

## Major Findings

Baker County's population declined 2 percent from 2000 to an estimated 16,435, while the state's population grew 9 percent. The most recent poverty information for Baker County dates to the 2000 Census. At that time, 14.7 percent of county residents had incomes below the federal poverty level. In 2007, 20 percent of county residents received food stamps and 46 percent of students qualified for free- or reduced-price school lunches—an increase from the 36 percent of students who qualified in 2000.

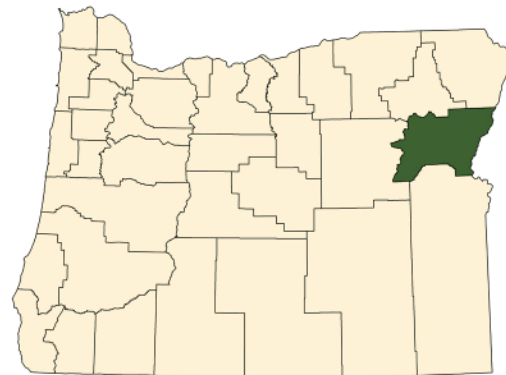
Unemployment remained above the Oregon average at 6.0 percent in 2007. Since 2001, total Baker County jobs increased 6 percent to 5,448. However, from 2006 to 2007, the largest job-growth was in Leisure and Hospitality where average annual pay was only \$12,221. Manufacturing lost the most jobs, 45, which paid an average of \$32,398. The largest employment sectors were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities,

|           | Baker County                                  | Oregon         | United States       |
|-----------|---|----------------|---------------------|
| 2000      | <b>Number in Poverty</b>                      | <b>2,407</b>   | <b>388,740</b>      |
|           | <b>Percent in Poverty</b>                     | 14.7%          | 11.6%               |
| 1990-2000 | <b>Percent change in Number in Poverty</b>    | 10.0%          | 12.7%               |
|           | <b>Percent change in Population</b>           | 9.3%           | 20.4%               |
|           | <b>Number of additional people in Poverty</b> | <b>+ 218</b>   | <b>+ 43,873</b>     |
|           | <b>Number of additional Population</b>        | <b>+ 1,424</b> | <b>+ 32,712,033</b> |

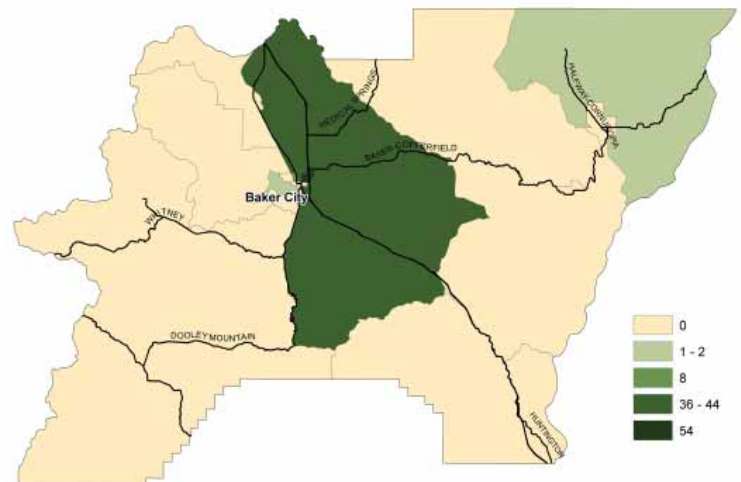
with 959 jobs and Local Government (including schools) employing 734 people. These sectors paid approximately \$26,000 to \$29,000 a year, less than needed to support a family of three or more people. Thus, two-parent families needed two incomes to get by and one-parent families had little or no buffer against financial emergencies.

## Community Action Agency

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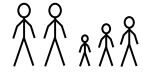
## Affordable Housing Units by Census Block Group



# Baker County

## Basic Family Budget, an Alternative to the Federal Poverty Threshold

2007 Baker County's  
Basic Family Budget



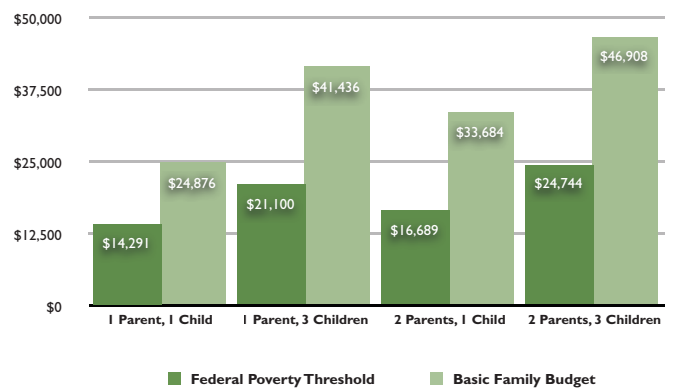
| Householder(s)                             | 1 Parent        | 1 Parent                                   | 2 Parents       | 2 Parents                                  |
|--|-----------------|--|-----------------|--|
| Children                                   | 3-5 yr old      | 3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old,<br>and 9-11 yr old | 3-5 yr old      | 3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old,<br>and 9-11 yr old |
| Housing                                    | \$567           | \$825                                      | \$567           | \$825                                      |
| Food                                       | \$316           | \$615                                      | \$512           | \$774                                      |
| Child Care                                 | \$378           | \$916                                      | \$378           | \$916                                      |
| Transportation                             | \$390           | \$390                                      | \$524           | \$524                                      |
| Healthcare                                 | \$247           | \$308                                      | \$359           | \$424                                      |
| Other Necessities                          | \$274           | \$446                                      | \$334           | \$496                                      |
| Taxes                                      | -\$99           | -\$47                                      | \$133           | -\$50                                      |
| Monthly Total                              | \$2,073         | \$3,453                                    | \$2,807         | \$3,909                                    |
| <b>Annual Total</b>                        | <b>\$24,876</b> | <b>\$41,436</b>                            | <b>\$33,684</b> | <b>\$46,908</b>                            |
| Hourly Wage needed for Basic Family Budget | \$11.96         | \$19.92                                    | \$8.10          | \$11.28                                    |
| Federal Poverty Threshold (FPT)            | \$14,291        | \$21,100                                   | \$16,689        | \$24,744                                   |
| <b>Percent of Basic Family Budget</b>      | <b>57.4%</b>    | <b>50.9%</b>                               | <b>49.5%</b>    | <b>52.8%</b>                               |

### Low-Income Needs

Community Connection of Northeast Oregon (CCNO) identified the following as the primary needs for the low-income population of Baker County in 2006:

- energy assistance
- housing resources and assistance, including permanent affordable housing, rental assistance, emergency shelter, preservation of affordable housing, and home-buying assistance
- home weatherization
- emergency food
- transportation










**Basic Family Budget vs. Federal Poverty Threshold**



## Population and Economy

| Baker 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                    | 959                      | 6                                       | 0.6%                           | \$26,400                      |
| Local Government                                      | 734                      | 12                                      | 1.7%                           | \$29,101                      |
| Education & Health Services                           | 679                      | 20                                      | 3.0%                           | \$29,418                      |
| Greatest Increase in the Number of Positions          |                          |   |                                |                               |
| Leisure & Hospitality                                 | 640                      | 65                                      | 11.3%                          | \$12,221                      |
| Construction  | 286                      | 33                                      | 13.0%                          | \$23,536                      |
| Education & Health Services                           | 679                      | 20                                      | 3.0%                           | \$29,418                      |
| Greatest Decrease in the Number of Positions          |                          |   |                                |                               |
| Manufacturing   | 640                      | -45                                     | -6.6%                          | \$32,398                      |
| Professional & Business Services                      | 294                      | -13                                     | -4.2%                          | \$29,892                      |
| Federal Government                                    | 239                      | -3                                      | -1.2%                          | \$54,517                      |

## 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 |
| BAKER          |  -1.9%  | 16,750    | 16,700    | 16,700    | 16,500    | 16,550    | 16,500    | 16,470    | 16,435    |
| Baker City     |  2.3%   | 9,880     | 9,840     | 9,840     | 9,840     | 9,900     | 9,960     | 10,035    | 10,105    |
| Greenhorn      | --   | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2         | 2         | 2         | 2         |
| Haines         |  2.4%   | 425       | 430       | 440       | 440       | 440       | 440       | 435       | 435       |
| Halfway        |  4.4%   | 340       | 340       | 350       | 350       | 350       | 350       | 355       | 355       |
| Huntington     |  8.7%   | 515       | 520       | 520       | 520       | 520       | 520       | 560       | 560       |
| Richland       |  0.0%   | 150       | 150       | 160       | 160       | 150       | 150       | 135       | 150       |
| Sumpter        |  -2.9%  | 175       | 170       | 170       | 170       | 170       | 170       | 170       | 170       |
| Unity          |  -11.5% | 130       | 130       | 130       | 130       | 120       | 120       | 125       | 115       |
| Unincorporated |  -11.5% | 5,135     | 5,120     | 5,090     | 4,890     | 4,898     | 4,788     | 4,653     | 4,543     |

# Baker County

## 2007 Community Action Agency Activities

### Energy assistance

provided energy assistance to 679 households with 1,348 people

### Housing

emergency housing assistance to 392 people in 171 households

six- to 12-months of rental assistance, plus referrals and case management for 38 people in 22 households

rehabilitated homes for nine households

began planning for the rehabilitation of the 36-unit Elkhorn Village

provided closing costs to 27 first-time home-buying households with 54 people

### Weatherization

weatherized 13 homes with 25 people, including insulation, window replacement, and pipe and duct wrapping

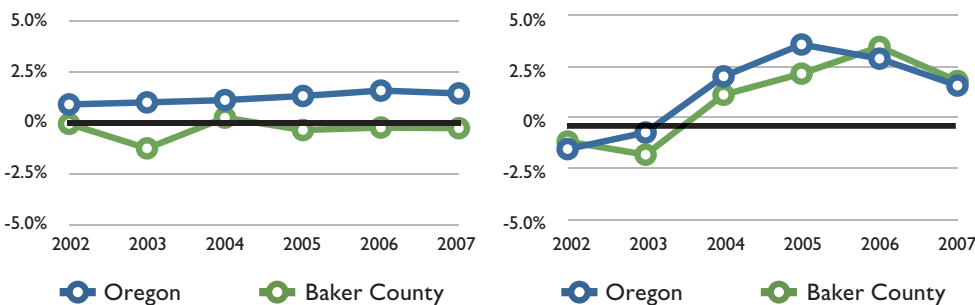
### Emergency food

provided 7,393 food boxes to 3,080 households

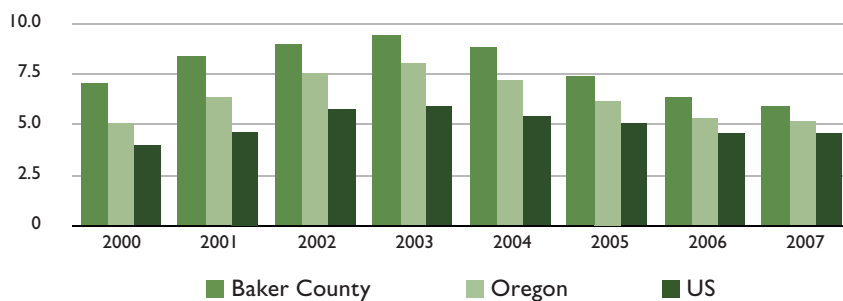
### Transportation

gave 28,903 rides to work, shopping, and other important errands

## Population Change vs. Employment Change Since 2001



## Unemployment Rates



### Birth Rates

2002-2005, average Birth Rate per 1,000

Baker 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

Baker County

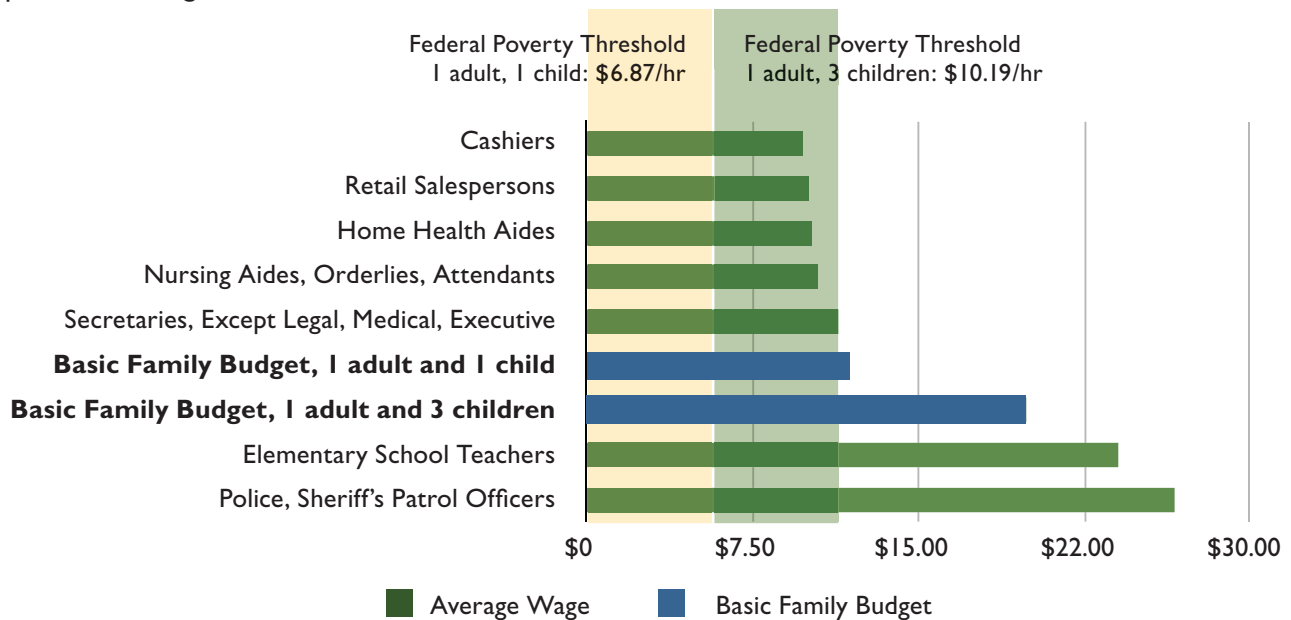
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State of Oregon

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## Average Hourly Wages 2007

### Occupational Earnings



## Poverty Population Characteristics

| Poverty Rates by Age & Disability Status - 2000 | % in Poverty | % of People in Poverty | % of all Population |
|---|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Total Population                                | 15%          | -                      | -                   |
| Children younger than 18                        | 19%          | 32%                    | 24%                 |
| People 18-64                                    | 13%          | 52%                    | 57%                 |
| People 65 and older                             | 12%          | 16%                    | 19%                 |
| People with a disability                        | 22%          | 38%                    | 24%                 |

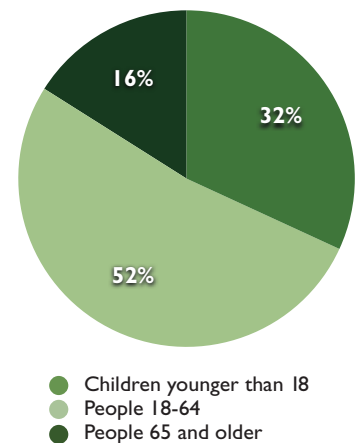
  

| Poverty Rates by Family - 2000      | % in Poverty | % of Families in Poverty | % of all Families |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| All Families                        | 10%          | -                        | -                 |
| Families with children under 18     | 17%          | 71%                      | 43%               |
| Single women with children under 18 | 44%          | 36%                      | 8%                |

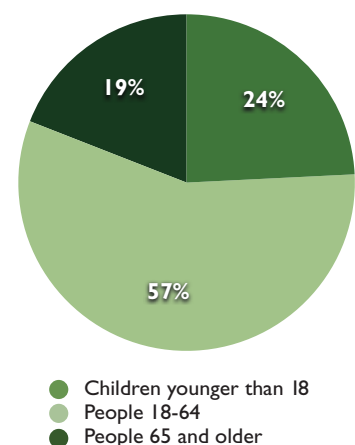
  

| Poverty Rates by Race/Ethnicity - 2000 | % in Poverty | % of People in Poverty | % of all Population |
|--|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Total Population                       | 15%          | -                      | -                   |
| White                                  | 14%          | 92%                    | 96%                 |
| Black                                  | 7%           | 0%                     | 0%                  |
| American Indian                        | 40%          | 2%                     | 1%                  |
| Asian                                  | 17%          | 1%                     | 0%                  |
| Pacific Islander                       | 100%         | 0%                     | 0%                  |
| Other                                  | 33%          | 2%                     | 1%                  |
| 2 or more races                        | 24%          | 3%                     | 2%                  |
| Hispanic origin                        | 29%          | 4%                     | 2%                  |

## Poverty by Age – 2007



## Population by Age – 2007



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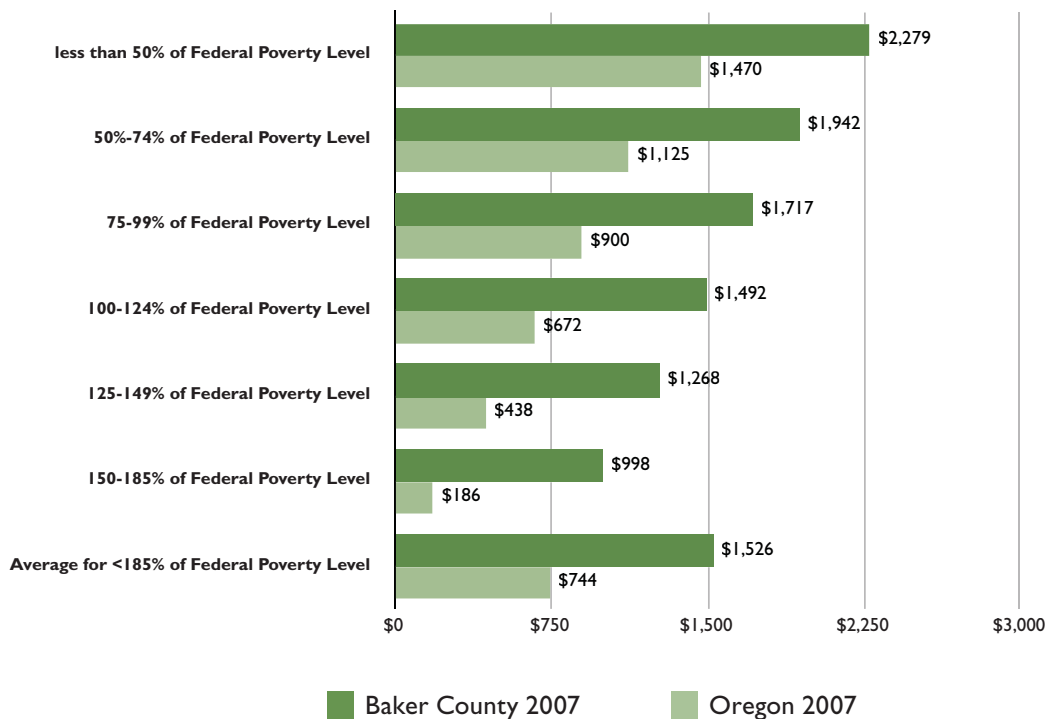
## 2000 Household Income

|  | Baker County    | Oregon          | United States   |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Median Household Income</b>                                   | <b>\$29,978</b> | <b>\$40,818</b> | <b>\$41,851</b> |
| Owner Median Household Income                                    | \$33,768        | \$50,713        | \$51,323        |
| Renter Median Household Income                                   | \$21,522        | \$27,197        | \$27,362        |
| Total Households   | 6,883           | 1,333,723       | 105,480,101     |
| Renters percent income spent on housing                          | 26%             | 27%             | 26%             |
| Owners percent income spent on housing                           | 18%             | 20%             | 19%             |
| <b>Extremely Low Income<br/>(30% of Median Household Income)</b> | <b>\$8,993</b>  | <b>\$12,245</b> | <b>\$12,555</b> |
| Households earning 0-30% Median Household Income                 | 589             | 130,651         | 11,699,872      |
| Burdened households earning 0-30% Median Household Income        | 446             | 95,676          | 7,818,106       |
| % Burdened   | <b>76%</b>      | <b>73%</b>      | <b>67%</b>      |
| <b>Very Low Income<br/>(50% of Median Household Income)</b>      | <b>\$14,989</b> | <b>\$20,409</b> | <b>\$20,926</b> |
| Households earning 31-50% Median Household Income                | 551             | 116,207         | 9,420,125       |
| Burdened households earning 31-50% Median Household Income       | 284             | 79,730          | 5,574,769       |
| % Burdened   | <b>52%</b>      | <b>69%</b>      | <b>59%</b>      |
| <b>Low Income<br/>(80% of Median Household Income)</b>           | <b>\$23,982</b> | <b>\$32,654</b> | <b>\$33,481</b> |
| Households earning 51-80% Median Household Income                | 826             | 188,180         | 14,338,619      |
| Burdened households earning 51-80% Median Household Income       | 308             | 76,910          | 5,210,182       |
| % Burdened   | <b>37%</b>      | <b>41%</b>      | <b>36%</b>      |
| <b>Workforce<br/>(120% of Median Household Income)</b>           | <b>\$35,974</b> | <b>\$48,982</b> | <b>\$50,221</b> |
| Households earning 81-120% Median Household Income               | 988             | 219,670         | 16,670,770      |
| Burdened households earning 81-120% Median Household Income      | 210             | 56,949          | 3,488,912       |
| % Burdened   | <b>21%</b>      | <b>26%</b>      | <b>21%</b>      |

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)

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Baker County | State of Oregon |
| <b>14%</b>   | <b>16%</b>      |

2007 Number of Primary Care Providers per 100,000

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Baker County | State of Oregon |
| <b>103</b>   | <b>112</b>      |

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

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Baker County | State of Oregon |
| <b>69%</b>   | <b>71%</b>      |

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

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Baker County | State of Oregon |
| <b>28%</b>   | <b>26%</b>      |

2002-2005, average Percent of Adults who Smoke Cigarettes

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Baker County | State of Oregon |
| <b>23%</b>   | <b>20%</b>      |



Community access agencies reach all.

# Baker County

## How We Help

| Baker County Services                            | 2000      | 2004      | 2005      | 2006        | 2007      |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| New units created with OHCS funding resources    | 0         | 1         | 1         | 38          | 36        |
| OHCS funding for affordable housing              | \$0       | \$175,146 | \$62,140  | \$1,805,555 | \$128     |
| Single Family Loans for low-income households-#  | 7         | 2         | 3         | 1           | 7         |
| Single Family Loans for low-income households-\$ | \$460,388 | \$165,100 | \$148,541 | \$69,500    | \$549,210 |
| Households receiving energy assistance-#         | --        | 468       | 531       | 554         | 557       |
| Units weatherized-#                              | --        | 11        | 13        | 16          | 12        |
| Units weatherized-\$                             | --        | \$37,752  | \$52,315  | \$78,693    | \$56,208  |
| Average per unit weatherized-\$                  | --        | \$3,432   | \$4,024   | \$4,918     | \$4,684   |
| Oregon Health Plan enrollment-%                  | 14%       | 14%*      | 13%       | 13%         | 12%       |
| Students eligible for free/reduced lunch-#       | 1,015     | 1,232     | 1,165     | 1,164       | 1,048     |
| Students eligible free/reduced lunch-%           | 36%       | 51%       | 50%       | 50%         | 46%       |
| Population receiving Food Stamps-%               | --        | 20%       | 20%       | 20%         | 20%       |
| Population receiving TANF-%                      | --        | 3%        | 3%        | 3%          | 2%        |

\* indicates that data cannot be compared to previous years due to changes in data collection.  
 -- indicates data is not available.

## Homelessness

### One Night Overview

| Baker County 2008<br>One Night Count     |           |
|--|-----------|
| Total Homeless Households                | 10        |
| <b>Total Homeless Population</b>         | <b>22</b> |
| <i>Total in Emergency Shelter</i>        | <b>22</b> |
| <i>Total in Transitional Housing</i>     | <b>0</b>  |
| <i>Total Turnaway &amp; Street Count</i> | <b>0</b>  |
| <b>Chronically Homeless Population</b>   | <b>0</b>  |
| <b>Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth</b>      | <b>0</b>  |
| <b>Households with Children</b>          | <b>6</b>  |
| Stated Causes of Homelessness:**         |           |
| Couldn't afford rent                     | 70%       |
| By Choice                                | 60%       |
| Drug/Alcohol (In Home)                   | 20%       |
| Drug/Alcohol (Self)                      | 20%       |
| Kicked out by family/friends             | 20%       |
| Mental or Emotional disorder             | 20%       |
| Pregnancy                                | 20%       |
| Criminal History                         | 10%       |
| Evicted by landlord                      | 10%       |
| Medical Problem                          | 10%       |

\*\*Respondents may give more than one reason

### Risk Factors

2006-2007, school year  
High School Dropout Rate

Baker  
County  
**2%**

State of  
Oregon  
**4%**

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

Baker  
County  
**14%**

State of  
Oregon  
**16%**

2006  
Criminal Offenses,  
percent of population

Baker  
County  
**10%**

State of  
Oregon  
**12%**