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Asotin County (/ə¹ soʊtən/) is a county in the far southeastern corner of the U.S. state of Washington. As of the 2020 census, the population was 22,285.^[1] The county seat is at Asotin, ^[2] and its largest city is Clarkston. The county was created out of Garfield County in 1883^[3] and derives its name from a Nez Perce word meaning "Eel Creek." Asotin County is part of the Lewiston-Clarkston metropolitan area, which includes Nez Perce County, Idaho, and Asotin County.

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History [edit]

The area delineated by the future Washington state boundary began to be colonized at the start of

the nineteenth century, both by Americans and Canadians. However, the majority of Canadian exploration and interest in the land was due to the fur trade, whereas American settlers were principally seeking land for agriculture and cattle raising. The Treaty of 1818 provided for dual control of this area by US and Canadian government officials. During this period, the future Washington Territory was divided into two administrative zones: Clark County and Lewis County (made official in 1845). The dual-control concept was unwieldy and led to continual argument, and occasional conflict. The

latitude 49 degrees North to American control. In 1854, Skamania County was split from the original Clark County. Later that year, Walla Walla County was split from the new Skamania County. In 1875, Columbia County was split from Walla

status of the Washington area was settled in 1846, when the Oregon Treaty ceded the land south of

Walla County, and in 1881, a portion of Columbia County was set off to form Garfield County. The southeastern portion of Garfield County was partitioned in 1883 to form Asotin County. The 1883 boundary of Asotin has remained unchanged since then. In 1862, Bob Bracken became the first permanent European settler of what would become Asotin county.[4]

Geography [edit]

(1,660 km²), of which 636 square miles (1,650 km²) is land and 4.4 square miles (11 km²) (0.7%) is water. [5] It is the fifth-smallest county in Washington by area. It is part of the Palouse, a wide and

According to the United States Census Bureau, the county has an area of 641 square miles

rolling prairie-like region of the middle Columbia basin. Geographic features [edit] Snake River

Sagebrush Joseph Canyon

- Major highways [edit] • 12 U.S. Route 12

• Whitman County - north Nez Perce County, Idaho – east

Adjacent counties [edit]

- Wallowa County, Oregon south Garfield County – west
- National protected area [edit] Umatilla National Forest (part)

Demographics [edit]

2010 census [edit]

As of the 2010 census, there were 21,623 people, 9,236 households, and 5,914 families living in the county. [11] The population density was 34.0 inhabitants per square mile (13.1/km²). There were 9,872 housing units at an average

under age 18 and 6.7% of those age 65 or over. [14]

97.9% spoke English and 1.6% Spanish as their first language.

Asotin County County Asotin County Courthouse Location within the U.S. state of Washington Washington's location within the U.S. Coordinates: 46°11′N 117°11′W Country United States State Washington October 27, 1883 **Founded** Seat **Asotin** Largest city Clarkston Area Total 641 sq mi (1,660 km²) 636 sq mi (1,650 km²) Water 4.4 sq mi (11 km²) 0.7% Population (2020) 22,285 Total • Estimate (2022) 22,508 🛕 Density 35/sq mi (14/km²) UTC-8 (Pacific) Time zone UTC-7 (PDT) Summer (DST) **Congressional district**

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Historical population

Pop.

1,580

3,366

5,831

6,539

8,136

8,365

10,878

12,909

13,799

16,823

17,605

20,551

21,623

22,285

U.S. Decennial Census^[7] 1790–1960^[8] 1900–1990^[9]

1990-2000^[10] 2010-2020^[1]

2022 (est.) 22,508^[6]

Census

1890

1900

1910

1920

1930

1940

1950

1960

1970

1980

1990

2000

2010

2020

%±

113.0%

73.2%

12.1%

24.4%

2.8%

30.0%

18.7%

6.9%

21.9%

4.6%

16.7%

5.2%

3.1%

1.0%

Website

density of 15.5 units per square mile (6.0 units/km²). [12] The racial makeup of the county was 94.3% white, 1.4% American Indian, 0.5% Asian, 0.4% black or African American, 0.2% Pacific islander, 0.8% from other races, and 2.4%

Politics [edit]

Census-designated places [edit]

Unincorporated communities [edit]

• Clarkston Heights-Vineland

Anatone

from two or more races. Those of Hispanic or Latino origin made up 3.0% of the population. [11] In terms of ancestry, 32.4% were German, 14.8% were Irish, 13.7% were English, 7.5% were American, and 6.2% were Norwegian. [13] Of the 9,236 households, 27.7% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 47.5% were married couples living together, 12.1% had a female householder with no husband present, 36.0% were non-families, and 29.4% of all households were made up of individuals. The average household size was 2.32 and the average family size was 2.83. The median age was 43.5 years.[11]

2000 census [edit] As of the 2000 census, there were 20,551 people, 8,364 households, and 5,654 families living in the county. The population density was 32 inhabitants per square mile (12/km²). There were 9,111 housing units at an average density

below the poverty line, including 22.70% of those under age 18 and 6.70% of those age 65 or over.

delivered 2-to-1 victories, with the lone exception of one of the two incorporated Asotin precincts.

Currently the county is represented at the county commission level by two Republicans and one Independent.

of 14 units per square mile (5.4 units/km²). The racial makeup of the county was 95.62% White, 0.19% Black or African

The median income for a household in the county was \$41,665 and the median income for a family was \$52,250.

\$23,731. About 9.9% of families and 13.5% of the population were below the poverty line, including 21.1% of those

Males had a median income of \$39,633 versus \$28,475 for females. The per capita income for the county was

In the county, the population was spread out, with 25.50% under the age of 18, 8.10% from 18 to 24, 26.10% from 25 to 44, 24.00% from 45 to 64, and 16.30% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 39 years. For every 100 females, there were 91.10 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 86.30 males.

American, 1.27% Native American, 0.51% Asian, 0.02% Pacific Islander, 0.63% from other races, and 1.77% from two or more races. 1.95% of the population were Hispanic or Latino of any race. 25.9% were of German, 12.4% English, 11.9% Irish and 11.0% United States or American ancestry.

There were 8,364 households, out of which 31.00% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 51.40% were married couples living together, 11.90% had a female householder with no husband present, and 32.40% were non-families. 27.00% of all households were made up of individuals, and

11.70% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.42 and the average family size was 2.91.

The median income for a household in the county was \$33,524, and the median income for a family was \$40,592. Males had a median income of \$35,810 versus \$22,218 for females. The per capita income for the county was \$17,748. About 11.60% of families and 15.40% of the population were

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Generally, Asotin County is considered a staunchly Republican area, although it has been known to vote for Democrats, especially on the state level.

In the 2004 Presidential election slightly over 60 percent of the vote went to Republican George W. Bush. It was one of 11 of Washington's 39 counties where Bush received a lower percentage of the vote in 2004 than in 2000. Conversely, even though nearly 60 percent of voters selected the Democratic

In 2004, 27% of presidential votes were cast from incorporated Clarkston, while 61% was from unincorporated suburbs of Clarkston (34% from Clarkston Heights, 12% from West Clarkston, 9% from South Clarkston, and 6% from Swallows Nest). An additional 6% was cast from the incorporated city of Asotin, with rural areas around Asotin accounting for 4% of the vote and areas around the unincorporated community of Anatone making up 2% of the

By and large, the most competitive areas are Clarkston and its suburbs. Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry won two precincts in 2004, one each in Clarkston and West Clarkston. Bush received 54 percent of the vote in West Clarkston, 55 in Clarkston, and 57 percent in South Clarkston. However, he received larger victories of 64 percent in Clarkston Heights and 67 percent in Swallows Nest. Areas around both Asotin and Anatone

Governor Gary Locke in 2000, in 2004 the Democratic gubernatorial nominee Christine Gregoire received only 41 percent of the vote.

United States presidential election results for Asotin Communities [edit] County, Washington^{[15][16]} [hide] Republican **Democratic Third party** Cities [edit] Year **♦** % \$ No. ♦ % ♦ % ♦ No. ♦ No. ♦ Asotin (County seat) Clarkston

• West Clarkston-Highland

Rogersburg

2020

2016

2012

2008

2004

7,319

5,741

5,654

5,451

5,320

61.24% 4,250

57.56% 3,134

55.74% 4,139

60.55% 3,319

4,003

56.70%

35.56%

31.42%

40.14%

42.32%

37.78%

1,099

315

190

147

3.20%

11.02%

3.16%

1.94%

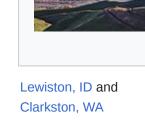
1.67%

4,909 **61.48%** 2,736 34.26% 340 4.26% 2000 Cloverland • Silcott 1996 2,860 39.12% 3,349 45.81% 1,102 15.07% Jerry 2,425 3,239 1,932 1992 31.92% 42.64% 25.43% See also [edit] 45.02% 3,422 1988 1.38% 2,874 53.60% 88 National Register of Historic Places listings in Asotin County, Washington 1984 3,876 **55.21%** 3,042 43.33% 103 1.47% List of counties in Washington 1980 3,275 **49.18%** 2,724 40.91% 660 9.91% 2,898 178 3.05% 1976 2,752 47.22% 49.73% Footnotes [edit] 1972 44.27% 2,911 50.36% 2,559 310 5.36% 1. ^ a b "State & County QuickFacts" . United States Census Bureau. Retrieved October 31, 1968 2,307 42.45% 2,693 49.56% 434 7.99% 1964 1,777 32.69% 3,657 67.27% 2 0.04% 2. ^ "Find a County" \(\textstyle{\mathbb{Z}} \). National Association of Counties. Archived from the original \(\textstyle{\mathbb{Z}} \) on May 31, 2011. Retrieved June 7, 2011. 1960 2,640 46.00% 3,093 53.89% 0.10% 3. ^ "Milestones for Washington State History — Part 2: 1851 to 1900" [2]. HistoryLink.org. March 50.15% 2,586 49.73% 6 0.12% **1956** 2,608 1952 2,160 44.14% 12 0.25% 2,722 55.62% 4. ^ Dougherty, Phil (August 26, 2006). "Bracken, Robert (1841?-1906)" . HistoryLink. Retrieved January 30, 2024. 1948 1,384 38.63% 2,054 57.33% 145 4.05% 5. ^ "2010 Census Gazetteer Files" 2. United States Census Bureau. August 22, 2012. 1944 1,367 41.80% 1,888 57.74% 15 0.46% Retrieved July 4, 2015. 1940 1,483 41.07% 2,107 58.35% 0.58% 6. ^ "Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for Counties: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022" 2. United States Census Bureau. Retrieved October 31, 2023. 2,261 266 7.73% 1936 916 26.60% 65.67% 7. ^ "U.S. Decennial Census" . United States Census Bureau. Retrieved January 7, 2014. 1932 960 31.45% 1,994 65.33% 98 3.21% 8. ^ "Historical Census Browser" 2. University of Virginia Library. Retrieved January 7, 2014. 1,812 **69.37%** 776 29.71% 24 0.92% 1928 9. ^ "Population of Counties by Decennial Census: 1900 to 1990" 2. United States Census Bureau. Retrieved January 7, 2014. 1924 1,094 **46.51%** 508 21.60% 750 31.89% 10. A "Census 2000 PHC-T-4. Ranking Tables for Counties: 1990 and 2000" [and (PDF). United 1920 1,210 **64.84%** 497 26.63% 159 8.52% States Census Bureau. Archived from the original [10] (PDF) on February 26, 2015. Retrieved 8.47% 1,004 42.94% 1,136 48.59% 198 1916 January 7, 2014. 11. ^ a b c "Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics: 2010 Demographic Profile 1912 579 31.38% 551 29.86% 715 38.75% Data" L. United States Census Bureau. Archived from the original L. on February 13, 2020. 33.58% 74 1908 648 **59.61%** 365 6.81% Retrieved March 1, 2016. 1904 747 **72.59%** 227 22.06% 55 5.34% 12. ^ "Population, Housing Units, Area, and Density: 2010 - County" 2. United States Census Bureau. Archived from the original 2 on February 13, 2020. Retrieved March 1, 2016. 1900 398 **52.37%** 328 43.16% 34 4.47% 13. ^ "Selected Social Characteristics in the United States - 2006-2010 American Community 1896 214 43.94% 269 55.24% 4 0.82% Survey 5-Year Estimates" ☑. United States Census Bureau. Archived from the original ☑ on 38.75% 32 1892 194 **52.57%** 143 8.67% February 13, 2020. Retrieved March 1, 2016. 14. ^ "Selected Economic Characteristics - 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates" ☑. United States Census Bureau. Archived from the original ☑ on February 13, 2020. Retrieved March 1, 2016. 15. ^ Leip, David. "Dave Leip's Atlas of U.S. Presidential Elections" ☑. uselectionatlas.org. Retrieved April 5, 2018. 16. ^ The leading "other" candidate, Progressive Theodore Roosevelt, received 513 votes, while Socialist candidate Eugene Debs received 133 votes, Prohibition candidate Eugene Chafin received 66 votes, and Socialist Labor candidate Arthur Reimer received 3 votes. Asotin, Washington Further reading [edit] • Frank T. Gilbert, Historic Sketches: Walla Walla, Columbia and Garfield Counties, Washington Territory. 🗗 Portland, OR: A.G. Walling Printing House, 1882.

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