

Major Findings

The latest figures from the US Census Bureau, released in December 2008, show a reduction in the poverty rate for Malheur County from 18.7 percent in 2000 to an average of 15.1 percent from 2005 through 2007. Nearly half (46 percent) of the county's single mothers lived on incomes below the federal poverty level.

Unemployment in 2007 fell to its lowest level since 1999 and was only slightly higher than the state average at 5.7 percent. While the number of non-farm jobs declined from 2001 to 2007 by 158 or 1.2 percent, 2007 saw an increase of nearly 500 positions. The largest growth was in the largest economic sector: Trade, Transportation, and Utilities.

A single parent with one preschool-aged child needed to make annual income of \$24,708 or \$11.88 an hour to pay for basic needs.

	Malheur County	Oregon	United States
2007 (3 year avg)	Number in Poverty	4,251	488,896
	Percent in Poverty	15.1%	13.5%
2000-2007	Percent change in Number in Poverty	-19.3%	25.8%
	Percent change in Population	-1.5%	7.9%
	Number of additional people in Poverty	-1,014	+ 100,156
	Number of additional Population	-480	+ 263,630

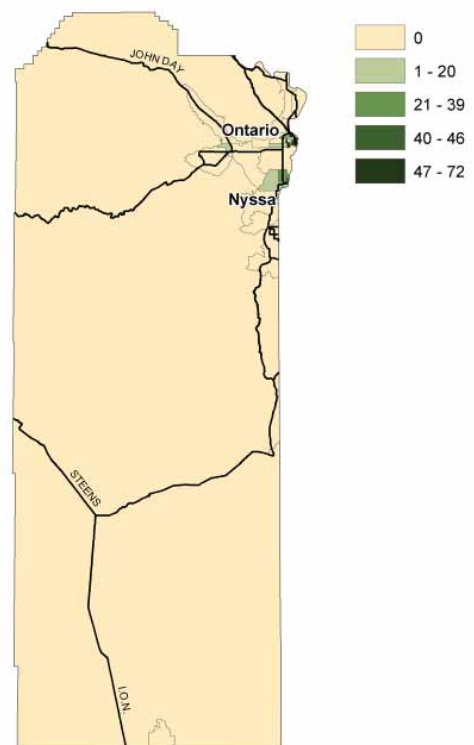
Substance use rates among middle school students in Malheur County higher than all other rural counties with 16 percent of eighth graders reporting use of illicit drugs. Only Lane and Multnomah counties reported higher use rates.

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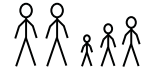
Affordable Housing Units by Census Block Group



Malheur County

Basic Family Budget, an Alternative to the Federal Poverty Threshold

2007 Malheur County's
Basic Family Budget



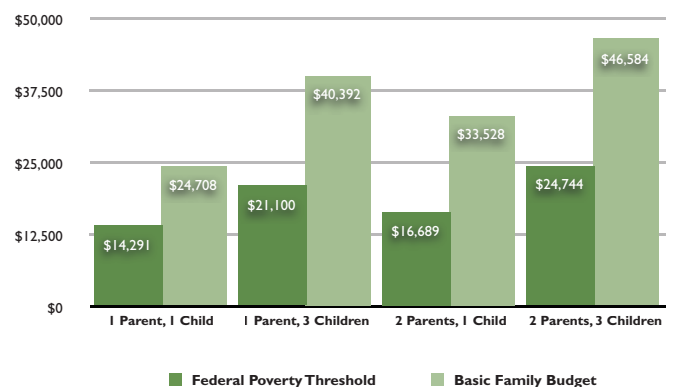
Householder(s)	1 Parent	1 Parent	2 Parents	2 Parents
Children	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old
Housing	\$561	\$811	\$561	\$811
Food	\$316	\$615	\$512	\$774
Child Care	\$378	\$916	\$378	\$916
Transportation	\$390	\$390	\$524	\$524
Healthcare	\$247	\$308	\$359	\$424
Other Necessities	\$272	\$442	\$333	\$491
Taxes	-\$105	-\$116	\$127	-\$58
Monthly Total	\$2,059	\$3,366	\$2,794	\$3,882
Annual Total	\$24,708	\$40,392	\$33,528	\$46,584
Hourly Wage needed for Basic Family Budget	\$11.88	\$19.42	\$8.06	\$11.20
Federal Poverty Threshold (FPT)	\$14,291	\$21,100	\$16,689	\$24,744
Percent of Basic Family Budget	57.8%	52.2%	49.8%	53.1%

Low-Income Needs

Harney/Malheur Community Action Agency (HMCCA) identified the following as the primary needs for the low-income population of Malheur County:

- Economic development
- Transportation
- Hunger
- Affordable housing
- Substance abuse









Basic Family Budget vs. Federal Poverty Threshold



Population and Economy

Malheur County Employment	2007 Number of Positions	2006-2007 Change in Number of Positions	2007 Percent Gain in Positions	2007 Average Pay Per Position
Industries with the Largest Number of Employees, 2007				
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	3,061	188	7%	\$25,527
Local Government	1,950	19	1%	\$27,935
Education & Health Services	1,483	43	3%	\$30,854
Greatest Increase in the Number of Positions				
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	3,061	188	7%	\$25,527
Natural Resources & Mining	1,329	93	8%	\$20,832
Leisure & Hospitality	1,126	59	6%	\$12,273
Greatest Decrease in the Number of Positions				
State Government	1,201	-8	-1%	\$46,228
Financial Activities	353	-6	-2%	\$31,274

Population Change Since 2000

	2000-2007 % Growth	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
OREGON	 9.0%	3,436,750	3,471,700	3,504,700	3,541,500	3,582,600	3,631,440	3,690,505	3,745,455
MALHEUR	 -0.4%	31,750	32,000	32,000	32,000	31,850	31,800	31,725	31,620
Adrian	 23.3%	150	150	150	150	150	187	185	185
Jordan Valley	 -4.2%	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	230
Nyssa	 1.1%	3,185	3,170	3,170	3,170	3,170	3,175	3,220	3,220
Ontario	 2.7%	11,030	11,140	11,140	11,170	11,200	11,245	11,325	11,325
Vale	 2.5%	1,990	1,980	1,980	1,980	1,990	1,990	2,050	2,040
Unincorporated	 -3.5%	15,155	15,320	15,320	15,290	15,100	14,963	14,705	14,620

Malheur County

2007 Community Action Agency Activities

Economic development

conducted a county needs assessment survey

Transportation

provided transportation for seniors and people with disabilities, "Dial-A-Ride" transportation for the general public, and medical transportation for Medicaid-eligible individuals through Malheur Council on Aging and Community Services

provided 4,664 Oregon Medicaid rides and 2,438 general public rides between July 1, 2006 and June 20, 2007

Hunger

provided senior nutrition services for homebound seniors and social distribution of nutrition meals at congregate meal sites

served 8,155 meals to homebound seniors during the 2006-2007 program year

Energy assistance

provided Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) assistance to more than 1,057 families and 2,911 clients in the 2007-2008 program year

Housing

helped 285 individuals and 76 households experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless

coordinated services with aging and community services and the Housing Authority to assist clients through the Auto Court transitional and emergency housing units

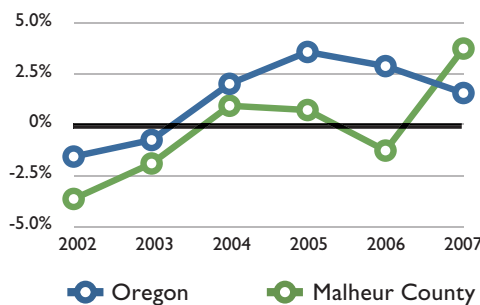
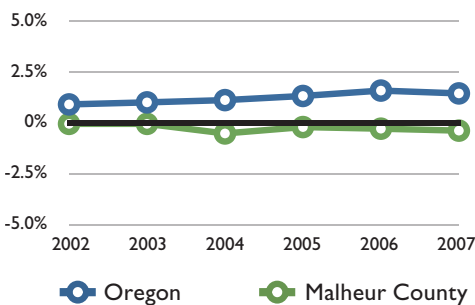
Case management

provided case management support system to adults in unemployed households, including housing services and job seeking and resume training

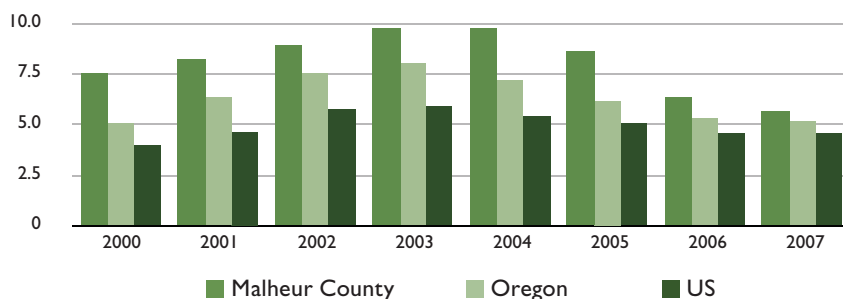
Job training/work experience

collaborated with the Department of Human Services local on-the-job training efforts

Population Change vs. Employment Change Since 2001



Unemployment Rates



Birth Rates

2002-2005, average Birth Rate per 1,000

Malheur County

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State of Oregon

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2002-2005, average Teenage Birth Rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19

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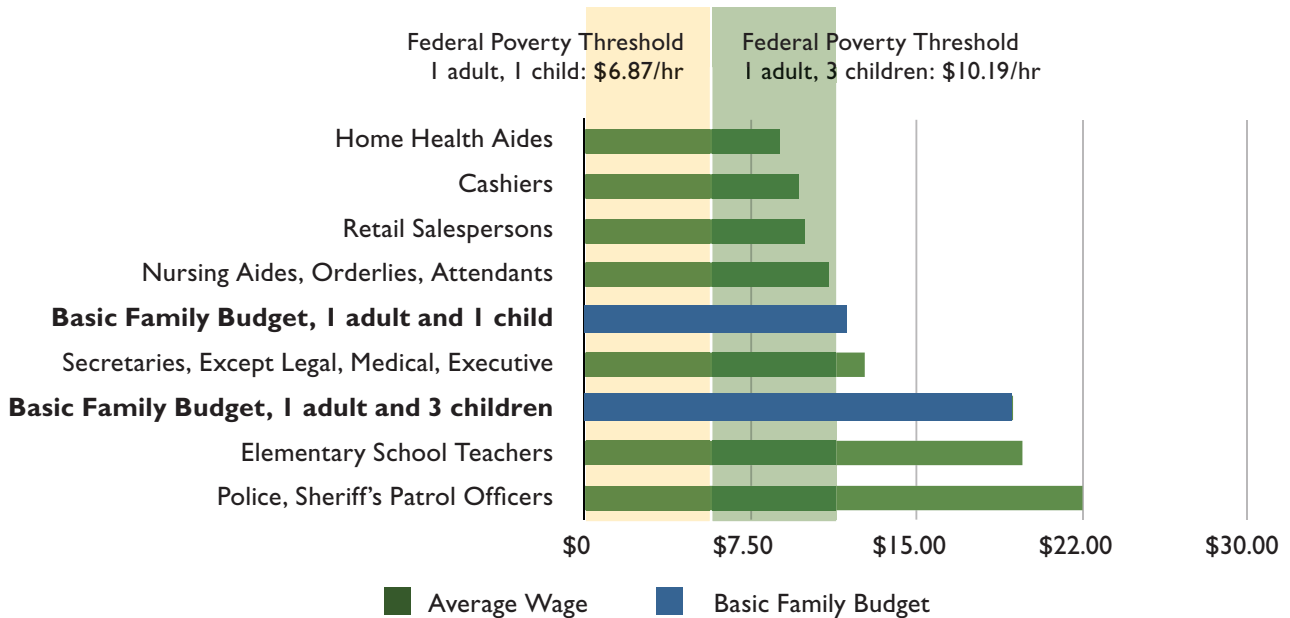
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State of Oregon

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Average Hourly Wages 2007

Occupational Earnings



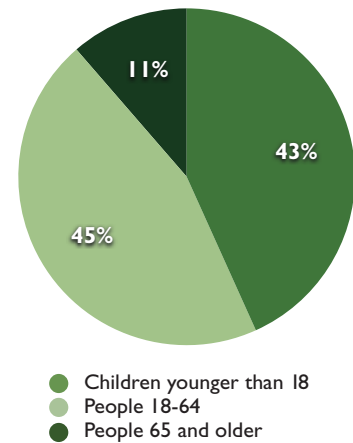
Poverty Population Characteristics

Poverty Rates by Age & Disability Status - 2005-2007 avg.	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	15%	-	-
Children younger than 18	23%	43%	28%
People 18-64	12%	45%	57%
People 65 and older	11%	11%	15%
People with a disability	22%	32%	19%

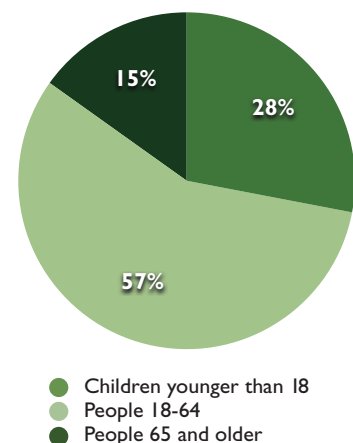
Poverty Rates by Family - 2005-2007 average	% in Poverty	% of Families in Poverty	% of all Families
All Families	11%	-	-
Families with children under 18	15%	68%	50%
Single women with children under 18	46%	46%	11%

Poverty Rates by Race/Ethnicity - 2005-2007 avg.	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	15%	-	-
White	13%	67%	75%
Black	--	--	1%
American Indian	--	--	2%
Asian	--	--	1%
Pacific Islander	--	--	0%
Other	24%	24%	15%
2 or more races	17%	6%	6%
Hispanic origin	23%	44%	27%

Poverty by Age – 2007



Population by Age – 2007



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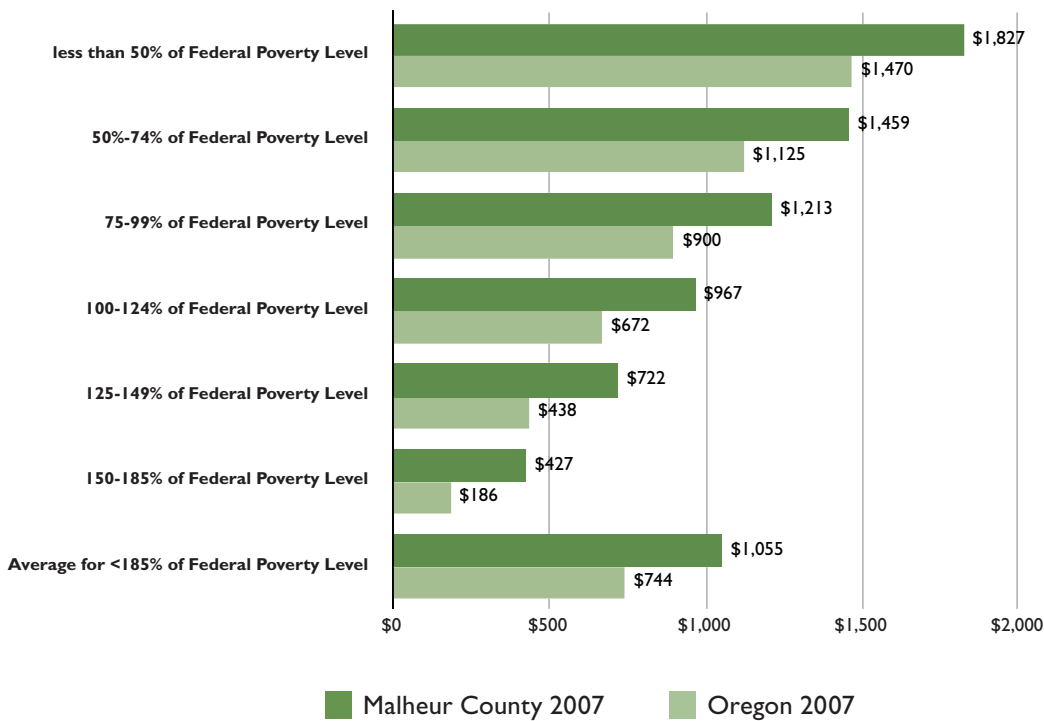
2005-2007 Household Incomes

	Malheur County	Oregon	United States
Median Household Income	\$38,560	\$47,385	\$50,007
Owner Median Household Income	\$46,056	\$60,521	\$62,257
Renter Median Household Income	\$25,698	\$29,072	\$30,473
Total Households	10,413	1,447,409	111,609,629
Renters percent income spent on housing	23%	30%	30%
Owners percent income spent on housing	19%	23%	21%
Extremely Low Income (30% of Median Household Income)	\$11,568	\$14,216	\$15,002
Households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	1,239	181,434	14,381,176
Burdened households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	732	149,466	11,433,225
% Burdened	59%	82%	80%
Very Low Income (50% of Median Household Income)	\$19,280	\$23,693	\$25,004
Households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	826	135,298	10,783,159
Burdened households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	488	95,037	7,003,062
% Burdened	59%	70%	65%
Low Income (80% of Median Household Income)	\$30,848	\$37,908	\$40,006
Households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	1,649	231,309	17,296,662
Burdened households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	515	120,261	8,218,676
% Burdened	31%	52%	48%
Workforce (120% of Median Household Income)	\$46,272	\$56,862	\$60,008
Households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	2,084	257,185	18,942,358
Burdened households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	373	83,365	5,594,941
% Burdened	18%	32%	30%

Note: Burden is defined as spending more than 30 percent of household income on gross housing costs (includes utilities).

Energy

Individual Household Energy Shortfall



Health Indicators

2006 Percent of Population without Health Insurance (by Region)

Malheur County	State of Oregon
14%	16%

2007 Number of Primary Care Providers per 100,000

Malheur County	State of Oregon
132	112

2006 Percentage of 2 year olds who are "adequately" immunized

Malheur County	State of Oregon
77%	71%

2002-2005, average % of adults who consume at least 5 servings of fruits & vegetables per day

Malheur County	State of Oregon
23%	26%

2002-2005, average Percent of Adults who Smoke Cigarettes

Malheur County	State of Oregon
15%	20%



Community action agency collaboration provides needed transportation.

Malheur County

How We Help

Malheur County Services	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007
New units created with OHCS funding resources	0	0	32	0	0
OHCS funding for affordable housing	\$0	\$0	\$1,009,164	\$0	\$0
Single Family Loans for low-income households-#	9	11	13	11	9
Single Family Loans for low-income households-\$	\$503,059	\$877,505	\$1,098,624	\$1,021,195	\$928,668
Households receiving energy assistance-#	1,090	776	872	894	936
Units weatherized-#	--	31	13	6	27
Units weatherized-\$	--	\$50,578	\$34,984	\$28,282	\$184,813
Average per unit weatherized-\$	--	\$1,632	\$2,691	\$4,714	\$6,845
Oregon Health Plan enrollment-%	16%	17%*	16%	17%	16%
Students eligible for free/reduced lunch-#	3,423	3,513	3,579	3,422	3,415
Students eligible free/reduced lunch-%	61%	66%	67%	63%	64%
Population receiving Food Stamps-%	--	23%	23%	24%	23%
Population receiving TANF-%	--	2%	2%	2%	2%

* indicates that data cannot be compared to previous years due to changes in data collection.
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Homelessness

One Night Overview

Malheur County 2008 One Night Count	
Total Homeless Households	98
Total Homeless Population	206
<i>Total in Emergency Shelter</i>	8
<i>Total in Transitional Housing</i>	26
<i>Total Turnaway & Street Count</i>	172
Chronically Homeless Population	19
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	0
Households with Children	42
Stated Causes of Homelessness:**	
Couldn't afford rent	46%
Unemployed	27%
Criminal History	23%
Domestic Violence	19%
Mental or Emotional disorder	16%
Drug/Alcohol (In Home)	14%
Medical Problem	12%
Evicted by landlord	11%
Kicked out by family/friends	10%
Drug/Alcohol (Self)	9%

**Respondents may give more than one reason

Risk Factors

2006-2007, school year
High School Dropout Rate

Malheur
County
6%

State of
Oregon
4%

2005-2006, school year
Percent of 8th graders who
reported using illicit drugs in
the previous 30 days

Malheur
County
16%

State of
Oregon
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2006
Criminal Offenses,
percent of population

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