

Major Findings

The number of Klamath County residents living below the federal poverty level dropped by 1,198 from 2000 to 2007 to about 9,317. However, the county poverty rate remained higher than the state average at 14.1 percent.

The recent loss of non-farm jobs and the consequent rise in unemployment likely contributed to the county's high poverty rate. Unemployment rose from 6.7 percent in 2006 to 7 percent in 2007.

More than half – 52 percent – of schoolchildren qualified for free- and reduced-priced lunch.

A basic budget in Klamath County cost less than in the average rural county. A single mother of a preschooler needed an income of \$11.98 an hour for rent, food, childcare, and other necessities. Rental costs were lower in this county than across the state; the typical Oregon renter paid 29 percent of household income on housing costs; Klamath County renters paid about 25 percent of household income. A single parent could make ends meet on the average income of a store clerk or secretary, but not if she worked as a home health aide, nursing aide, or cashier.

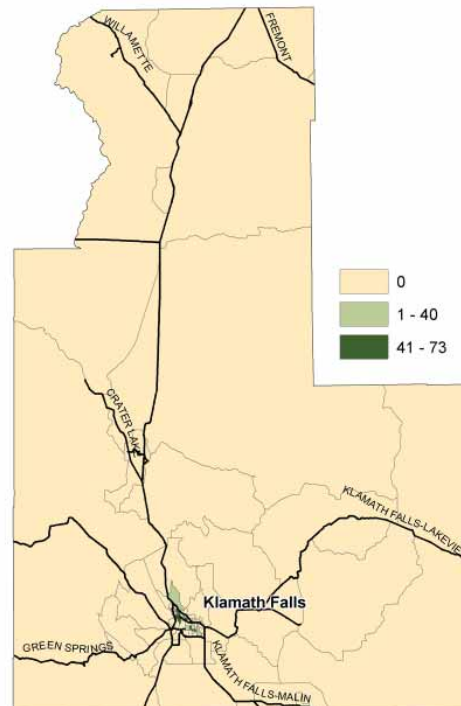
	Klamath County	Oregon	United States	
2007	Number in Poverty	9,317	474,189	38,052,247
	Percent in Poverty	14.1%	12.9%	13.0%
2000-2007	Percent change in Number in Poverty	-11.4%	22.0%	12.2%
	Percent change in Population	4.3%	9.5%	7.2%
	Number of additional people in Poverty	- 1,198	+ 85,449	+ 4,152,435
	Number of additional Population	+ 2,737	+ 326,056	+ 20,199,253

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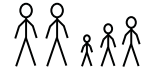
Affordable Housing Units by Census Block Group



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Basic Family Budget, an Alternative to the Federal Poverty Threshold

2007 Klamath County's
Basic Family Budget



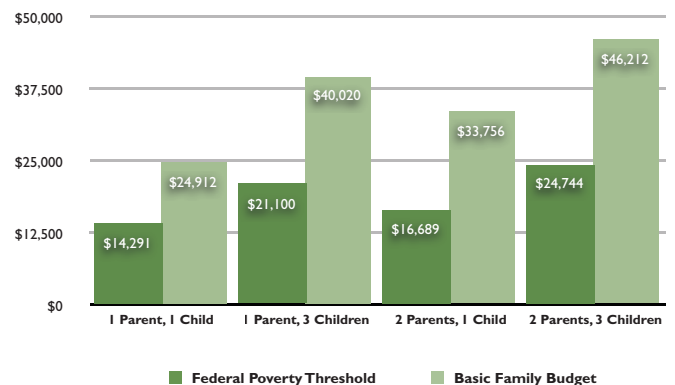
Householder(s)	1 Parent	1 Parent	2 Parents	2 Parents
Children	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old
Housing	\$568	\$795	\$568	\$795
Food	\$316	\$615	\$512	\$774
Child Care	\$378	\$916	\$378	\$916
Transportation	\$390	\$390	\$524	\$524
Healthcare	\$247	\$308	\$359	\$424
Other Necessities	\$274	\$437	\$335	\$486
Taxes	-\$97	-\$126	\$137	-\$68
Monthly Total	\$2,076	\$3,335	\$2,813	\$3,851
Annual Total	\$24,912	\$40,020	\$33,756	\$46,212
Hourly Wage needed for Basic Family Budget	\$11.98	\$19.24	\$8.11	\$11.11
Federal Poverty Threshold (FPT)	\$14,291	\$21,100	\$16,689	\$24,744
Percent of Basic Family Budget	57.4%	52.7%	49.4%	53.5%

Low-Income Needs

Klamath & Lake Community Action Services (KLCAS) identified the following as the primary needs of the low-income population of Klamath County:

- Family wage jobs
- Safe and affordable housing
- Transitional housing
- Job training
- Emergency services
- Emergency shelter
- Affordable and available healthcare
- Weatherization
- Access to mental health and substance abuse treatment









Basic Family Budget vs. Federal Poverty Threshold



Population and Economy

Klamath 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	4,273	16	0%	\$28,359
Education & Health Services	3,040	9	0%	\$36,965
Local Government	3,025	23	1%	\$34,796
Greatest Increase in the Number of Positions				
Professional & Business Services	2,318	72	3%	\$36,977
Leisure & Hospitality	2,814	40	1%	\$14,092
Natural Resources & Mining	896	34	4%	\$29,244
Greatest Decrease in the Number of Positions				
Manufacturing	2,410	-135	-5%	\$38,510
Construction	1,276	-69	-5%	\$32,338
Financial Activities	846	-8	-1%	\$33,213

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
KLAMATH	 3.0%	63,900	64,200	64,550	64,600	64,800	65,055	65,455	65,815
Bonanza	 6.0%	420	420	420	420	420	425	435	445
Chiloquin	 0.7%	715	720	720	720	720	720	720	720
Klamath Falls	 7.8%	19,510	19,540	19,680	20,190	20,220	20,400	20,720	21,040
Malin	 26.0%	635	800	800	800	800	800	805	800
Merrill	 1.7%	900	900	910	910	910	915	915	915
Unincorporated	 0.4%	41,720	41,820	42,020	41,560	41,730	41,795	41,860	41,895

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2007 Community Action Agency Activities

Affordable & Available Healthcare

provided dental services to over 90 homeless and low income clients

hosted the first KLCAS first Homeless Connect Project, providing more than 30 individuals with the appropriate mental health and alcohol and drug treatment organizations.

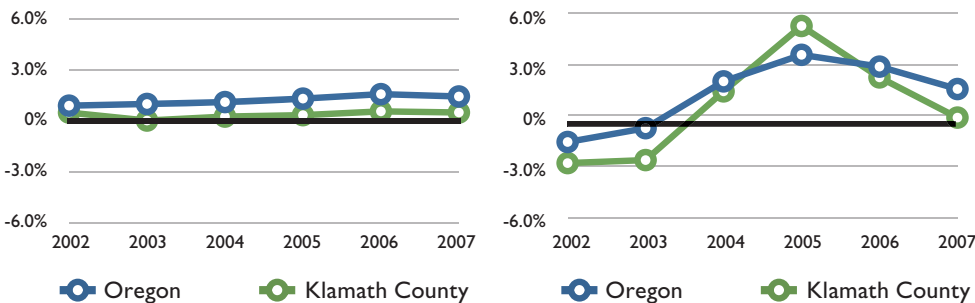
Safe and Affordable Housing

added a Homeownership Center to provide homeownership education and counseling

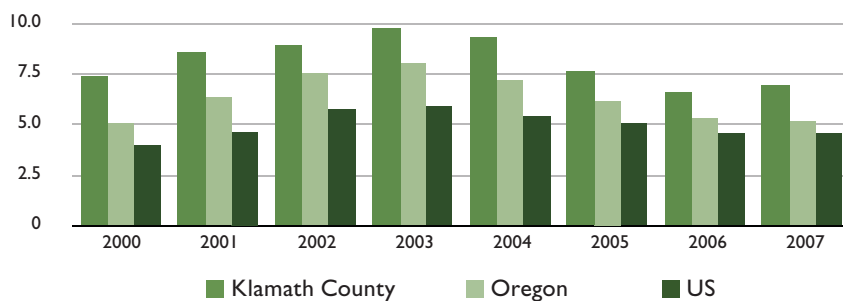
Emergency Services

created and distributed an in-depth community resource guide

Population Change vs. Employment Change Since 2001



Unemployment Rates



Birth Rates

2002-2005, average Birth Rate per 1,000

Klamath 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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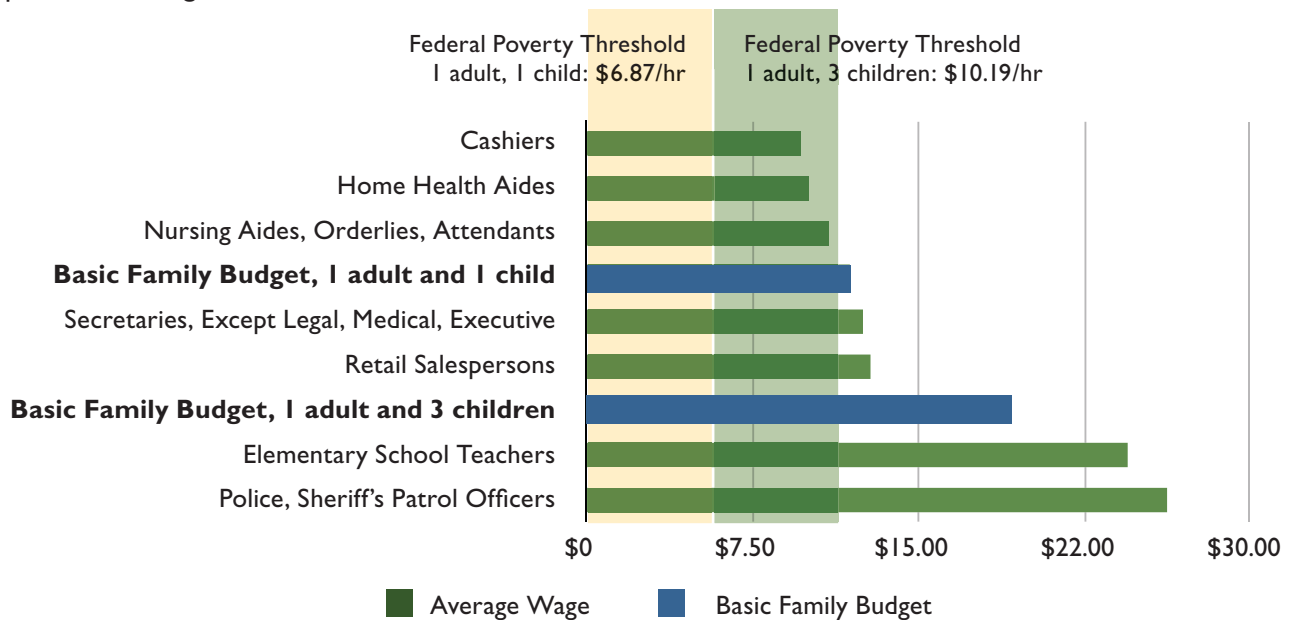
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Average Hourly Wages 2007

Occupational Earnings



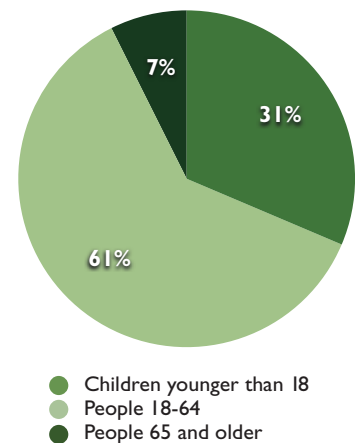
Poverty Population Characteristics

Poverty Rates by Age & Disability Status - 2005-2007 avg	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	18%	-	-
Children younger than 18	25%	31%	23%
People 18-64	18%	61%	61%
People 65 and older	9%	7%	15%
People with a disability	23%	26%	20%

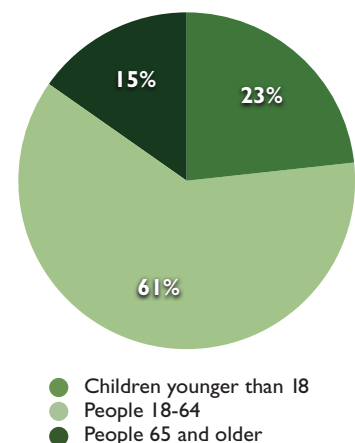
Poverty Rates by Family - 2005-2007 avg	% in Poverty	% of Families in Poverty	% of all Families
All Families	14%	-	-
Families with children under 18	23%	66%	41%
Single women with children under 18	47%	41%	12%

Poverty Rates by Race/Ethnicity - 2005-2007 avg	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	18%	-	-
White	16%	79%	89%
Black	--	--	0%
American Indian	42%	8%	3%
Asian	--	--	1%
Pacific Islander	--	--	0%
Other	44%	5%	2%
2 or more races	23%	5%	4%
Hispanic origin	44%	21%	9%

Poverty by Age – 2007



Population by Age – 2007



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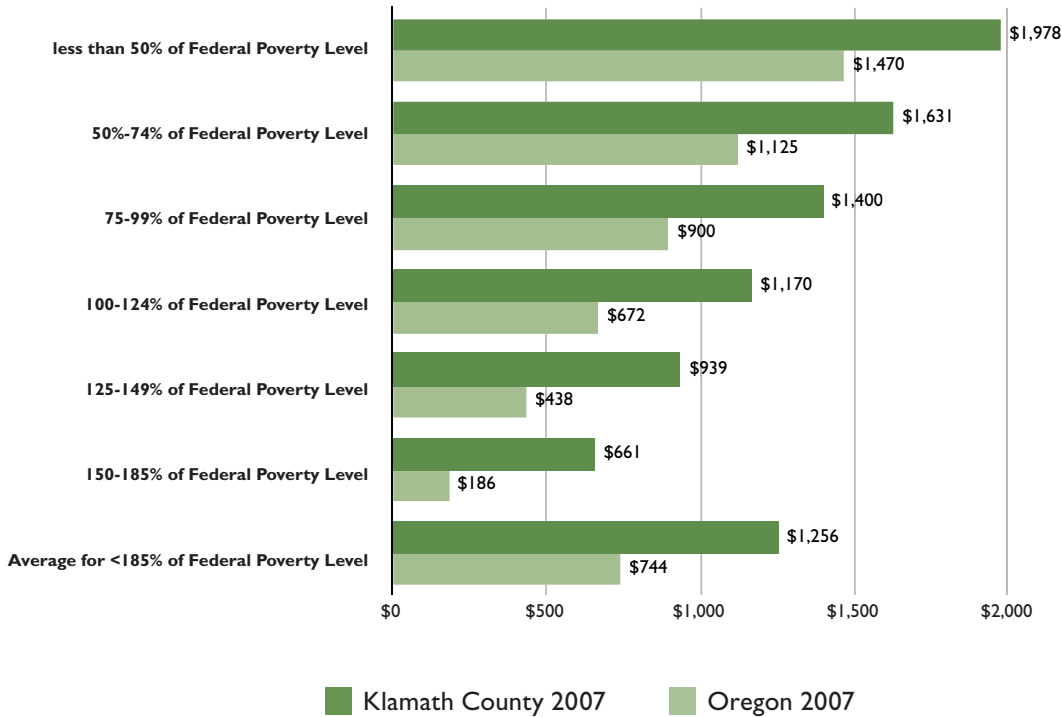
2007 Household Income

	Klamath County	Oregon	United States
Median Household Income	\$44,482	\$48,730	\$50,740
Owner Median Household Income	\$49,146	\$61,690	\$63,059
Renter Median Household Income	\$31,372	\$30,186	\$30,915
Total Households	26,921	1,471,965	112,377,977
Renters percent income spent on housing	25%	29%	30%
Owners percent income spent on housing	20%	23%	22%
Extremely Low Income (30% of Median Household Income)	\$13,345	\$14,619	\$15,222
Households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	3,701	179,761	14,253,915
Burdened households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	2,867	149,621	11,355,585
% Burdened	77%	83%	80%
Very Low Income (50% of Median Household Income)	\$22,241	\$24,365	\$25,370
Households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	2,550	139,492	10,880,250
Burdened households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	1,642	96,863	7,043,215
% Burdened	64%	69%	65%
Low Income (80% of Median Household Income)	\$35,586	\$38,984	\$40,592
Households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	4,182	238,001	17,456,318
Burdened households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	1,270	122,962	8,364,889
% Burdened	30%	52%	48%
Workforce (120% of Median Household Income)	\$53,378	\$58,476	\$60,888
Households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	4,890	263,859	19,191,149
Burdened households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	1,646	85,103	5,823,144
% Burdened	34%	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)

Klamath County	State of Oregon
13%	16%

2007 Number of Primary Care Providers per 100,000

Klamath County	State of Oregon
105	112

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

Klamath County	State of Oregon
77%	71%

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

Klamath County	State of Oregon
26%	26%

2002-2005, average Percent of Adults who Smoke Cigarettes

Klamath County	State of Oregon
24%	20%



The one-night homeless count takes place in late January.

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How We Help

Klamath 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	\$154,569	\$40,000
Single Family Loans for low-income households-#	61	48	57	54	65
Single Family Loans for low-income households-\$	\$3,498,896	\$4,032,469	\$5,955,635	\$6,252,923	\$8,635,201
Households receiving energy assistance-#	2,620	2,781	2,862	2,819	2,732
Units weatherized-#	--	76	36	97	89
Units weatherized-\$	--	\$312,196	\$121,906	\$324,540	\$346,562
Average per unit weatherized-\$	--	\$4,108	\$3,386	\$3,346	\$3,894
Oregon Health Plan enrollment-%	16%	16%*	15%	14%	14%
Students eligible for free/reduced lunch-#	5,223	5,414	5,582	5,616	5,445
Students eligible free/reduced lunch-%	47%	51%	52%	54%	52%
Population receiving Food Stamps-%	--	23%	23%	22%	23%
Population receiving TANF-%	--	2%	1%	2%	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

Klamath County 2008 One Night Count	
Total Homeless Households	258
Total Homeless Population	426
<i>Total in Emergency Shelter</i>	81
<i>Total in Transitional Housing</i>	28
<i>Total Turnaway & Street Count</i>	317
Chronically Homeless Population	46
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	3
Households with Children	71
Stated Causes of Homelessness:**	
Couldn't afford rent	36%
Unemployed	33%
Domestic Violence	20%
Drug/Alcohol (Self)	19%
Criminal History	18%
Drug/Alcohol (In Home)	18%
Kicked out by family/friends	17%
Mental or Emotional disorder	10%
By Choice	8%
Evicted by landlord	7%

**Respondents may give more than one reason

Risk Factors

2006-2007, school year
High School Dropout Rate

Klamath
County
4%

State of
Oregon
4%

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

Klamath
County
3%

State of
Oregon
16%

2006
Criminal Offenses,
percent of population

Klamath
County
9%

State of
Oregon
12%