

2024
EDITION

Oregon^{by the} Numbers



Key measures for Oregon and its counties



Oregon State University
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BAKER COUNTY

Total population

16,685

Rural population

41%

Net migration, 2020-2021
(per 1,000 population)

43

Total land area

3,088 mi²



Public land

52%

Developed land

2%



★ County seat ○ Largest community

FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES



MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



Baker \$51,657

Oregon \$76,632

HOUSEHOLDS IN FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

51%

15%

Below
Poverty

36%

Below
ALICE

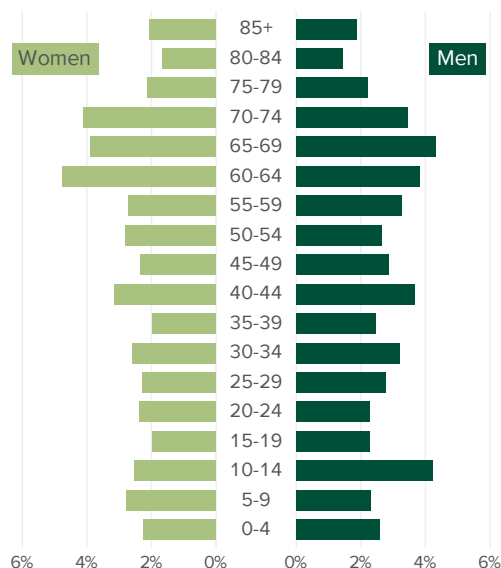
LIFE
EXPECTANCY

79
years

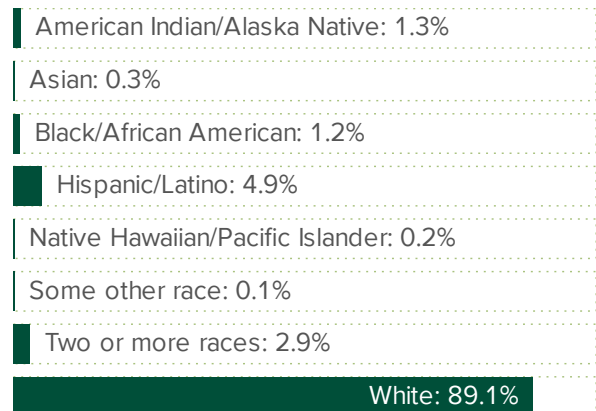


75
years

POPULATION BY AGE



POPULATION BY RACE/ETHNICITY



TOP EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRIES



Food services and
drinking places



Educational
services



Food and
beverage stores



Community

	BAKER	OREGON	RURAL	URBAN
Food insecurity	11.9%	10.5%		
Child poverty*	10.0%	13.5%	12.5%	13.8%
Foster care rate (per 1,000 pop.)	10.7	6.1	8.2	5.5
Index crime (per 1,000 pop.)	20.1	33.1	23.5	35.8
Voter participation	68.6%	66.9%		



Education

3rd grade reading	38.5%	39.4%	35.4%	40.7%
5th grade math	26.6%	30.7%	25.8%	32.3%
9th grade on track	74.7%	83.6%	80.8%	84.5%
5-year high school graduation rate	81.3%	83.8%	82.0%	85.0%
4-year college degree or greater	24.4%	35.5%	25.9%	39.6%



Economy

Unemployment rate	4.7%	3.9%		
Labor force participation rate	48.2%	62.4%	54.7%	65.5%
Job growth (per 1,000 pop.)	9.2	25.5	10.8	29.9
Property tax (per person)	\$1,470	\$1,862	\$1,437	\$1,983
Rent costs (1 bedroom/1 bath)	\$678			



Health

Low weight births	8.5%	7.1%	7.5%	7.0%
Vaccination rate, 2-year-olds	54.6%	68.6%		
Good or better health	85.0%	83.8%		
Mental health (pop. per provider)	137	148		
Tobacco use	38.4%	24.0%		



Infrastructure

Broadband availability	63.3%	90.5%		
Child care (slots per 100 children)	14.3	18.4	15.2	19.4
Electric vehicle charging stations	13	2,979	830	2,149
Mobile homes	13.1%	7.4%	15.3%	3.9%
Vehicle miles traveled (per capita)	20,182	5,119	8,656	4,110

* Interpret with caution for small counties (population under 10,000).

BENTON COUNTY

Total population

95,615

Rural population

19%

Net migration, 2020-2021
(per 1,000 population)

5

Total land area

678 mi²



Public land

25%

Developed land

9%



★ County seat ○ Largest community

FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES



MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



Benton \$72,882

Oregon \$76,632

HOUSEHOLDS IN FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

47%

20%

Below
Poverty

27%

Below
ALICE

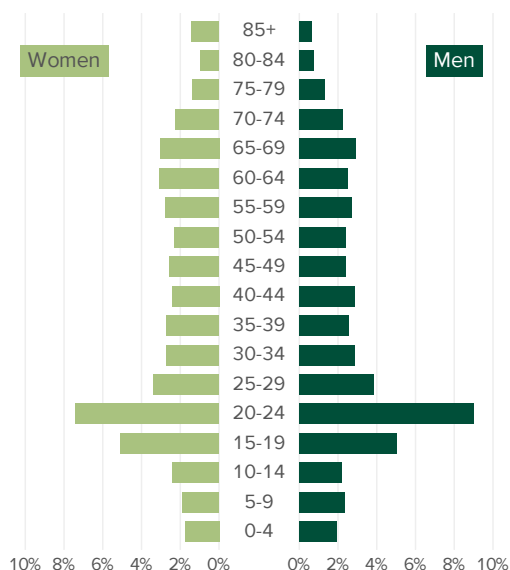
LIFE EXPECTANCY

85
years



81
years

POPULATION BY AGE



POPULATION BY RACE/ETHNICITY

American Indian/Alaska Native: 0.5%

Asian: 6.9%

Black/African American: 1.1%

Hispanic/Latino: 8.1%

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 0.2%

Some other race: 0.4%

Two or more races: 4.4%

White: 78.5%

TOP EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRIES



Educational
services



Food services and
drinking places



Professional and
technical services



Community

	BENTON	OREGON	RURAL	URBAN
Food insecurity	9.3%	10.5%		
Child poverty*	13.8%	13.5%	12.5%	13.8%
Foster care rate (per 1,000 pop.)	4.3	6.1	8.2	5.5
Index crime (per 1,000 pop.)	31.6	33.1	23.5	35.8
Voter participation	76.7%	66.9%		



Education

3rd grade reading	38.4%	39.4%	35.4%	40.7%
5th grade math	33.6%	30.7%	25.8%	32.3%
9th grade on track	85.0%	83.6%	80.8%	84.5%
5-year high school graduation rate	89.5%	83.8%	82.0%	85.0%
4-year college degree or greater	53.8%	35.5%	25.9%	39.6%



Economy

Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.9%		
Labor force participation rate	60.5%	62.4%	54.7%	65.5%
Job growth (per 1,000 pop.)	12.1	25.5	10.8	29.9
Property tax (per person)	\$1,827	\$1,862	\$1,437	\$1,983
Rent costs (1 bedroom/1 bath)	\$1,065			



Health

Low weight births	6.3%	7.1%	7.5%	7.0%
Vaccination rate, 2-year-olds	68.3%	68.6%		
Good or better health	89.7%	83.8%		
Mental health (pop. per provider)	76	148		
Tobacco use	18.1%	24.0%		



Infrastructure

Broadband availability	93.8%	90.5%		
Child care (slots per 100 children)	19.1	18.4	15.2	19.4
Electric vehicle charging stations	66	2,979	830	2,149
Mobile homes	5.7%	7.4%	15.3%	3.9%
Vehicle miles traveled (per capita)	2,773	5,119	8,656	4,110

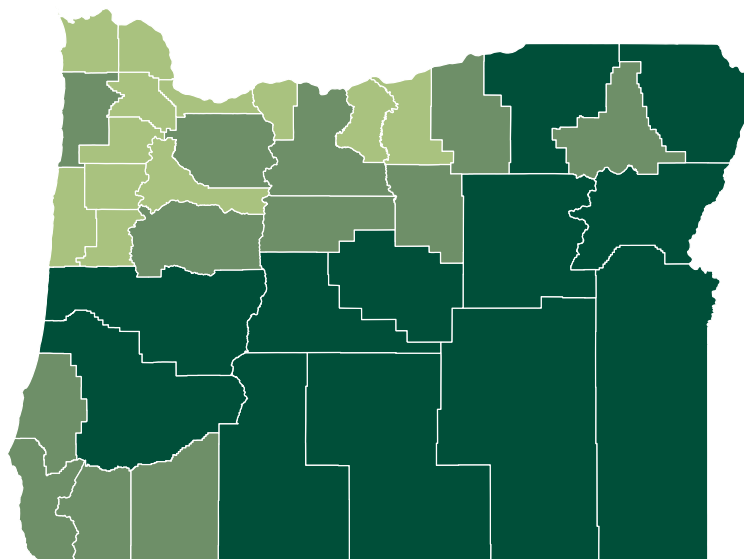
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LAND AREA

Definition: The total land area within the boundary of each county, measured in square miles.

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau uses Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology to delineate jurisdictional and census boundaries. As a measure, land area communicates the amount of physical space a county has as a resource. It also suggests the scope of demand for infrastructure on local governments and provides insight about the distances residents may need to travel to access employment, education, resources or services.



Top third Middle third Bottom third

Rank	County	Amount
	Oregon	98,379
	Rural Oregon	79,804
	Urban Oregon	18,575
1	Harney	10,228
2	Malheur	9,930
3	Lake	8,358
4	Klamath	6,137
5	Douglas	5,133
6	Lane	4,722
7	Grant	4,528
8	Umatilla	3,232
9	Wallowa	3,151
10	Baker	3,088
11	Deschutes	3,054
12	Crook	2,987
13	Jackson	2,801
14	Wasco	2,395
15	Linn	2,309
16	Morrow	2,048
17	Union	2,039
18	Curry	1,989
19	Clackamas	1,883
20	Coos	1,806
21	Jefferson	1,792
22	Wheeler	1,716
23	Josephine	1,641
24	Tillamook	1,332
25	Gilliam	1,223
26	Lincoln	1,195
27	Marion	1,191
28	Clatsop	1,084
29	Sherman	831
30	Polk	744
31	Washington	727
32	Yamhill	718
33	Columbia	689
34	Benton	678
35	Hood River	533
36	Multnomah	465

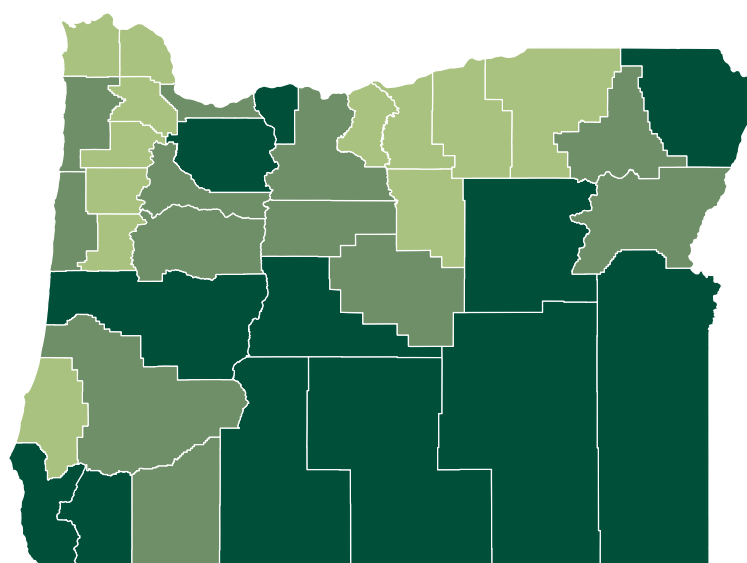
Source: US Census Bureau, Gazetteer Files, Decennial Census, 2020, updated decennially. Released 2021.



PUBLICLY OWNED LANDS

Definition: The percentage of total land area in a county publicly held rather than privately owned.

Publicly owned land area is calculated by aggregating lands managed by federal, state and local governments. Much of the western United States is held publicly — protected for natural resources, open space and recreational areas. The economic history of Oregon is closely tied to the state's large proportion of public lands, especially federal lands that comprise more than 50 percent of the state. These publicly held lands have significant economic impacts on the Oregon counties that contain them.



Top third Middle third Bottom third

Rank	County	Amount
1	Malheur	78.4%
2	Deschutes	77.8%
3	Lake	75.8%
4	Harney	75.0%
5	Hood River	71.3%
6	Josephine	69.9%
7	Grant	61.6%
8	Klamath	60.3%
9	Lane	58.4%
10	Wallowa	58.2%
Rural Oregon		56.9%
Oregon		55.7%
11	Curry	55.2%
12	Clackamas	54.3%
13	Baker	52.0%
14	Douglas	51.9%
15	Tillamook	51.7%
Urban Oregon		50.7%
16	Crook	50.7%
17	Jefferson	50.6%
18	Jackson	50.5%
19	Union	48.4%
20	Wasco	43.8%
21	Linn	39.2%
22	Multnomah	37.1%
23	Marion	34.0%
24	Lincoln	31.7%
25	Coos	29.9%
26	Wheeler	29.5%
27	Clatsop	26.3%
27	Umatilla	26.3%
29	Benton	24.8%
30	Morrow	15.9%
31	Yamhill	15.7%
32	Washington	14.9%
33	Sherman	13.0%
34	Polk	12.5%
35	Columbia	9.0%
36	Gilliam	8.3%

Source: Oregon Department of Forestry; Land Management Layer, 2023, collected annually. Released 2023.