

Major Findings

Sherman County has a small and shrinking population. In 2007 there were 1,855 residents, 5 percent fewer than 2000. Non-farm employment grew 6 percent since 2001. With more jobs and fewer people, the unemployment rate dropped from 10.2 percent in 2001 to 4.9 percent in 2007. This latest figure was less than the state average.

The economic sector of Leisure and Hospitality saw the largest job growth. This sector paid an average of \$15,588 in Sherman County. Since this average was less than the full-time pay for minimum wage, most jobs must have been part-time.

The 2000 Census found 280 county residents

	Sherman County	Oregon	United States	
2000	Number in Poverty	280	388,740	33,899,812
	Percent in Poverty	14.6%	11.6%	12.4%
1990-2000	Percent change in Number in Poverty	47.4%	12.7%	6.8%
	Percent change in Population	0.8%	20.4%	13.2%
	Number of additional people in Poverty	+ 90	+ 43,873	+ 2,156,948
	Number of additional Population	+ 16	+ 579,078	+ 32,712,033

had incomes less than the federal poverty level. This was 14.6 percent of the population. Public schools identify students who qualified for free or reduced-price meals. Qualifying children live in families with incomes less than 185 percent of the federal poverty level or that qualified for state social services. In 2000, 30 percent of Sherman County students qualified. By 2007, 49 percent of students received this assistance.

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Affordable Housing Units by Census Block Group



Sherman County

Basic Family Budget, an Alternative to the Federal Poverty Threshold

2007 Sherman County's
Basic Family Budget



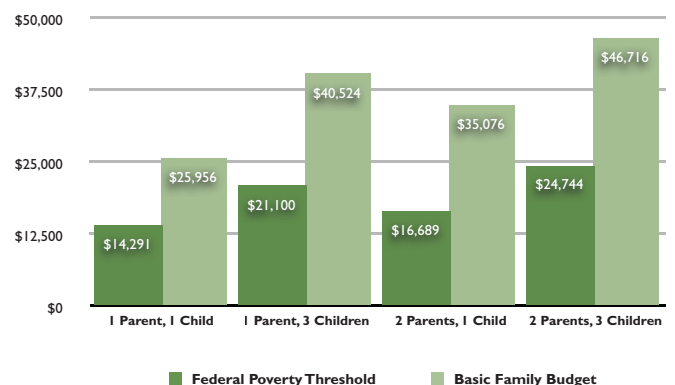
Householder(s)	1 Parent	1 Parent	2 Parents	2 Parents
Children	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old
Housing	\$603	\$817	\$603	\$817
Food	\$316	\$615	\$512	\$774
Child Care	\$378	\$916	\$378	\$916
Transportation	\$390	\$390	\$524	\$524
Healthcare	\$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

Mid-Columbia Community Action Council identified the following as the primary needs for the low-income population of Sherman 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

Sherman 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	178	2	1%	\$28,449
Local Government	146	10	7%	\$27,809
Leisure & Hospitality	140	11	9%	\$15,588
Greatest Increase in the Number of Positions				
Leisure & Hospitality	140	11	9%	\$15,588
Local Government	146	10	7%	\$27,809
Federal Government	102	4	4%	\$76,926
Greatest Decrease in the Number of Positions				
Other Services	16	-4	-20%	\$25,762
State Government	37	-4	-10%	\$31,287

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
SHERMAN	 -4.9%	1,950	1,900	1,850	1,900	1,900	1,880	1,865	1,855
Grass Valley	0.0%	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170
Moro	 11.8%	340	340	340	340	320	320	350	380
Rufus	 1.9%	270	270	270	270	270	270	270	275
Wasco	 5.3%	380	380	380	380	380	398	400	400
Unincorporated	 -20.3%	790	740	690	740	760	722	675	630

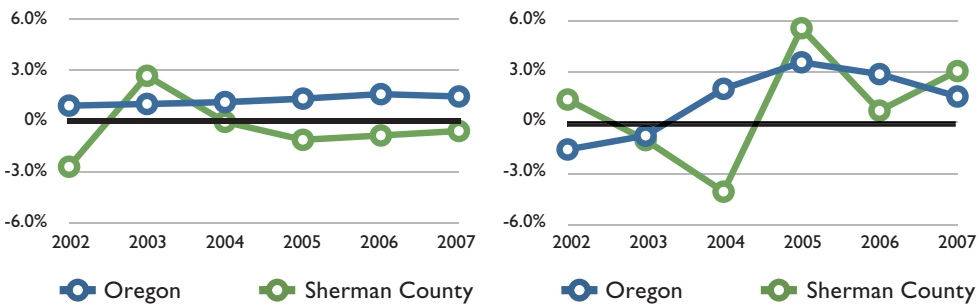
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2007 Community Action Agency Activities

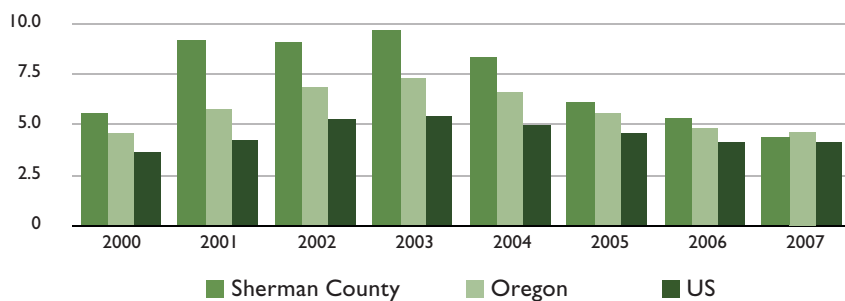
Food insecurity

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

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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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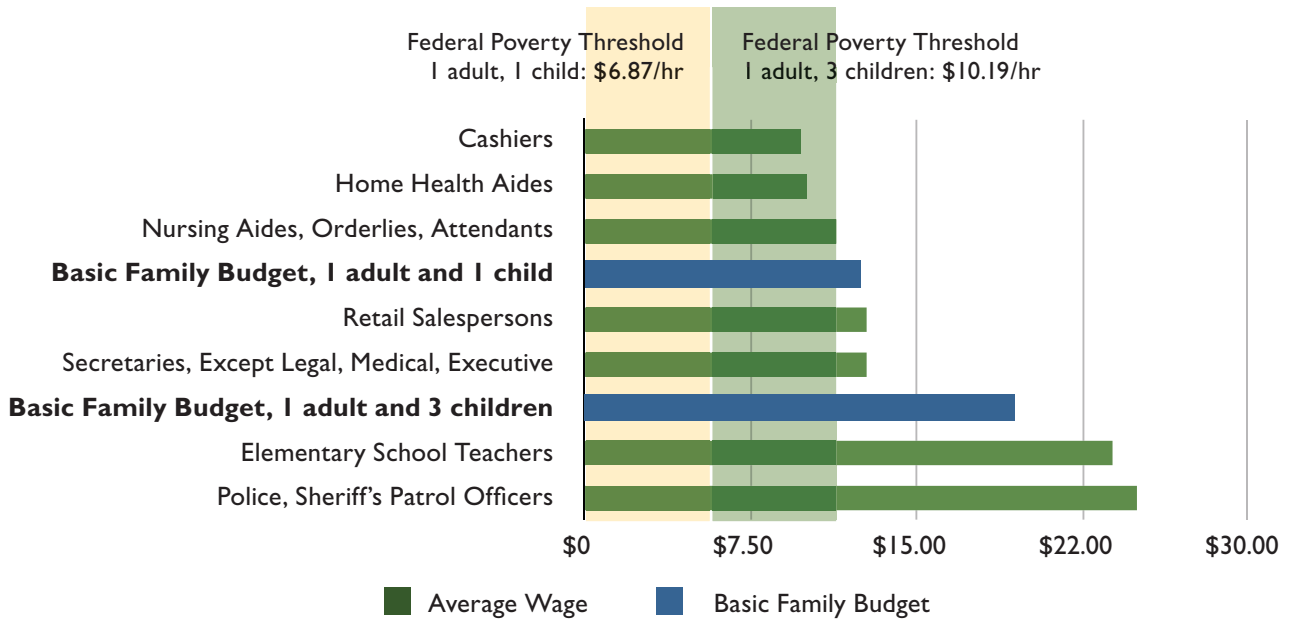
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Average Hourly Wages 2007

Occupational Earnings



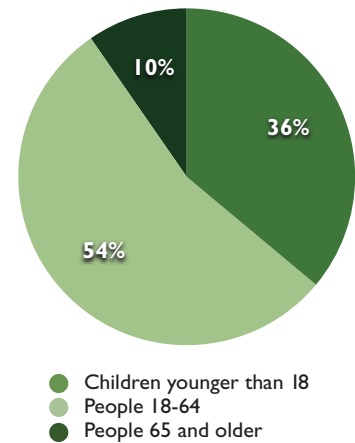
Poverty Population Characteristics

Poverty Rates by Age & Disability Status - 2000	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	15%	-	-
Children younger than 18	20%	36%	26%
People 18-64	14%	54%	56%
People 65 and older	8%	10%	18%
People with a disability	16%	19%	17%

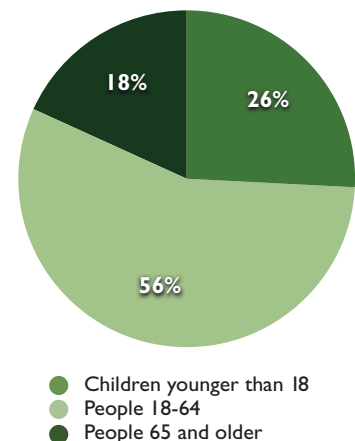
Poverty Rates by Family - 2000	% in Poverty	% of Families in Poverty	% of all Families
All Families	12%	-	-
Families with children under 18	18%	68%	47%
Single women with children under 18	51%	34%	8%

Poverty Rates by Race/Ethnicity - 2000	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	15%	-	-
White	14%	86%	92%
Black	0%	0%	1%
American Indian	20%	3%	2%
Asian	21%	1%	1%
Pacific Islander	0%	0%	0%
Other	73%	7%	1%
2 or more races	19%	4%	3%
Hispanic origin	39%	13%	5%

Poverty by Age – 2007



Population by Age – 2007



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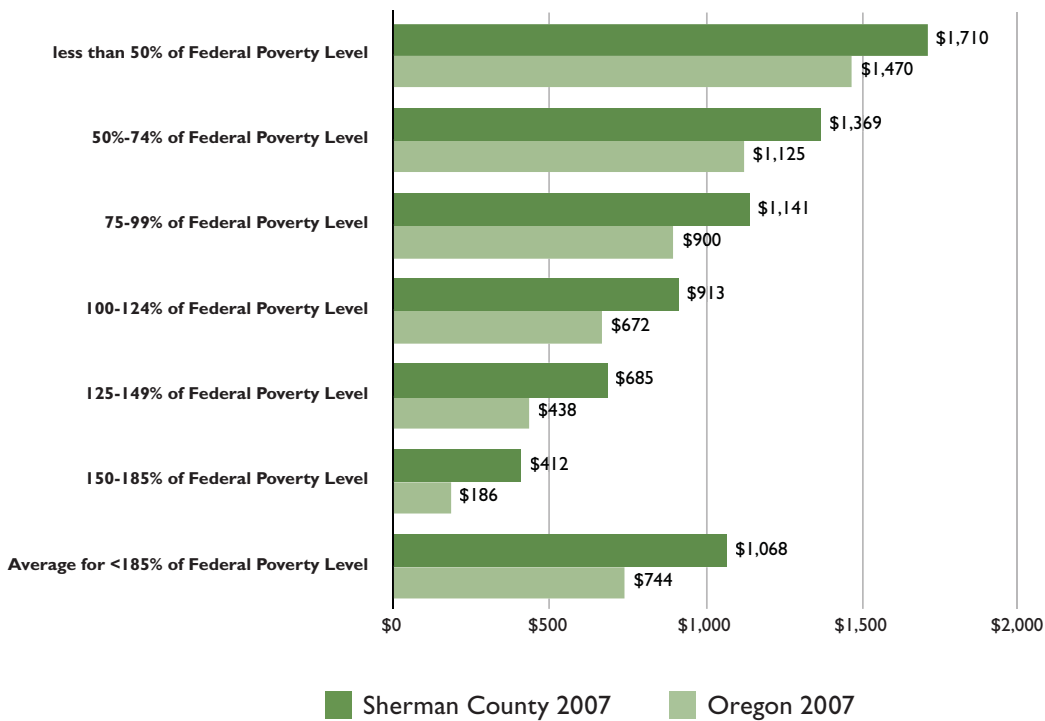
2000 Household Income

	Sherman County	Oregon	United States
Median Household Income	\$35,594	\$40,818	\$41,851
Owner Median Household Income	\$37,813	\$50,713	\$51,323
Renter Median Household Income	\$27,500	\$27,197	\$27,362
Total Households	797	1,333,723	105,480,101
Renters percent income spent on housing	23%	27%	26%
Owners percent income spent on housing	14%	20%	19%
Extremely Low Income (30% of Median Household Income)	\$10,678	\$12,245	\$12,555
Households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	70	130,651	11,699,872
Burdened households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	46	95,676	7,818,106
% Burdened	66%	73%	67%
Very Low Income (50% of Median Household Income)	\$17,797	\$20,409	\$20,926
Households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	50	116,207	9,420,125
Burdened households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	31	79,730	5,574,769
% Burdened	61%	69%	59%
Low Income (80% of Median Household Income)	\$28,475	\$32,654	\$33,481
Households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	74	188,180	14,338,619
Burdened households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	18	76,910	5,210,182
% Burdened	24%	41%	36%
Workforce (120% of Median Household Income)	\$42,713	\$48,982	\$50,221
Households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	85	219,670	16,670,770
Burdened households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	9	56,949	3,488,912
% Burdened	11%	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)

Sherman County	State of Oregon
14%	16%

2007 Number of Primary Care Providers per 100,000

Sherman County	State of Oregon
0	112

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

Sherman County	State of Oregon
81%	71%

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

Sherman County	State of Oregon
26%	26%

2002-2005, average Percent of Adults who Smoke Cigarettes

Sherman County	State of Oregon
22%	22%



Weatherization helps low-income households free money for other expenses.

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How We Help

Sherman 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	\$146,362	\$0
Single Family Loans for low-income households-#	0	0	0	0	0
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Households receiving energy assistance-#	72	47	65	71	72
Units weatherized-#	--	2	1	1	2
Units weatherized-\$	--	\$7,867	\$3,848	\$579	\$3,650
Average per unit weatherized-\$	--	\$3,934	\$3,848	\$579	\$1,825
Oregon Health Plan enrollment-%	10%	12%*	13%	12%	11%
Students eligible for free/reduced lunch-#	108	120	126	136	132
Students eligible free/reduced lunch-%	30%	43%	47%	50%	49%
Population receiving Food Stamps-%	--	20%	19%	18%	19%
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

Sherman County 2008 One Night Count

Sherman County did not conduct a street count.
 One-night count reflects only requests for shelter. No one requested shelter during the count.

Risk Factors

2006-2007, school year
High School Dropout Rate

Sherman
County
0%

State of
Oregon
4%

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

Sherman
County
2%

State of
Oregon
16%

2006
Criminal Offenses,
percent of population

Sherman
County
11%

State of
Oregon
12%