

## Major Findings

The 2000 US Census found 14 percent of county residents had incomes less than the federal poverty level, 2.4 percentage points more than the state average.

An OHCS analysis of living costs found that for a Wallowa County family to afford basic living expenses, it needed income roughly twice the official poverty level. A single parent with a young child needed an income of \$25,236 a year, or a full-time job at \$12.13 an hour. Average pay in the county for low-skill or entry-level jobs such as a cashier averaged more than \$2.00 an hour less than that wage.

	Wallowa County	Oregon	United States	
2000	<b>Number in Poverty</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>388,740</b>	<b>33,899,812</b>
	<b>Percent in Poverty</b>	14.0%	11.6%	12.4%
1990-2000	<b>Percent change in Number in Poverty</b>	-7.1%	12.7%	6.8%
	<b>Percent change in Population</b>	4.6%	20.4%	13.2%
	<b>Number of additional people in Poverty</b>	<b>- 76</b>	<b>+ 43,873</b>	<b>+ 2,156,948</b>
	<b>Number of additional Population</b>	+ 315	+ 579,078	+ 32,712,033

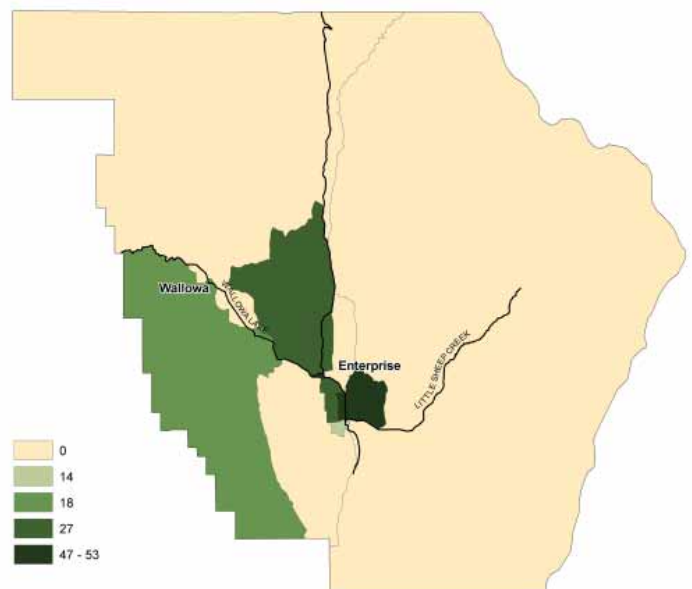
From 2001 to 2007, the economy added 301 jobs and the unemployment rate dropped from 9.2 percent to 6.2. However, in 2007, the largest growth (38 new jobs) was in Leisure and Hospitality where average annual pay was only \$11,581. The better-paying Manufacturing sector lost 17 percent of its jobs (37) that year. The sectors of Professional and Business Services and Local Government together added 27 higher-paying jobs.

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## Affordable Housing Units by Census Block Group



# Wallowa County

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

2007 Wallowa County's  
Basic Family Budget



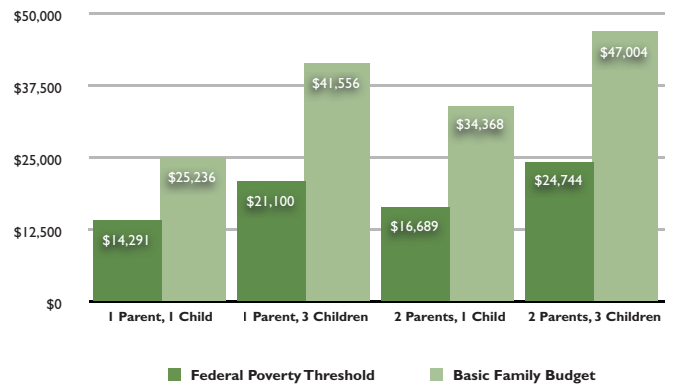
Householder(s)	1 Parent	1 Parent	2 Parents	2 Parents
Children	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old
Housing	\$579	\$829	\$579	\$829
Food	\$316	\$615	\$512	\$774
Child Care	\$378	\$916	\$378	\$916
Transportation	\$390	\$390	\$524	\$524
Healthcare	\$247	\$308	\$359	\$424
Other Necessities	\$277	\$448	\$338	\$497
Taxes	-\$84	-\$43	\$174	-\$47
Monthly Total	\$2,103	\$3,463	\$2,864	\$3,917
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$25,236</b>	<b>\$41,556</b>	<b>\$34,368</b>	<b>\$47,004</b>
Hourly Wage needed for Basic Family Budget	\$12.13	\$19.98	\$8.26	\$11.30
Federal Poverty Threshold (FPT)	\$14,291	\$21,100	\$16,689	\$24,744
<b>Percent of Basic Family Budget</b>	<b>56.6%</b>	<b>50.8%</b>	<b>48.6%</b>	<b>52.6%</b>

### Low-Income Needs

Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc. identified the following as the primary needs for the low-income population of Wallowa County:

- Energy assistance
- Transportation
- Housing
- Emergency services
- Food bank
- Information and referral
- Summer Food Service Program








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



## Population and Economy

Wallowa 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	482	13	3%	\$31,593
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	476	8	2%	\$23,181
Leisure & Hospitality	281	38	16%	\$11,581
Greatest Increase in the Number of Positions				
Leisure & Hospitality	281	38	16%	\$11,581
Professional & Business Services	104	14	16%	\$27,311
Local Government	482	13	3%	\$31,593
Greatest Decrease in the Number of Positions				
Manufacturing	187	-37	-17%	\$25,307
Financial Activities	119	-2	-2%	\$26,238

## 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
WALLOWA	 -1.7%	7,250	7,100	7,150	7,150	7,150	7,130	7,140	7,130
Enterprise	 2.4%	1,895	1,890	1,920	1,920	1,940	1,945	1,945	1,940
Joseph	 4.3%	1,055	1,060	1,070	1,080	1,080	1,090	1,095	1,100
Lostine	 -5.7%	265	260	250	250	250	250	250	250
Wallowa	 1.7%	870	870	870	870	870	870	870	885
Unincorporated	 -6.6%	3,165	3,020	3,040	3,030	3,010	2,975	2,980	2,955

# Wallowa County

## 2007 Community Action Agency Activities

### Energy Assistance

offered case management and conservation education to 336 households and 607 people

### Transportation

provided 8,088 rides to 562 people to assist them to get to work, shopping and other activities

### Housing

assisted 50 first-time homebuyers in 27 households with education and closing cost assistance

provided education to lenders, realtors, and local officials regarding affordable housing issues and services

rehabilitated three single-family units housing seven people

obtained funding for and began rehabilitation of a 45-unit complex

### Emergency Services

placed 315 people from 138 households into stable housing or shelter

### Food Bank

provided 2,633 food boxes to 1,189 households

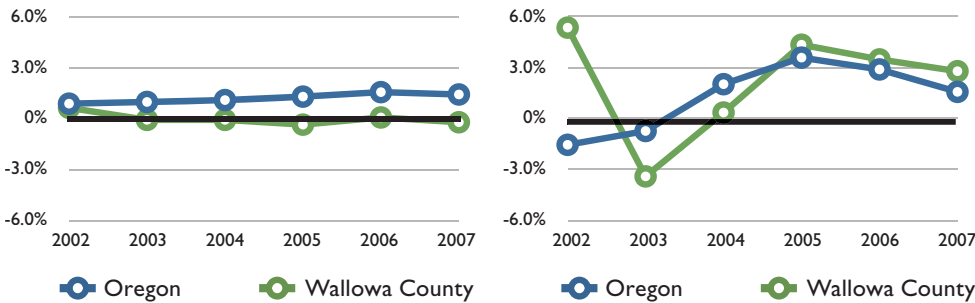
### Information and Referral

assisted 8,710 callers with information or referrals

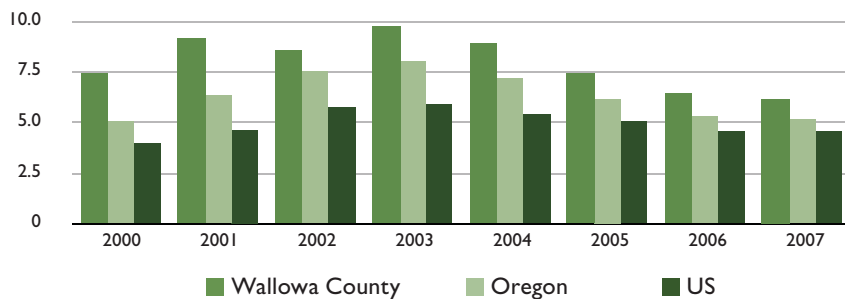
### Summer Food Service Program

served 2,973 lunches during the summer months to children 1 to 18 years of age

## Population Change vs. Employment Change Since 2001



## Unemployment Rates



### Birth Rates

2002-2005, average Birth Rate per 1,000

Wallowa 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

Wallowa County

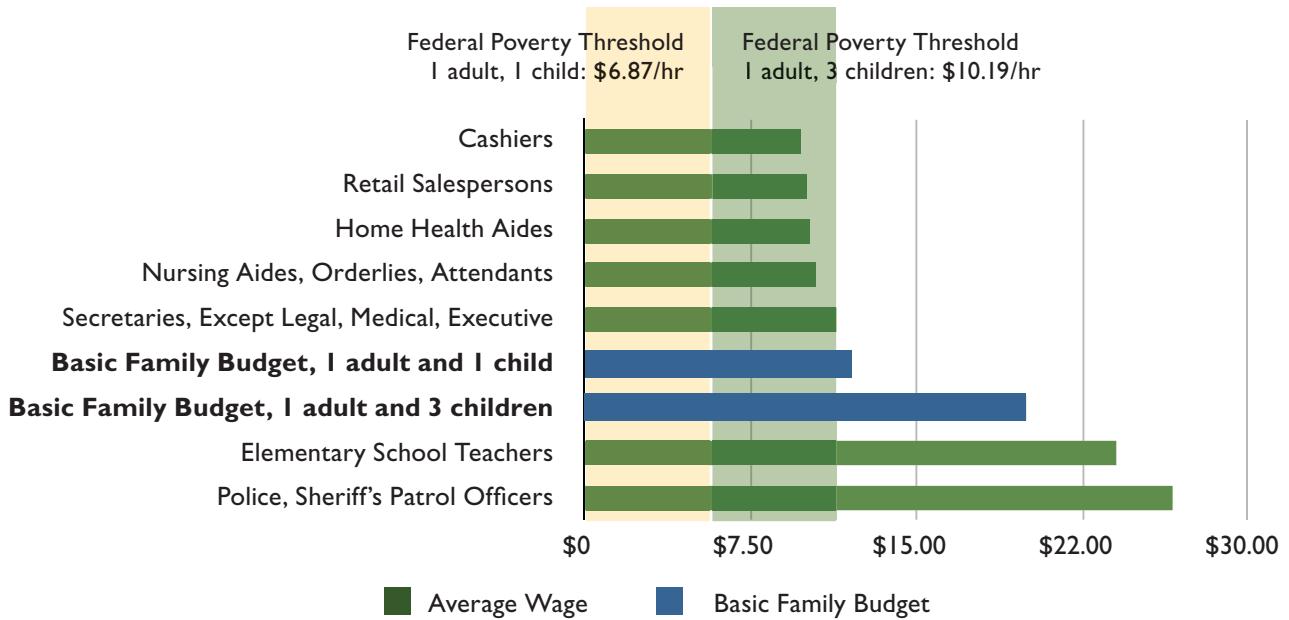
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## Average Hourly Wages 2007

### Occupational Earnings



## Poverty Population Characteristics

Poverty Rates by Age & Disability Status - 2000	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	14%	-	-
Children younger than 18	20%	33%	24%
People 18-64	13%	51%	57%
People 65 and older	11%	15%	19%
People with a disability	21%	30%	19%

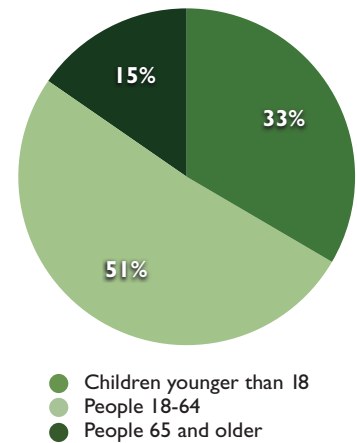
  

Poverty Rates by Family - 2000	% in Poverty	% of Families in Poverty	% of all Families
All Families	10%	-	-
Families with children under 18	17%	77%	44%
Single women with children under 18	44%	35%	8%

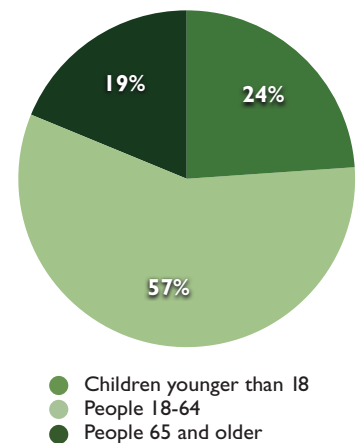
  

Poverty Rates by Race/Ethnicity - 2000	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	14%	-	-
White	14%	97%	98%
Black	0%	0%	0%
American Indian	15%	0%	0%
Asian	0%	0%	0%
Pacific Islander	100%	0%	0%
Other	0%	0%	0%
2 or more races	24%	3%	2%
Hispanic origin	33%	2%	1%

## Poverty by Age – 2007



## Population by Age – 2007



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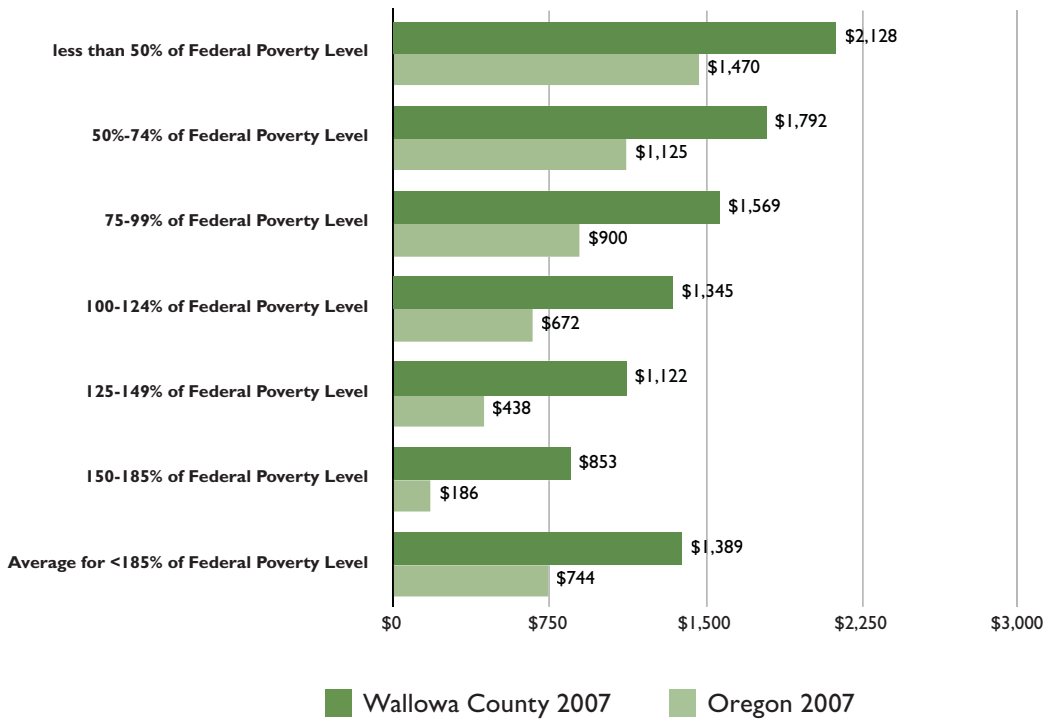
## 2000 Household Income

	Wallowa County	Oregon	United States
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$31,986</b>	<b>\$40,818</b>	<b>\$41,851</b>
Owner Median Household Income	\$36,755	\$50,713	\$51,323
Renter Median Household Income	\$21,294	\$27,197	\$27,362
Total Households	3,029	1,333,723	105,480,101
Renters percent income spent on housing	25%	27%	26%
Owners percent income spent on housing	19%	20%	19%
<b>Extremely Low Income (30% of Median Household Income)</b>	<b>\$9,596</b>	<b>\$12,245</b>	<b>\$12,555</b>
Households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	277	130,651	11,699,872
Burdened households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	188	95,676	7,818,106
% Burdened	<b>68%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>67%</b>
<b>Very Low Income (50% of Median Household Income)</b>	<b>\$15,993</b>	<b>\$20,409</b>	<b>\$20,926</b>
Households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	226	116,207	9,420,125
Burdened households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	117	79,730	5,574,769
% Burdened	<b>52%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>59%</b>
<b>Low Income (80% of Median Household Income)</b>	<b>\$25,589</b>	<b>\$32,654</b>	<b>\$33,481</b>
Households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	332	188,180	14,338,619
Burdened households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	112	76,910	5,210,182
% Burdened	<b>34%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>Workforce (120% of Median Household Income)</b>	<b>\$38,383</b>	<b>\$48,982</b>	<b>\$50,221</b>
Households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	401	219,670	16,670,770
Burdened households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	79	56,949	3,488,912
% Burdened	<b>20%</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)

Wallowa County	State of Oregon
<b>14%</b>	<b>16%</b>

2007 Number of Primary Care Providers per 100,000

Wallowa County	State of Oregon
<b>104</b>	<b>112</b>

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

Wallowa County	State of Oregon
<b>81%</b>	<b>71%</b>

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

Wallowa County	State of Oregon
<b>26%</b>	<b>26%</b>

2002-2005, average Percent of Adults who Smoke Cigarettes

Wallowa County	State of Oregon
<b>10%</b>	<b>20%</b>



Almost 25 percent of homeless Oregonians households live on the street without assistance.

# Wallowa County

## How We Help

Wallowa County Services	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007
New units created with OHCS funding resources	0	45	56	0	0
OHCS funding for affordable housing	\$0	\$2,423,550	\$128,169	\$80,000	\$0
Single Family Loans for low-income households-#	1	4	1	0	2
Single Family Loans for low-income households-\$	\$90,000	\$330,376	\$67,893	\$0	\$240,898
Households receiving energy assistance-#	318	263	292	292	291
Units weatherized-#	--	10	5	3	2
Units weatherized-\$	--	\$36,666	\$19,175	\$9,937	\$8,853
Average per unit weatherized-\$	--	\$3,667	\$3,835	\$3,312	\$4,427
Oregon Health Plan enrollment-%	10%	9%*	10%	10%	10%
Students eligible for free/reduced lunch-#	562	400	374	336	401
Students eligible free/reduced lunch-%	47%	42%	41%	38%	45%
Population receiving Food Stamps-%	--	14%	13%	13%	13%
Population receiving TANF-%	--	1%	1%	2%	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

Wallowa County 2008 One Night Count	
Total Homeless Households	6
<b>Total Homeless Population</b>	<b>16</b>
<i>Total in Emergency Shelter</i>	<b>16</b>
<i>Total in Transitional Housing</i>	0
<i>Total Turnaway &amp; Street Count</i>	0
<b>Chronically Homeless Population</b>	0
<b>Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth</b>	0
<b>Households with Children</b>	5
Stated Causes of Homelessness:**	
Kicked out by family/friends	33%
By Choice	33%
Couldn't afford rent	17%
Evicted by landlord	17%

\*\*Respondents may give more than one reason

### Risk Factors

2006-2007, school year  
High School Dropout Rate

Wallowa  
County  
**0%**

State of  
Oregon  
**4%**

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

Wallowa  
County  
**4%**

State of  
Oregon  
**16%**

2006  
Criminal Offenses,  
percent of population

Wallowa  
County  
**6%**

State of  
Oregon  
**12%**