

Major Findings

Morrow County had just 12,335 people in 2007. In 2000, 15 percent of Morrow County residents had incomes below the poverty level.

In 2000, half of schoolchildren qualified (49 percent) for free and reduced-price lunches. In 2007, that percentage rose to almost two-thirds (65 percent) of students. In 2007, one-fifth of county residents received food stamps.

There were only three or four primary care physicians in 2007 in Morrow County. If the county had the same proportion of doctors as the rest of the state, there would be 12 or 13 primary care doctors.

Employment increased substantially between 2000 and 2007. The number of paid positions rose by 24 percent between 2001 and 2007 and unemployment dropped from 7.7 percent to 5.4 percent. In 2007, the economy added 268 jobs. Most growth was in the well-paid Construction sector, which more than doubled. Manufacturing, with average annual pay of \$38,668, grew by 10 percent.

	Morrow County	Oregon	United States	
2000	Number in Poverty	1,617	388,740	33,899,812
	Percent in Poverty	14.8%	11.6%	12.4%
1990-2000	Percent change in Number in Poverty	41.7%	12.7%	6.8%
	Percent change in Population	44.2%	20.4%	13.2%
	Number of additional people in Poverty	+ 476	+ 43,873	+ 2,156,948
	Number of additional Population	+ 3,370	+ 579,078	+ 32,712,033

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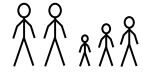
Affordable Housing Units by Census Block Group



Morrow County

Basic Family Budget, an Alternative to the Federal Poverty Threshold

2007 Morrow County's
Basic Family Budget



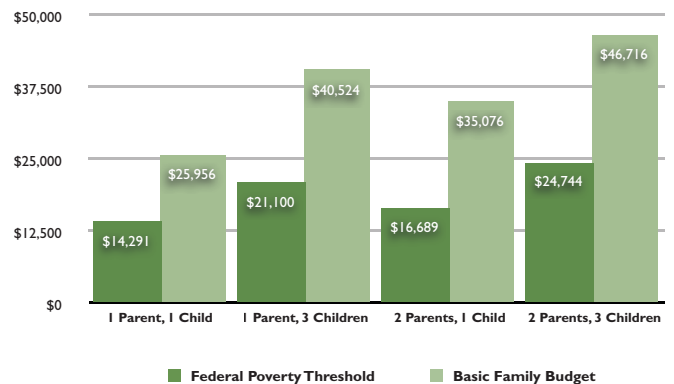
Householder(s)	1 Parent	1 Parent	2 Parents	2 Parents
Children	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old
Housing	\$603	\$817	\$603	\$817
Food	\$316	\$615	\$512	\$774
Child Care	\$378	\$916	\$378	\$916
Transportation	\$390	\$390	\$524	\$524
Healthcare	\$247	\$308	\$359	\$424
Other Necessities	\$285	\$444	\$346	\$493
Taxes	-\$56	-\$113	\$201	-\$55
Monthly Total	\$2,163	\$3,377	\$2,923	\$3,893
Annual Total	\$25,956	\$40,524	\$35,076	\$46,716
Hourly Wage needed for Basic Family Budget	\$12.48	\$19.48	\$8.43	\$11.23
Federal Poverty Threshold (FPT)	\$14,291	\$21,100	\$16,689	\$24,744
Percent of Basic Family Budget	55.1%	52.1%	47.6%	53.0%

Low-Income Needs

Community Action Program of East Central Oregon identified the following as the primary needs for the low-income population of Morrow County:

- Energy assistance
- Hunger prevention
- Employment training
- Housing assistance
- Housing maintenance: weatherization and rehabilitation services
- Senior nutrition
- Low-cost medical visits and prescriptions









Basic Family Budget vs. Federal Poverty Threshold



Population and Economy

Morrow 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	999	30	3%	\$32,342
Manufacturing	918	82	10%	\$38,668
Local Government	697	2	0%	\$32,753
Greatest Increase in the Number of Positions				
Construction	207	119	135%	\$76,128
Manufacturing	918	82	10%	\$38,668
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	684	36	6%	\$41,694
Greatest Decrease in the Number of Positions				
Professional & Business Services	62	-6	-9%	\$38,113

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
MORROW	 11.1%	11,100	11,150	11,250	11,750	11,750	11,945	12,125	12,335
Boardman	 13.7%	2,910	2,940	3,000	3,080	3,120	3,175	3,175	3,310
Heppner	 1.4%	1,395	1,390	1,410	1,410	1,420	1,420	1,415	1,415
Ione	 6.2%	325	320	340	340	340	340	340	345
Irrigon	 6.3%	1,740	1,750	1,770	1,780	1,790	1,790	1,830	1,850
Lexington	 5.7%	265	260	260	260	260	281	280	280
Unincorporated	 15.0%	4,465	4,490	4,470	4,880	4,820	4,939	5,085	5,135

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2007 Community Action Agency Activities

educated low-income residents how to access the Economic Stimulus payments from the Internal Revenue Service

Energy Assistance

provided energy education workshops for households receiving energy payment assistance

case management services improved participants' payment history enabling them to access affordable equal pay plans

Hunger prevention

increased the food supply for distribution to county food pantries

Employment Training

provided job search, resume building, and free computer classes

improved the marketability of individuals searching for jobs

Housing Assistance

case management services, combined with safe and affordable transitional housing, improved the ability of households to secure permanent housing

Housing Maintenance

installed weatherization measures

addressed health and safety issues in homes

Senior Nutrition

increased the number of households attending congregate meals

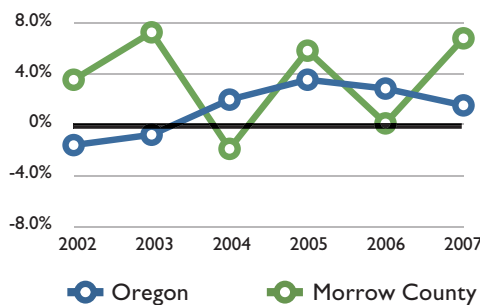
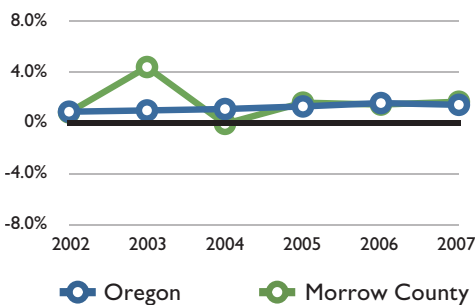
federal government reduced the number of seniors' supplemental food boxes

provided health and nutrition education at meal sites and to area households through printed flyers

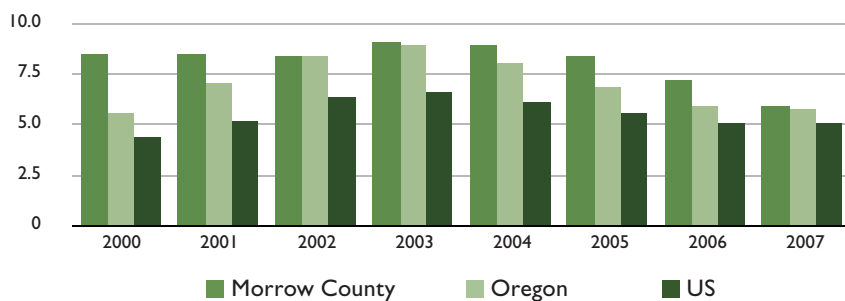
Low Cost Medical

helped individuals apply for prescription programs

Population Change vs. Employment Change Since 2001



Unemployment Rates



Birth Rates

2002-2005, average Birth Rate per 1,000

Morrow County
14

State of Oregon
13

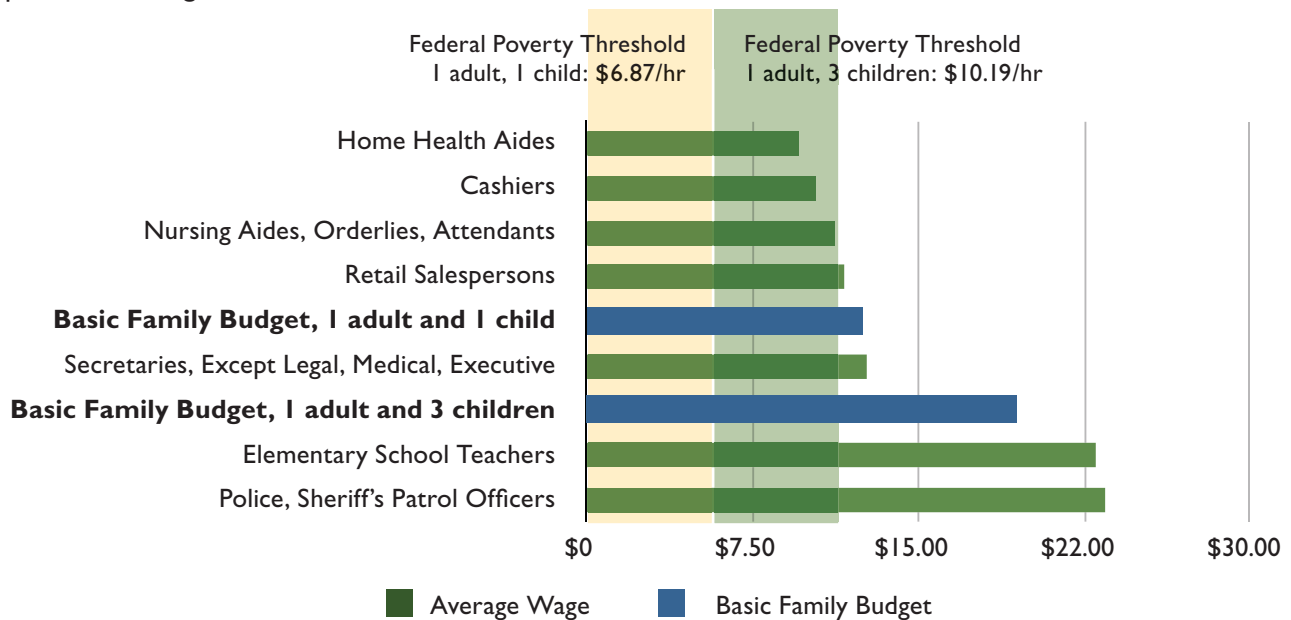
2002-2005, average Teenage Birth Rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19

Morrow County
45

State of Oregon
34

Average Hourly Wages 2007

Occupational Earnings



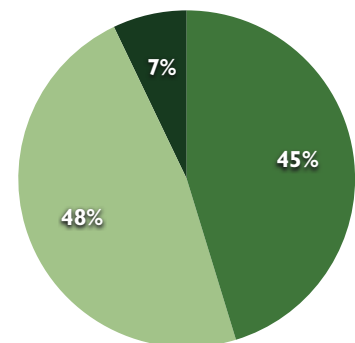
Poverty Population Characteristics

Poverty Rates by Age & Disability Status - 2000	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	15%	-	-
Children younger than 18	22%	45%	30%
People 18-64	12%	48%	59%
People 65 and older	10%	7%	10%
People with a disability	16%	21%	18%

Poverty Rates by Family - 2000	% in Poverty	% of Families in Poverty	% of all Families
All Families	11%	-	-
Families with children under 18	17%	83%	55%
Single women with children under 18	35%	28%	9%

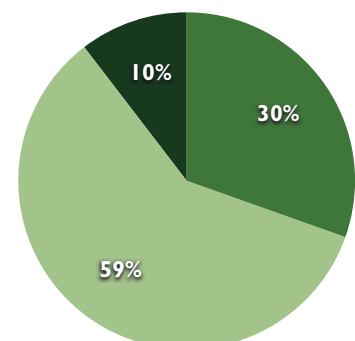
Poverty Rates by Race/Ethnicity - 2000	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	15%	-	-
White	11%	58%	75%
Black	41%	0%	0%
American Indian	15%	2%	2%
Asian	20%	1%	1%
Pacific Islander	0%	0%	0%
Other	27%	37%	20%
2 or more races	14%	2%	3%
Hispanic origin	27%	45%	24%

Poverty by Age – 2007



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- People 18-64
- People 65 and older

Population by Age – 2007



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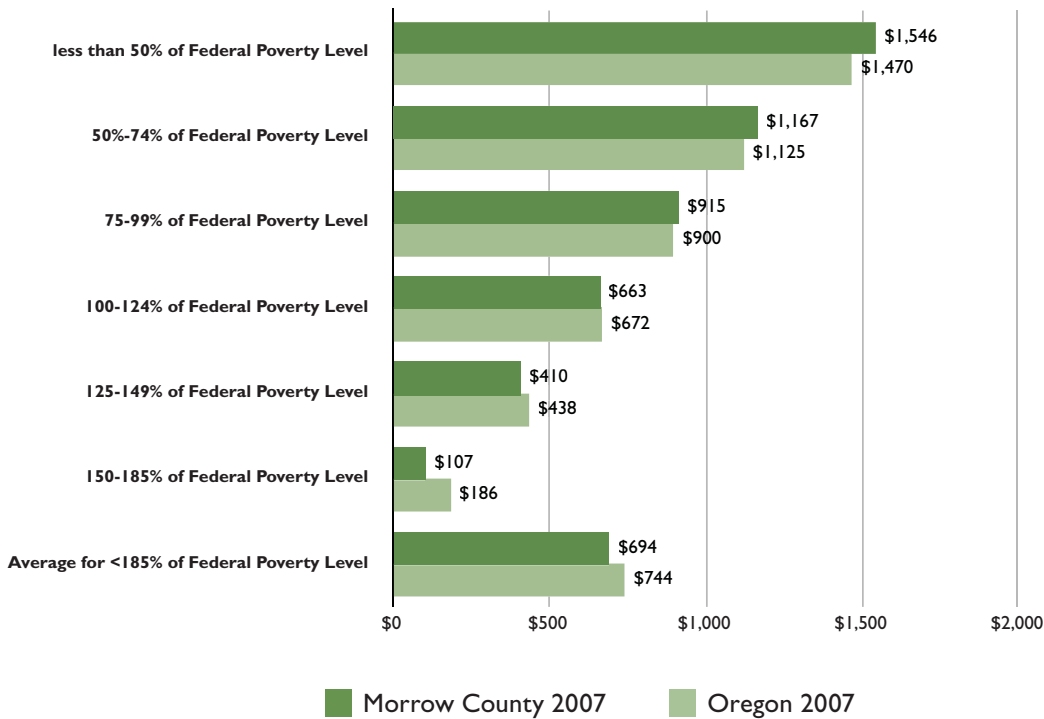
2000 Household Income

	Morrow County	Oregon	United States
Median Household Income	\$37,481	\$40,818	\$41,851
Owner Median Household Income	\$41,050	\$50,713	\$51,323
Renter Median Household Income	\$28,640	\$27,197	\$27,362
Total Households	3,776	1,333,723	105,480,101
Renters percent income spent on housing	21%	27%	26%
Owners percent income spent on housing	17%	20%	19%
Extremely Low Income (30% of Median Household Income)	\$11,244	\$12,245	\$12,555
Households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	216	130,651	11,699,872
Burdened households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	147	95,676	7,818,106
% Burdened	68%	73%	67%
Very Low Income (50% of Median Household Income)	\$18,741	\$20,409	\$20,926
Households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	226	116,207	9,420,125
Burdened households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	105	79,730	5,574,769
% Burdened	46%	69%	59%
Low Income (80% of Median Household Income)	\$29,985	\$32,654	\$33,481
Households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	407	188,180	14,338,619
Burdened households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	96	76,910	5,210,182
% Burdened	24%	41%	36%
Workforce (120% of Median Household Income)	\$44,977	\$48,982	\$50,221
Households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	466	219,670	16,670,770
Burdened households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	48	56,949	3,488,912
% Burdened	10%	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)

Morrow County	State of Oregon
14%	16%

2007 Number of Primary Care Providers per 100,000

Morrow County	State of Oregon
33	112

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

Morrow County	State of Oregon
77%	71%

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

Morrow County	State of Oregon
13%	26%

2002-2005, average Percent of Adults who Smoke Cigarettes

Morrow County	State of Oregon
21%	20%



Summer food programs provide nutrition and fun.

Morrow County

How We Help

Morrow County Services	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007
New units created with OHCS funding resources	0	0	0	0	19
OHCS funding for affordable housing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,151,509
Single Family Loans for low-income households-#	5	8	2	6	2
Single Family Loans for low-income households-\$	\$335,443	\$585,677	\$138,560	\$499,559	\$157,433
Households receiving energy assistance-#	298	260	287	278	316
Units weatherized-#	--	23	7	15	5
Units weatherized-\$	--	\$84,358	\$4,621	\$51,645	\$29,920
Average per unit weatherized-\$	--	\$3,668	\$660	\$3,443	\$5,984
Oregon Health Plan enrollment-%	15%	14%*	13%	14%	12%
Students eligible for free/reduced lunch-#	1,105	1,506	1,561	1,536	1,558
Students eligible free/reduced lunch-%	49%	66%	66%	64%	65%
Population receiving Food Stamps-%	--	22%	19%	20%	20%
Population receiving TANF-%	--	2%	2%	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

Morrow County 2008 One Night Count	
Total Homeless Households	57
Total Homeless Population	150
<i>Total in Emergency Shelter</i>	0
<i>Total in Transitional Housing</i>	150
<i>Total Turnaway & Street Count</i>	0
Chronically Homeless Population	1
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	0
Households with Children	40
Stated Causes of Homelessness:**	
Couldn't afford rent	56%
Unemployed	25%
Kicked out by family/friends	19%
Credit	18%
Drug/Alcohol (Self)	18%
Evicted by landlord	14%
Poor Rental History	14%
Criminal History	12%
Domestic Violence	12%
Medical Problem	12%

**Respondents may give more than one reason

Risk Factors

2006-2007, school year
High School Dropout Rate

Morrow
County
5%

State of
Oregon
4%

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

Morrow
County
14%

State of
Oregon
16%

2006
Criminal Offenses,
percent of population

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