

## Major Findings

In 2007, 14.5 percent of Hood River residents had incomes below the federal poverty level (3,044 people). The poverty threshold for a family of four was \$21,100, but an OHCS needs analysis shows that a single parent with three children needed an annual income of \$58,236 in Hood River County to pay rent, food, child care and other basic needs. Few jobs in the county paid that much. For instance, average annual pay for a nursing aide was \$23,878.

Hood River County has seen steady growth in the number of jobs, nearly 18 percent between 2001 and 2007. During the same time, unemployment dropped from 7.7 percent to 4.6 percent—equal to the national average and well below the Oregon average. In 2007, the Natural Resources and Mining and Leisure and Hospitality sectors added a total of 173 jobs. Average pay in these industries was less than \$17,400 a year.

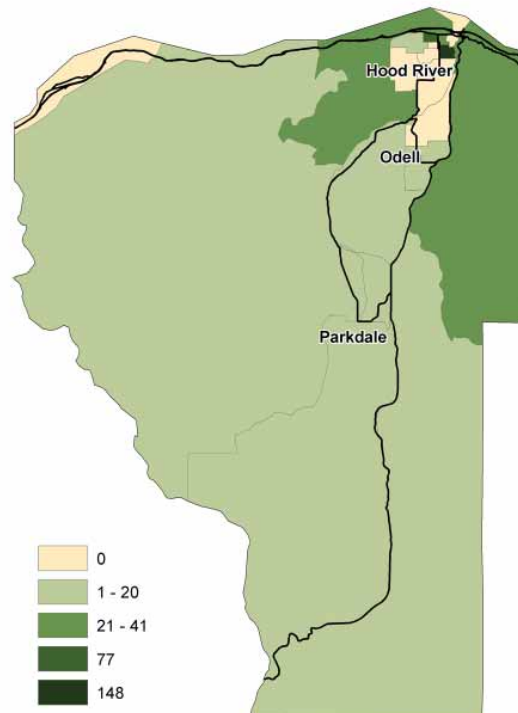
	Hood River County	Oregon	United States	
2007 (3 year avg)	Number in Poverty	3,044	488,896	38,567,903
	Percent in Poverty	14.5%	13.5%	13.3%
2000-2007	Percent change in Number in Poverty	7.0%	25.8%	13.8%
	Percent change in Population	4.3%	7.9%	6.2%
	Number of additional people in Poverty	+ 199	+ 100,156	+ 4,668,091
	Number of additional Population	+ 885	+ 263,630	+ 16,976,436

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## Affordable Housing Units by Census Block Group



# Hood River County

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

2007 Hood River County's  
Basic Family Budget



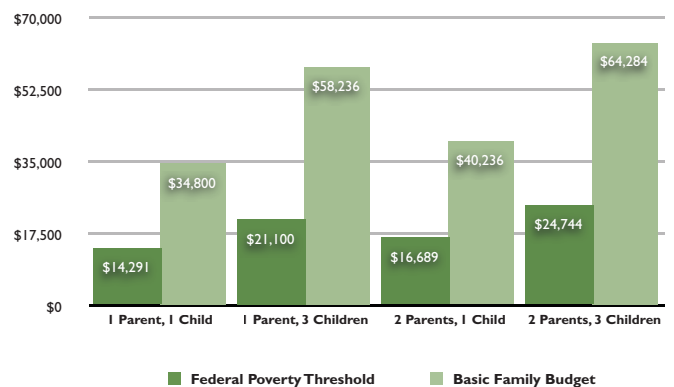
Householder(s)	1 Parent	1 Parent	2 Parents	2 Parents
Children	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old
Housing	\$662	\$942	\$662	\$942
Food	\$316	\$615	\$512	\$774
Child Care	\$543	\$1,380	\$543	\$1,380
Transportation	\$390	\$390	\$524	\$524
Healthcare	\$247	\$308	\$359	\$424
Other Necessities	\$303	\$483	\$364	\$532
Taxes	\$439	\$735	\$389	\$781
Monthly Total	\$2,900	\$4,853	\$3,353	\$5,357
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$34,800</b>	<b>\$58,236</b>	<b>\$40,236</b>	<b>\$64,284</b>
Hourly Wage needed for Basic Family Budget	\$16.73	\$28.00	\$9.67	\$15.45
Federal Poverty Threshold (FPT)	\$14,291	\$21,100	\$16,689	\$24,744
<b>Percent of Basic Family Budget</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>36.2%</b>	<b>41.5%</b>	<b>38.5%</b>

### Low-Income Needs

Mid-Columbia Community Action Council identified the following needs for the low-income population of Hood River County:

- Housing: Affordable housing for workers and transitional housing for people recently released from prison or jail
- Utility cost relief
- Dentistry






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



## Population and Economy

Hood River 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				
Natural Resources & Mining	2,091	108	5%	\$17,327
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	1,975	17	1%	\$25,600
Leisure & Hospitality	1,907	65	4%	\$14,431
Greatest Increase in the Number of Positions				
Natural Resources & Mining	2,091	108	5%	\$17,327
Leisure & Hospitality	1,907	65	4%	\$14,431
Education & Health Services	1,635	60	4%	\$28,929
Greatest Decrease in the Number of Positions (none)				

## 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
HOOD RIVER	 4.7%	20,500	20,600	20,450	20,500	21,050	21,180	21,335	21,470
Cascade Locks	 -4.0%	1,120	1,130	1,140	1,140	1,150	1,155	1,155	1,075
Hood River	 13.3%	5,920	6,020	6,210	6,230	6,230	6,450	6,580	6,710
Unincorporated	 1.7%	13,460	13,450	13,100	13,130	13,670	13,575	13,600	13,685

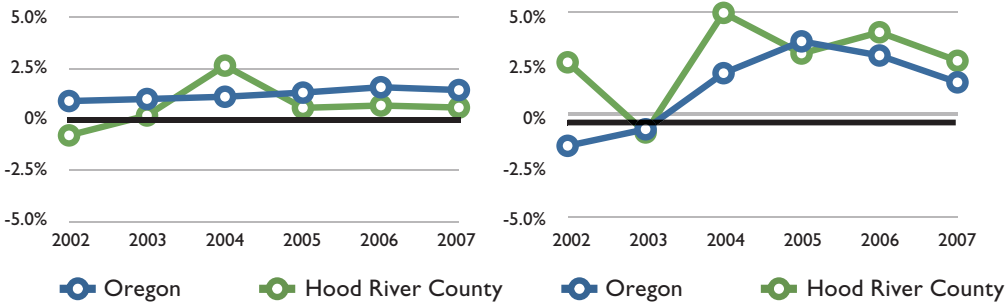
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## 2007 Community Action Agency Activities

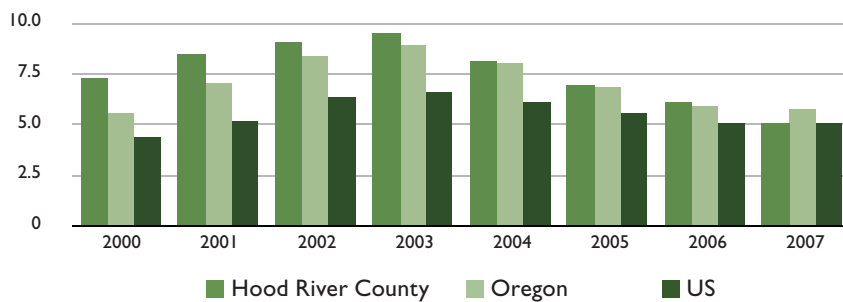
### Food insecurity

raised more than \$475,000 to purchase and renovate a new food warehouse which provides capacity to collect, store, and distribute more food to 13 emergency food outlets in the three-county service area

## Population Change vs. Employment Change Since 2001



## Unemployment Rates



### Birth Rates

2002-2005, average Birth Rate per 1,000

Hood River County

15

State of Oregon

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

Hood River County

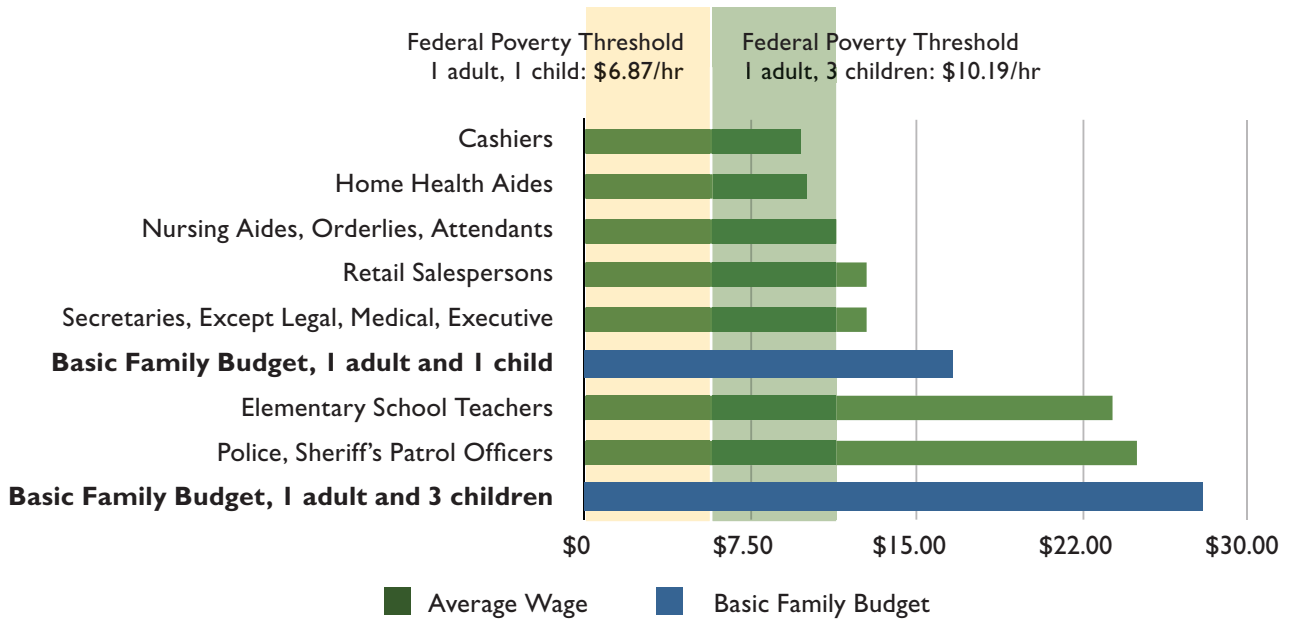
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## Average Hourly Wages 2007

### Occupational Earnings



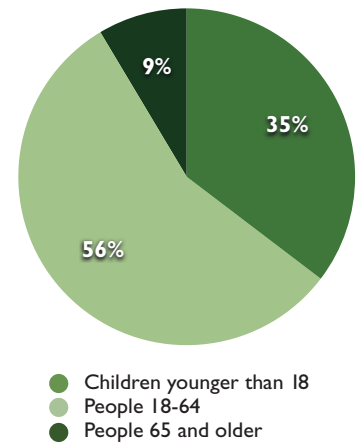
## Poverty Population Characteristics

Poverty Rates by Age & Disability Status - 2005-2007 avg	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	14%	-	-
Children younger than 18	19%	35%	27%
People 18-64	13%	56%	61%
People 65 and older	11%	9%	12%
People with a disability	23%	21%	13%

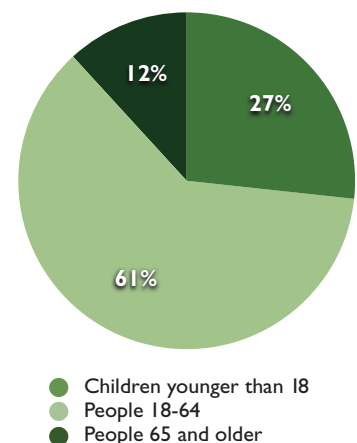
Poverty Rates by Family - 2005-2007 avg	% in Poverty	% of Families in Poverty	% of all Families
All Families	12%	-	-
Families with children under 18	17%	78%	54%
Single women with children under 18	38%	37%	12%

Poverty Rates by Race/Ethnicity - 2005-2007 avg	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	14%	-	-
White	13%	73%	84%
Black	--	--	0%
American Indian	--	--	4%
Asian	--	--	3%
Pacific Islander	--	--	0%
Other	43%	22%	7%
2 or more races	--	--	2%
Hispanic origin	26%	46%	26%

## Poverty by Age – 2007



## Population by Age – 2007



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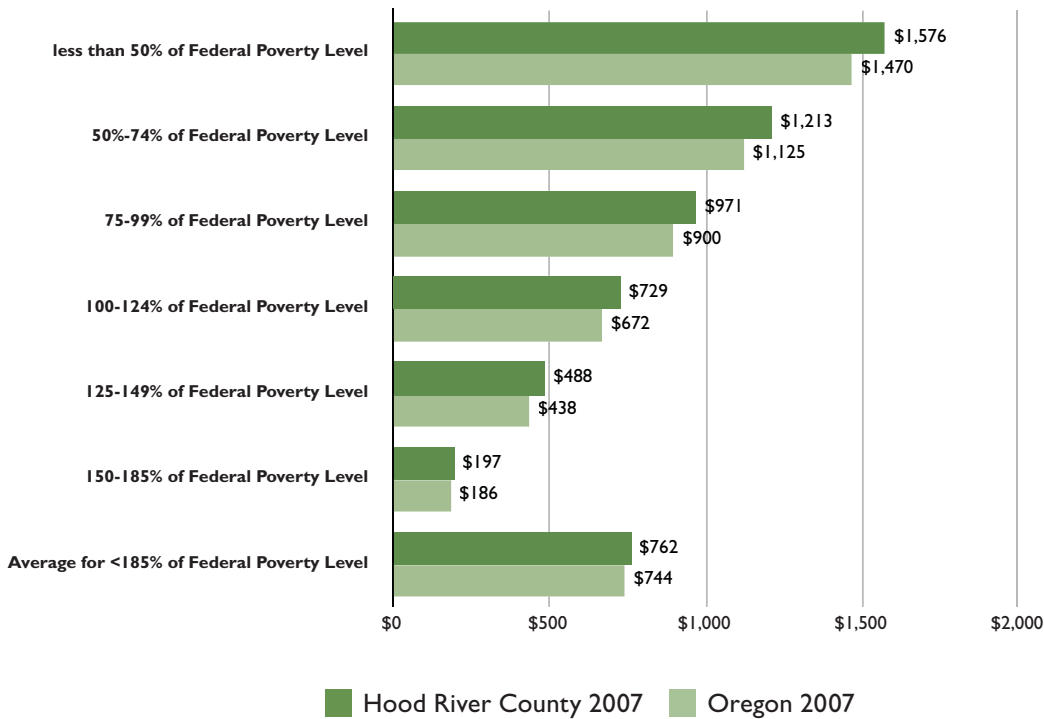
## 2005-2007 Household Incomes

	Harney County	Oregon	United States
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$46,415</b>	<b>\$47,385</b>	<b>\$50,007</b>
Owner Median Household Income	\$59,824	\$60,521	\$62,257
Renter Median Household Income	\$29,509	\$29,072	\$30,473
Total Households	7,706	1,447,409	111,609,629
Renters percent income spent on housing	29%	30%	30%
Owners percent income spent on housing	22%	23%	21%
<b>Extremely Low Income (30% of Median Household Income)</b>	<b>\$13,925</b>	<b>\$14,216</b>	<b>\$15,002</b>
Households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	873	181,434	14,381,176
Burdened households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	642	149,466	11,433,225
% Burdened	<b>74%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>Very Low Income (50% of Median Household Income)</b>	<b>\$23,208</b>	<b>\$23,693</b>	<b>\$25,004</b>
Households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	639	135,298	10,783,159
Burdened households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	421	95,037	7,003,062
% Burdened	<b>66%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Low Income (80% of Median Household Income)</b>	<b>\$37,132</b>	<b>\$37,908</b>	<b>\$40,006</b>
Households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	1,160	231,309	17,296,662
Burdened households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	591	120,261	8,218,676
% Burdened	<b>51%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>Workforce (120% of Median Household Income)</b>	<b>\$55,698</b>	<b>\$56,862</b>	<b>\$60,008</b>
Households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	1,574	257,185	18,942,358
Burdened households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	481	83,365	5,594,941
% Burdened	<b>31%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>30%</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)

Hood River County

14%

State of Oregon

16%

2007 Number of Primary Care Providers per 100,000

Hood River County

188

State of Oregon

112

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

Hood River County

72%

State of Oregon

71%

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

Hood River County

30%

State of Oregon

26%

2002-2005, average Percent of Adults who Smoke Cigarettes

Hood River County

14%

State of Oregon

20%



Community action staff provides firewood to help area families stay warm.

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## How We Help

Hood River County Services	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007
New units created with OHCS funding resources	2	12	1	0	0
OHCS funding for affordable housing	\$42,093	\$40,500	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
Single Family Loans for low-income households-#	2	0	0	3	2
Single Family Loans for low-income households-\$	\$208,693	\$0	\$0	\$376,937	\$317,578
Households receiving energy assistance-#	546	572	621	505	594
Units weatherized-#	--	9	6	1	8
Units weatherized-\$	--	\$22,265	\$21,299	\$6,860	\$52,660
Average per unit weatherized-\$	--	\$2,474	\$3,550	\$6,860	\$6,583
Oregon Health Plan enrollment-%	16%	15%*	14%	13%	13%
Students eligible for free/reduced lunch-#	1,641	1,413	2,167	1,948	2,180
Students eligible free/reduced lunch-%	44%	36%	54%	49%	55%
Population receiving Food Stamps-%	--	16%	17%	16%	16%
Population receiving TANF-%	--	1%	1%	1%	1%

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

### One Night Overview

Hood River County 2008 One Night Count	
Total Homeless Households	3
<b>Total Homeless Population</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>Total in Emergency Shelter</i>	<b>6</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>2</b>
Stated Causes of Homelessness:**	
Domestic Violence	<b>100%</b>
Drug/Alcohol (In Home)	<b>67%</b>
Unemployed	<b>67%</b>

\*\*Respondents may give more than one reason

### Risk Factors

2006-2007, school year  
High School Dropout Rate

Hood River  
County  
**4%**

State of  
Oregon  
**4%**

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

Hood River  
County  
**4%**

State of  
Oregon  
**16%**

2006  
Criminal Offenses,  
percent of population

Hood River  
County  
**11%**

State of  
Oregon  
**12%**