

Major Findings

The 2000 Census reported that 12 percent of the population had incomes less than the federal poverty level. One key indicator of need, the percentage of students eligible for free- and reduced-price meals, grew from 48 percent to 57 percent between 2000 and 2007.

The number of non-farm jobs in the county remained essentially level for the last six years at around 2,500. The unemployment rate rose with the recession of the early part of this decade and has decreased since 2003. However, unemployment, at an average of 7.4 percent in 2007, exceeded the state average. The largest job growth in 2007 occurred in the economic sectors of Trade, Transportation, and Utilities and State Government. These sectors paid an average of \$26,792 to \$33,940, enough to support a family of two or three.

	Harney County	Oregon	United States	
2000	Number in Poverty	875	388,740	33,899,812
	Percent in Poverty	11.8%	11.6%	12.4%
1990-2000	Percent change in Number in Poverty	18.6%	12.7%	6.8%
	Percent change in Population	7.8%	20.4%	13.2%
	Number of additional people in Poverty	+ 137	+ 43,873	+ 2,156,948
	Number of additional Population	+ 549	+ 579,078	+ 32,712,033

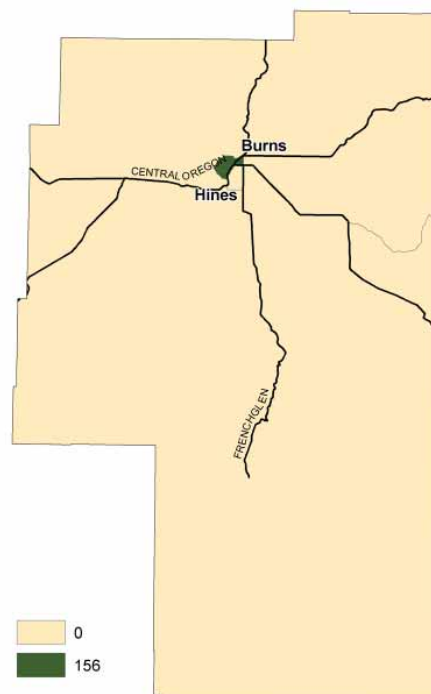
An analysis by OHCS shows that anticipated living expenses are less in Harney County than in most rural Oregon counties. A single parent with one pre-school aged child can make enough in an average secretarial job to pay for food, rent, child care, and other basics. The average school teacher earned enough to support three children ages 4, 7, and 10.

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Affordable Housing Units by Census Block Group



Harney County

Basic Family Budget, an Alternative to the Federal Poverty Threshold

2007 Harney County's
Basic Family Budget



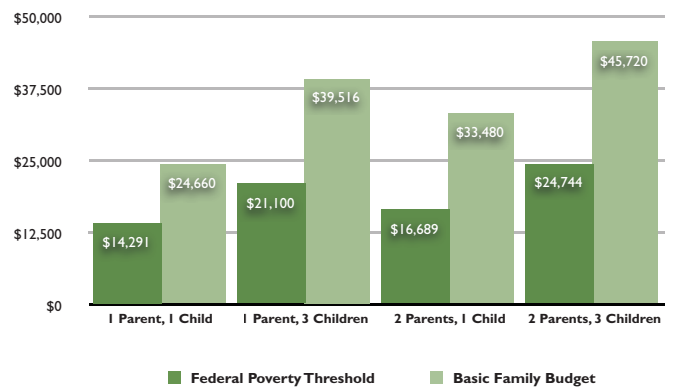
Householder(s)	1 Parent	1 Parent	2 Parents	2 Parents
Children	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old
Housing	\$559	\$773	\$559	\$773
Food	\$316	\$615	\$512	\$774
Child Care	\$378	\$916	\$378	\$916
Transportation	\$390	\$390	\$524	\$524
Healthcare	\$247	\$308	\$359	\$424
Other Necessities	\$271	\$430	\$332	\$480
Taxes	-\$106	-\$139	\$126	-\$81
Monthly Total	\$2,055	\$3,293	\$2,790	\$3,810
Annual Total	\$24,660	\$39,516	\$33,480	\$45,720
Hourly Wage needed for Basic Family Budget	\$11.86	\$19.00	\$8.05	\$10.99
Federal Poverty Threshold (FPT)	\$14,291	\$21,100	\$16,689	\$24,744
Percent of Basic Family Budget	58.0%	53.4%	49.8%	54.1%

Low-Income Needs

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

- Quality jobs: including on-the-job training and bringing jobs into the area
- Food: including food pantries and Meals on Wheels
- Transportation
- Free and reduced-cost detoxification and inpatient services
- Quality low-cost housing: including emergency shelters and permanent affordable housing
- Fuel assistance: including energy conservation education and assistance with energy bills
- Medical and dental needs
- Domestic violence
- Prevention of child abuse and neglect






Basic Family Budget vs. Federal Poverty Threshold



Population and Economy

Harney 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				
Local Government	688	-6	-1%	\$30,573
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	383	27	8%	\$26,792
Leisure & Hospitality	250	-8	-3%	\$11,676
Greatest Increase in the Number of Positions				
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	383	27	8%	\$26,792
State Government	124	11	10%	\$33,940
Manufacturing	232	4	2%	\$34,668
Greatest Decrease in the Number of Positions				
Professional & Business Services	72	-9	-11%	\$26,468
Leisure & Hospitality	250	-8	-3%	\$11,676
Local Government	688	-6	-1%	\$30,573

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
HARNEY	 1.1%	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,300	7,650	7,660	7,670	7,680
Burns	 -1.6%	3,070	3,060	3,030	3,050	3,020	3,015	3,000	3,020
Hines	 12.0%	1,630	1,680	1,730	1,740	1,740	1,760	1,790	1,825
Unincorporated	 -2.2%	2,900	2,860	2,840	2,510	2,890	2,885	2,880	2,835

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2007 Community Action Agency Activities

Food and nutrition

served 1,652 individuals through the Harney County Food Pantry

delivered 2,492 meals through the Meals on Wheels program

Transportation

provided 717 rides in December 2007 through Harney County Dial A Ride

Energy

restored electrical services to households

prevented energy utility shut-offs

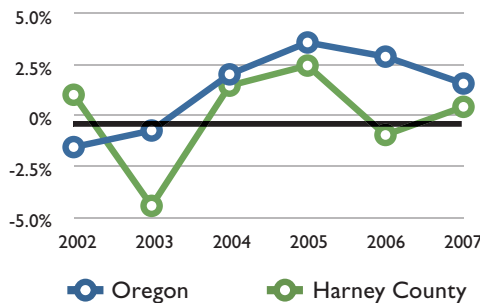
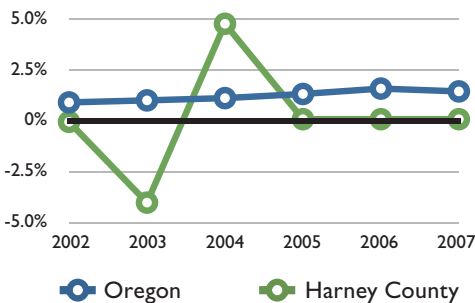
offered energy education classes and home visits are a useful tool for the energy assistance program

increased energy efficiency in eligible homes through weatherization services, freeing household resources for other necessities

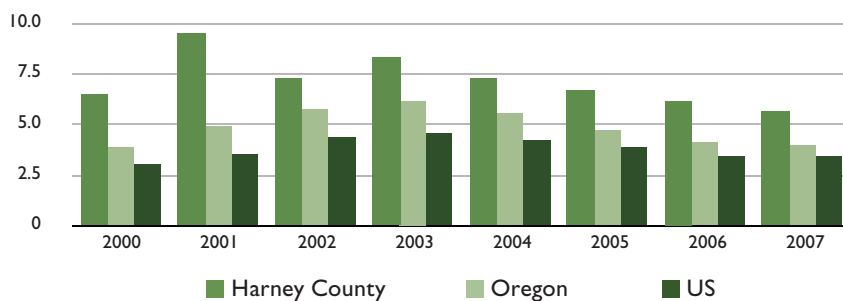
Domestic Violence

sheltered nine adults and two children through Harney Helping Organization for Personal Emergencies (HHOPE), a domestic violence shelter

Population Change vs. Employment Change Since 2001



Unemployment Rates



Birth Rates

2002-2005, average Birth Rate per 1,000

Harney County
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State of Oregon
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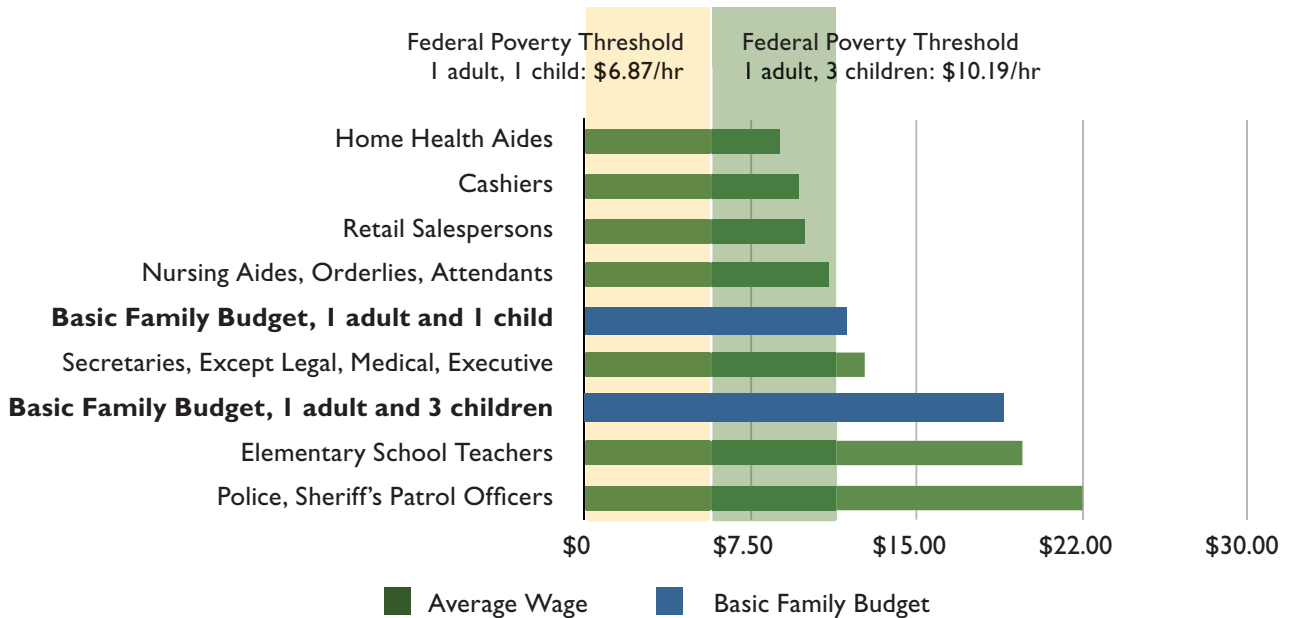
2002-2005, average Teenage Birth Rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19

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State of Oregon
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Average Hourly Wages 2007

Occupational Earnings



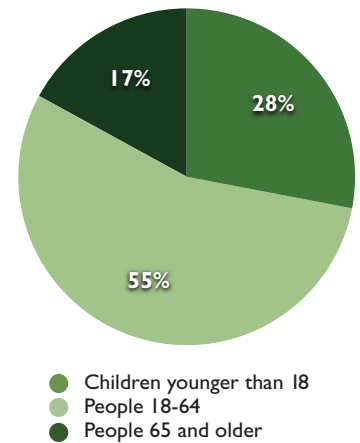
Poverty Population Characteristics

Poverty Rates by Age & Disability Status - 2000	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	12%	-	-
Children younger than 18	13%	28%	26%
People 18-64	11%	55%	60%
People 65 and older	14%	17%	14%
People with a disability	19%	34%	21%

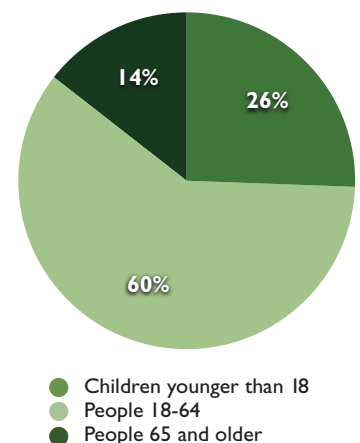
Poverty Rates by Family - 2000	% in Poverty	% of Families in Poverty	% of all Families
All Families	9%	-	-
Families with children under 18	11%	56%	43%
Single women with children under 18	28%	26%	8%

Poverty Rates by Race/Ethnicity - 2000	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	12%	-	-
White	10%	80%	91%
Black	0%	0%	0%
American Indian	36%	11%	4%
Asian	10%	1%	1%
Pacific Islander	42%	1%	0%
Other	24%	2%	1%
2 or more races	17%	6%	4%
Hispanic origin	22%	8%	4%

Poverty by Age – 2007



Population by Age – 2007



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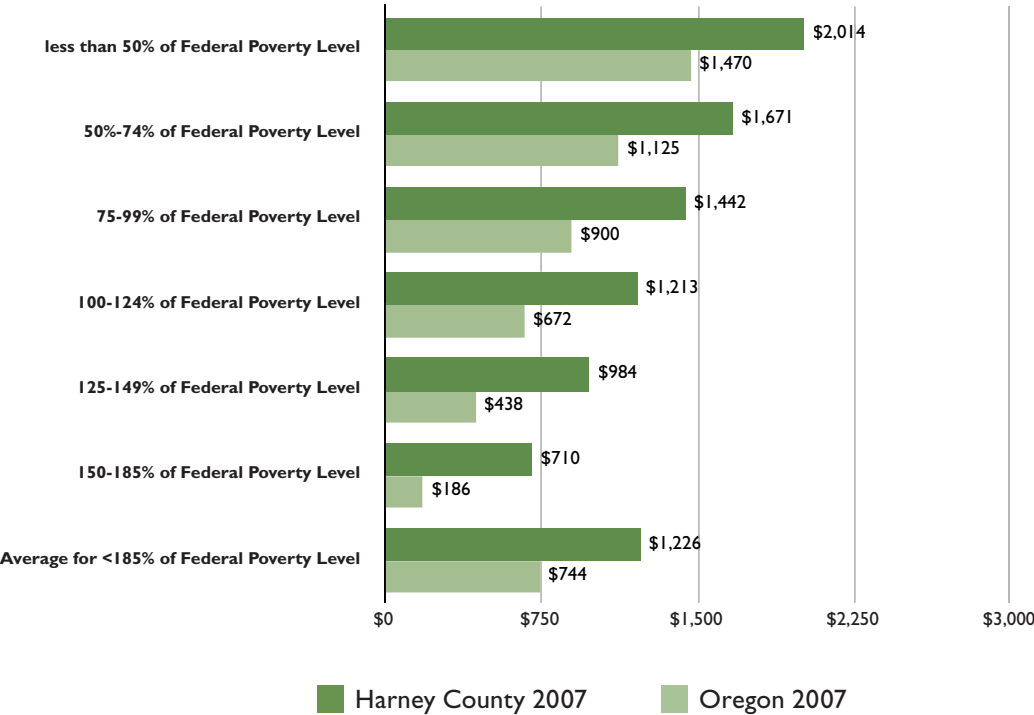
2000 Household Income

	Harney County	Oregon	United States
Median Household Income	\$31,267	\$40,818	\$41,851
Owner Median Household Income	\$34,457	\$50,713	\$51,323
Renter Median Household Income	\$25,215	\$27,197	\$27,362
Total Households	3,036	1,333,723	105,480,101
Renters percent income spent on housing	23%	27%	26%
Owners percent income spent on housing	17%	20%	19%
Extremely Low Income (30% of Median Household Income)	\$9,380	\$12,245	\$12,555
Households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	235	130,651	11,699,872
Burdened households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	200	95,676	7,818,106
% Burdened	85%	73%	67%
Very Low Income (50% of Median Household Income)	\$15,634	\$20,409	\$20,926
Households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	173	116,207	9,420,125
Burdened households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	79	79,730	5,574,769
% Burdened	46%	69%	59%
Low Income (80% of Median Household Income)	\$25,014	\$32,654	\$33,481
Households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	314	188,180	14,338,619
Burdened households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	74	76,910	5,210,182
% Burdened	23%	41%	36%
Workforce (120% of Median Household Income)	\$37,520	\$48,982	\$50,221
Households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	442	219,670	16,670,770
Burdened households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	51	56,949	3,488,912
% Burdened	12%	26%	21%

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)

Harney County	State of Oregon
13%	16%

2007 Number of Primary Care Providers per 100,000

Harney County	State of Oregon
65	112

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

Harney County	State of Oregon
75%	71%

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

Harney County	State of Oregon
22%	26%

2002-2005, average Percent of Adults who Smoke Cigarettes

Harney County	State of Oregon
29%	20%



Community action works to address the problem of substandard housing like this.

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How We Help

Harney County Services	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007
New units created with OHCS funding resources	0	0	0	0	0
OHCS funding for affordable housing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Single Family Loans for low-income households-#	3	3	6	3	3
Single Family Loans for low-income households-\$	\$205,733	\$220,200	\$455,163	\$263,096	\$247,518
Households receiving energy assistance-#	354	560	591	654	628
Units weatherized-#	--	13	6	24	22
Units weatherized-\$	--	\$52,395	\$17,879	\$123,461	\$61,306
Average per unit weatherized-\$	--	\$4,030	\$2,980	\$5,144	\$2,787
Oregon Health Plan enrollment-%	13%	13%*	12%	13%	12%
Students eligible for free/reduced lunch-#	688	676	611	592	741
Students eligible free/reduced lunch-%	48%	55%	50%	48%	57%
Population receiving Food Stamps-%	--	19%	18%	20%	20%
Population receiving TANF-%	--	1%	1%	1%	1%

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

Homelessness

One Night Overview

Harney County 2008 One Night Count	
Total Homeless Households	7
Total Homeless Population	20
<i>Total in Emergency Shelter</i>	9
<i>Total in Transitional Housing</i>	0
<i>Total Turnaway & Street Count</i>	11
Chronically Homeless Population	1
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	0
Households with Children	5
Stated Causes of Homelessness:**	
Domestic Violence	57%
Other	29%
Couldn't afford rent	14%
Property Sold	14%
Unemployed	14%

**Respondents may give more than one reason

Risk Factors

2006-2007, school year
High School Dropout Rate

Harney
County
2%

State of
Oregon
4%

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

Harney
County
5%

State of
Oregon
16%

2006
Criminal Offenses,
percent of population

Harney
County
10%

State of
Oregon
12%