Net New Jobs

Consumer Spending

Some of the weakness is weather

Consumer Credit Growth

This is reasonable

Housing Index

values above 50 show more "good" than "poor" responses

Home builders still feeling good
Oil Drilling Rigs Operating

Worldwide

Not too bad, but likely to go even lower.

Business Cash Holdings

Does your business hold too much cash? See my Forbes.com article.

Interest Rates

30-year Mortgage

A September rate hike now more likely than June.

3-month T-bill

Stock Market

Soft growth lately.
Oregon Employment

Solid growth

+ 3.4% over 12 months

Washington Employment

Very sound

+ 3.1% over 12 months

Oregon Exports, 2014

E. & SE Asia
- Oregon
- U.S.

Europe

North Amer.

Other

percent of total

0 0.2 0.4 0.6

Washington Exports, 2014

E. & SE Asia
- Wash.
- U.S.

Europe

North Amer.

Other

percent of total

0 0.2 0.4 0.6
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