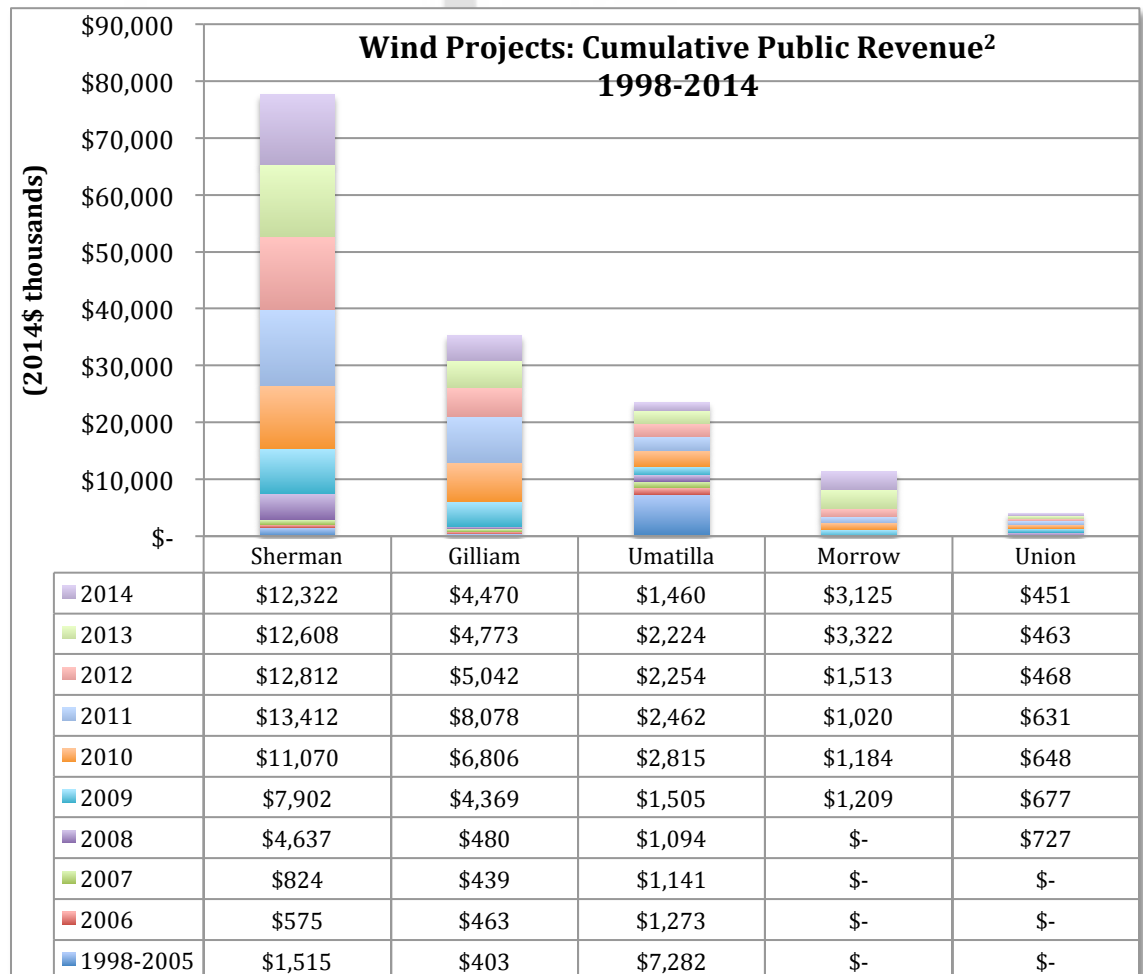


Wind Farms: Investing in Oregon Communities

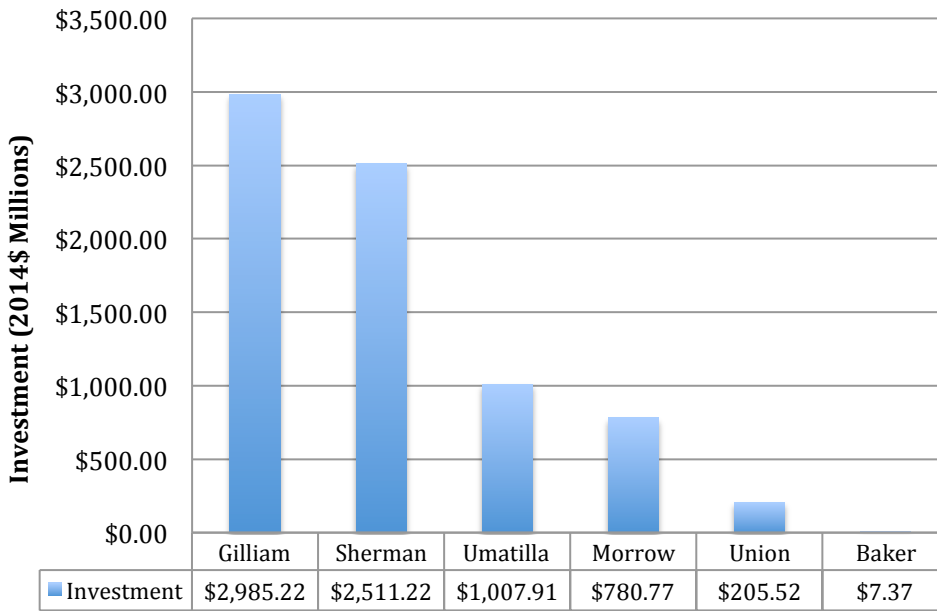
Since 1998, wind farm projects have invested **\$7.5 billion** into Oregon communities.¹

- ❖ Renewable energy investments provide the **triple benefits** of reducing negative impacts on our environment, investing in our local communities, and providing an additional source of public revenue.
- ❖ Wind farms have infused over **\$152 million** of public revenue into Oregon communities in the form of property taxes and strategic investment payments (SIPs), through the last quarter of 2014.²
- ❖ Oregon residents directly benefit from these payments at both the local and state level, as they support the provision of many public services, such as: public education, fire protection, and health care. Additionally, in many instances these payments also help to reduce the tax burdens on local residents and businesses.



- 3Degrees
- American Wind Energy Association
- Atkins
- Bonneville Environmental Foundation
- Center for Energy Efficiency & Renewable Technologies
- Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon
- Climate Solutions
- Columbia Gorge Community College
- Community Renewable Energy Association
- DNV GL
- EDF Renewable Energy
- EDP Renewables
- Environment Oregon
- Environment Washington
- Eurus Energy America
- EverPower
- GE Energy
- Geothermal Resources Council
- Green Mountain Energy
- HDR Engineering, Inc.
- Iberdrola Renewables
- Idaho Conservation League
- Invenergy
- K&L Gates
- Kapla Law PLLC
- MAP
- Montana Environmental Information Center
- MontPIRG
- Natural Capital Partners
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- NextEra Energy Resources
- Northwest Environmental Business Council
- Northwest SEED
- NW Energy Coalition
- OneEnergy Renewables
- Oregon Solar Energy Industries Association
- Oregon Tech
- Orion Renewable Energy Group LLC
- OSPIRG
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- REC Silicon
- RES America Developments
- Solar Oregon
- Stoel Rives, LLP
- SunEdison
- SunPower Corporation
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Total Investment by County³



Total Construction and O&M Job Creation by County⁴

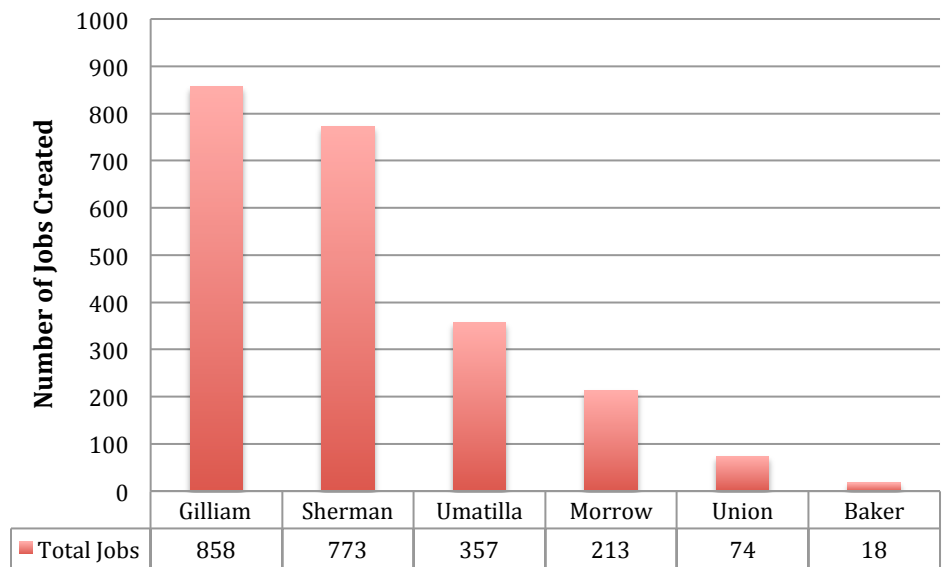


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- ❖ All dollar values presented in inflation adjusted 2014 dollars (2014\$)
 1. Cumulative totals spanning the years 1998 through the fourth quarter of 2014.
 2. Cumulative revenue paid, as of the 2014-2015 tax year, to state and local governments from wind farm projects through property taxes, Strategic Investment Programs, etc. Data obtained directly from state & county assessors & treasurers.
 3. Investment data either sourced directly from project reports, news feeds, or based on estimates from the U.S. Energy Information Administration's April 2014 report, *Updated Capital Cost Estimates for Utility Scale Electricity Generating Plants* and NREL's November 2013 report *Cost and Performance Assumptions for Modeling Electricity Generation Technologies*.
 4. Job creation was determined for both direct construction and permanent operations & maintenance positions only. Data was gathered either by directly sourcing information from project reports and news feeds, or were estimated using *The Jobs and Economic Development Impact Model (JEDI)* developed by National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL).