

What's Next Portland

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Presentation Summary:

As national, state and local economies start to open back up, it's important to remember where the economy was prior to Covid-19. This presentation will then summarize the impacts of the disease on the economy to this point. Finally, it will cover how a potential economic recovery might look like.

- Provide the latest economic data
- Discuss possible economic forecasts so that finance professionals can consider those details when making financial decisions

Target Audience:

Financial planners and their associates

Josh Hardwood Bio



Josh currently serves as the City Economist for the City of Portland, Oregon, providing financial forecasts for city budgeting, as well as advising on a variety of city finance issues. Prior to joining the City in 2010, he worked for the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis and served as Chief Economist in the Colorado Governor's Office. In these capacities, he has been responsible for forecasting income, sales, and property taxes, as well, as tobacco, transportation, and oil and gas revenues. He currently serves as Board Chair of the Portland's Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Board, as well as on the State Revenue Forecast Advisory Committee, Government Finance Officers Association's Budget Committee, and is a board member for Willamette University's Center for Governance and Public Policy.

He has a bachelor's degree from Willamette University and a master's degree in economics from the University of Colorado. Additionally, he has served as adjunct faculty at Portland State University and consulted with a variety of partners, including the Northwest Center for Economic Research.