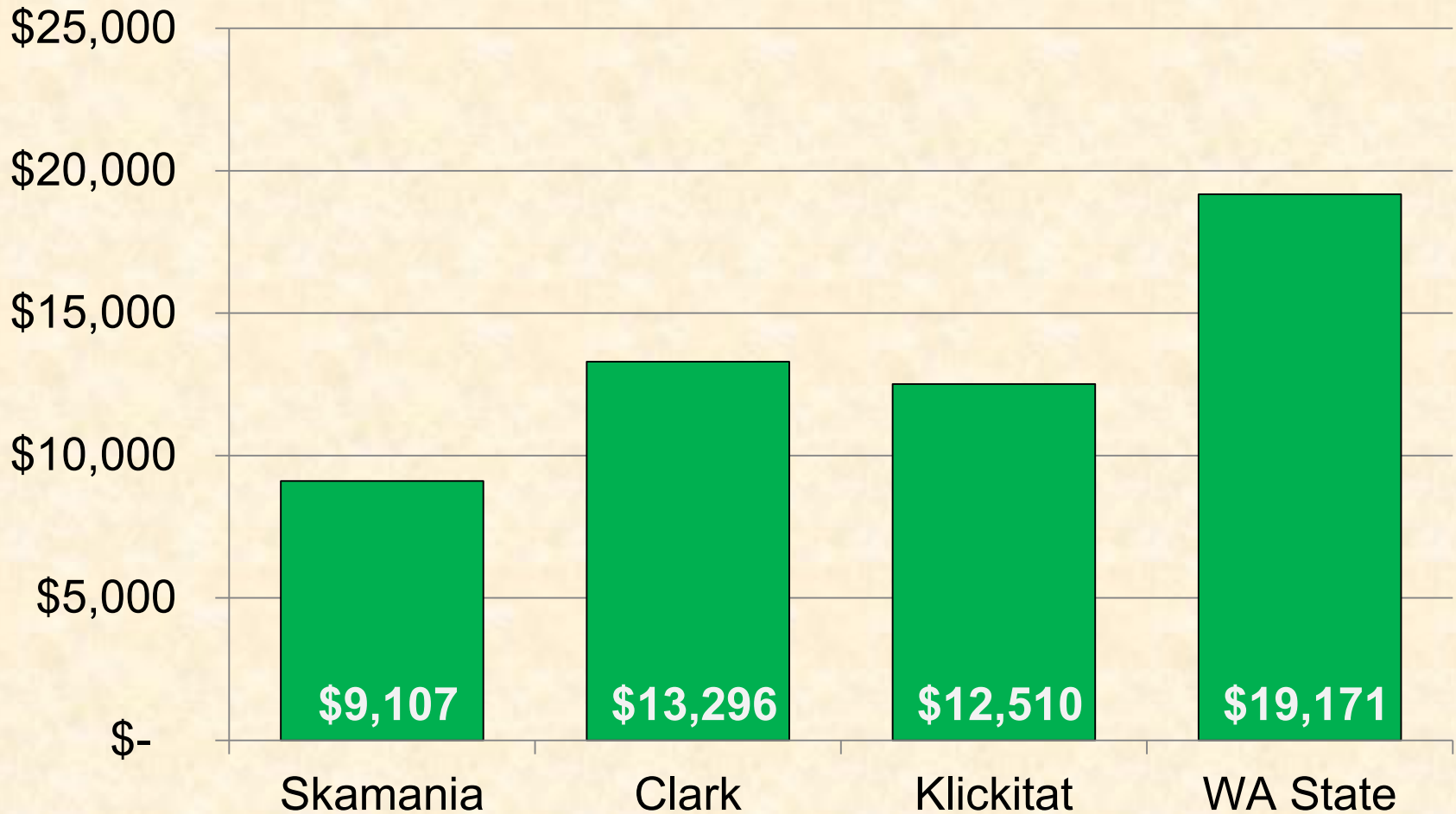
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Many tourism related jobs are part-time and seasonal.  
It adds about 130-180 part-time jobs in the suMMer.

# *HiHo HiHo, Where do the paychecks go?*



# Per Capita Annual Spend Comparison



“Without natural resources life itself is impossible. From birth to death, natural resources, transformed for human use, feed, clothe, shelter, and transport us. Upon them we depend for every material necessity, comfort, convenience, and protection in our lives. Without abundant resources prosperity is out of reach.”

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**Gifford Pinchot**