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Del Norte County (/dɛl nɔ.t/) is a county at the far northwest corner of the U.S. state of California, along the Pacific Ocean adjacent to the Oregon border. As of the 2010 census, the population was 28,610.^[5] The county seat and only incorporated city is Crescent City.^[6] Del Norte was pioneered and settled by Azorean Portuguese explorers and dairy farmers, which may account for the local pronunciation of the county name.^[7] Locals pronounce the county name as Del Nort, not Del Nor-teh as would be expected in Spanish.^[8]

Del Norte County comprises the Crescent City, CA Micropolitan Statistical Area.

The rural county is notable for forests containing giant Coast Redwoods, with some attaining heights over 350 feet (110 m). This northernmost county on the California coast also has scores of unique plants and flowers, dozens of species of coastal birds and fish, rocky primitive beaches and sea stacks, pristine rivers, and historic lighthouses. Del Norte is also known among Bigfoot enthusiasts as the location of the famous Patterson-Gimlin film, as well as being the location of some of the forest scenes used in Return of the Jedi.

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History [edit]

The area that is now known as Del Norte was and still is inhabited by the Yurok (Klamath River Indians) and Tolowa Nations of indigenous peoples. The first European American to explore this land was pioneer Jedediah Smith in the early-19th century. He was the first European American to reach the area overland on foot in a time before the European Americans knew anything about such a distant territory. For him it was literally "Land's End" - where the American continent ended at the Pacific Ocean. In 1855 Congress authorized the building of a lighthouse at "the battery point" (a high tide island on the coast of Crescent City) which is still functioning as a historical landmark.

Del Norte County was established in 1857, from part of the territory of Klamath County following the great California Gold Rush. Klamath County itself ceased to exist in 1874.

Geography [edit]

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 1,230 square miles (3,200 km²), of which 1,006 square miles (2,610 km²) is land and 223 square miles (580 km²) (18%) is water.^[9]

The mountainous terrain associated with the Coastal Range and the Klamath Mountains dominates Del Norte County's geography. Elevation ranges from sea level to over 6,400 feet. Although much of the county is made up of steep terrain, there are small patches of flat terrain along the coast and in isolated mountain valleys. There are 37 miles of coastline in the county, forming a coastal zone that covers approximately 51,000 acres (80 square miles). A broad coastal plain can be found in the northwest portion of the county with the western edge of the Klamath Mountains as its easterly boundary. Rising abruptly from the coastal plain, the Klamath Mountains extend north into Oregon and are situated between the Cascade Range to the east and the Coast Range to the north.^[10]

Adjacent counties [edit]

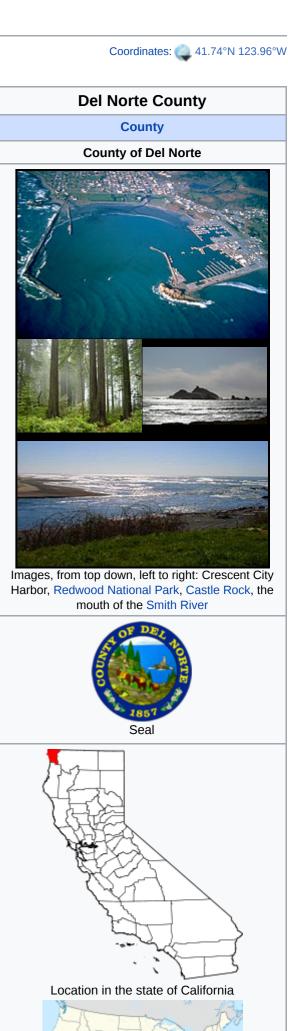
- Curry County, Oregon northwest
- Josephine County, Oregon northeast
- Siskiyou County east
- Humboldt County south

Beach [edit]

Pelican State Beach

Recreation area [edit]

- Smith River National Recreation Area



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Ca	alifornia's locatio	on in the United States
Country		United States
State		🙇 California
Regio	n	North Coast
Incorp	orated	March 2, 1857 ^[1]
Name	d for	Its location, "Of the
		North" (Spanish: Del
		norte), in California
Count	-	Crescent City
Large	st city	Crescent City
Area		
• Tota	1	1,230 sq mi (3,200 km ²)
• Land	d	1,006 sq mi (2,610 km²)
• Wate	er	223 sq mi (580 km ²)
Highe	st elevation ^[2]	6,415 ft (1,955 m)
Population (April 1, 2		.010) ^[3]
• Tota	I	28,610
• Esti	mate (2019) ^[4]	27,812
• Den	sity	23/sq mi (9.0/km ²)
Time z	one	UTC-8 (Pacific Time
_		Zone)
• Sum	imer (DST)	UTC-7 (Pacific Daylight Time)
Area o	odes	707
FIPS o	ode	06-015
GNIS	feature ID	1682074 &
Websi	te	www.co.del-norte.ca .us귭

Rivers [edit]

- · Klamath one of the longest in California.
- Smith a crown jewel of the National Wild and Scenic River program.

Wildlife refuge [edit]

Castle Rock National Wildlife Refuge

Parks [edit]

- Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park
- Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park
- Redwood National Park
- Tolowa Dunes State Park
- Ruby Van Deventer County Park
- Florence Keller County Park

Flora and fauna [edit]

There is a diversity of flora and fauna within Del Norte County. Vegetative plant associations feature several forest types including mixed oak forest. The California endemic Blue oak, Quercus douglasii is at the northernmost part of its range in Del Norte County.^[11] The Black Oak and Douglas-fir are also found in Del Norte County

Demographics [edit]

2011 [edit]

Population, race, and income [show]

Places by population, race, and income [edit]

Places by population and race	[show]
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2010 [edit]

The 2010 United States Census reported that Del Norte County had a population of 28,610. The racial makeup of D (73.7%) White, 993 (3.5%) African American, 2,244 (7.8%) Native American, 965 (3.4%) Asian, 32 (0.1%) Pacific Is races, and 1,298 (4.5%) from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 5,093 persons (17.8%).^[23]

Population reported at 2010 United States Census [show]

2000 [edit]

Del Norte County was 21,098	Historie	cal popula	tion
slander, 1,980 (6.9%) from other	Census	Pop.	<u>%±</u>
	1860	1,993	_
	1870	2,022	1.5%
	1880	2,584	27.8%
	1890	2,592	0.3%
	1900	2,408	-7.1%
ty. The population density was 27 (m^2) . The racial makeum of the	1910	2,417	0.4%
km ²). The racial makeup of the der, 3.9% from other races, and h, 11.3% English, 9.1% Irish and	1920	2,759	14.1%
	1930	4,739	71.8%
е.	1940	4,745	0.1%
married couples living together,	1950	8,078	70.2%
were made up of individuals, and	1960	17,771	120.0%
average family size was 3.08.	1970	14,580	-18.0%
4, and 12.5% who were 65 years	1980	18,217	24.9%
ales age 18 and over, there were	1990	23,460	28.8%
	2000	27,507	17.3%
Males had a median income of	2010	28,610	4.0%
and 20.2% of the population were	2019 (est.)	27,812 ^[4]	-2.8%
	U.S. Decennial Census ^[19] 1790–1960 ^[20] 1900–1990 ^[21]		
	1990–200	00 ^[22] 2010–2	015 ^[5]

As of the census^[24] of 2000, there were 27,507 people, 9,170 households, and 6,290 families residing in the count people per square mile (11/km²). There were 10,434 housing units at an average density of 10 per square mile (4/k county was 78.9% White, 4.3% Black or African American, 6.4% Native American, 2.3% Asian, 0.1% Pacific Islando 4.1% from two or more races. 13.9% of the population were Hispanic or Latino of any race. 16.2% were of German 7.4% American ancestry according to Census 2000. 91.6% spoke English and 6.2% Spanish as their first language

There were 9,170 households, out of which 33.5% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 50.0% were m 13.6% had a female householder with no husband present, and 31.4% were non-families. 25.3% of all households 10.1% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.58 and the

The age distribution was 25.1% under the age of 18, 8.0% from 18 to 24, 32.2% from 25 to 44, 22.3% from 45 to 64 of age or older. The median age was 36 years. For every 100 females there were 123.3 males. For every 100 fema 130.3 males.

The median income for a household in the county was \$29,642, and the median income for a family was \$36,056. I \$40,072 versus \$22,212 for females. The per capita income for the county was \$14,573. About 16.4% of families a below the poverty line, including 26.7% of those under age 18 and 8.2% of those age 65 or over.

Education [edit]

Del Norte County is home to a satellite campus of College of the Redwoods, a two-year college based in Humboldt County.

Del Norte County has one of just five combined county office of education-unified school district learning educational agencies (LEA) in the state of California, with one elected Board of Trustees that serves both agencies, and one superintendent overseeing both the County Office of Education, and the Unified School District.

The Del Norte County Unified School District provides public education to the children of Del Norte County through the twelfth grade. The only high school in Del Norte County is Del Norte High School, whose school mascot is the Warrior. There are also five K-5 elementary schools (Bess Maxwell, Joe Hamilton, Margaret Keating, Mary Peacock, Pine Grove), three K-8 elementary schools (Mountain, Redwood, Smith River), and one middle school (Crescent Elk).

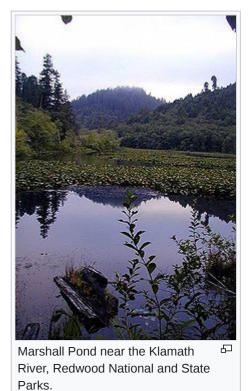
The County Office of Education provides special education services to the county, as well as alternative learning options that includes Community Day and juvenile detention. Alternative educational facilities are Del Norte Community Day, Elk Creek detention center, and Sunset Continuation High School.

Del Norte County has several private parochial schools and charter schools.

Politics [edit]

Del Norte is traditionally a strongly Republican county in Presidential and congressional elections. The last Democrat to win a majority in the county was Jimmy Carter in 1976; even so, Bill Clinton received a plurality in 1992. In 2016, with Orange County flipping, Del Norte county was the only county on California's coast to vote for Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton. Presidential elections results

	el Norte Co party in gul electio	pernatorial	The county has almost an even split in Democratic and Republican voter registration. As of May 2008, approximately 67% of eligible voters are registered to vote in Del Norte County, with approximately 38% registered as Democrats and approximately 38% registered as Republicans, with the State of California reporting 32 more Republicans than Democrats on April 7, 2010. Third party affiliation accounts for approximately 6% of all
Year	GOP	DEM	registered voters in the county. ^[26]
2014	50.4% 3,539	49.6% 3,488	Del Norte County is in California's 2nd congressional district, represented by Democrat Jared Huffman. ^[27]
2010	41.2% 3,373	3 50.0% 4,093	In the State Assembly, Del Norte County is in the 2nd Assembly District, represented by Democrat Jim Wood. ^[28] In the State Senate, the county is in the 2nd Senate District, represented by Democrat Mike McGuire. ^[29]
2006	54.9% 3,639	38.2% 2,531	
2003	55.0% 3,522	25.5% 1,634	Voter registration statistics [edit]
2002	45.8% 3,093	3 43.3% <i>2,922</i>	Population and registered voters [show]
1998	41.5% 3,087	51.3% 3,820	
1994	61.8% 4,626	31.7% <i>2,372</i>	
1990	53.2% 3,615	40.0% 2,717	



[show]

[show]

1986	65.8% 4,213	31.6% <i>2,02</i> 6
1982	51.3% 3,355	44.9% <i>2</i> ,934
1978	49.9% 2,933	41.7% <i>2,451</i>
1974	46.1% 1,921	51.6% 2,149
1970	57.1% 2,755	41.0% 1,977
1966	64.0% 3,409	36.0% 1,918
1962	45.9% 2,418	52.0% 2,741

Cities by population and voter registration [edit]

Cities by population and voter registration	[show]

Crime [edit]

The following table includes the number of incidents reported and the rate per 1,000 persons for each type of offense.

Population and crime rates [show]

Cities by population and crime rates [edit]

Cities by population and crime rates

Transportation [edit]

Major highways [edit]

- (10) U.S. Route 101
- (199) U.S. Route 199
- 69 State Route 169
- 67 State Route 197

Public transportation [edit]

Local public transit is provided by Redwood Coast Transit, which provides access to Amtrak passenger train (via Amtrak bus) service.

Airports [edit]

Contour Airlines conducts passenger flights to and from Jack McNamara Field Airport, operating one daily jet flight to Oakland International Airport.^[34] Flights are operated under a Federal Alternative Essential Air Service subsidy. The flights continue to/from Santa Barbara CA.

Harbor [edit]

The Crescent City Harbor serves as a commercial fishing port for salmon, shrimp, tuna, cod, and dungeness crab commercial fishing boats. Nearly 50% of all dungeness crab served in California restaurants is off-loaded in this harbor. [citation needed] The harbor is also home to multiple fishing and non-fishing related businesses and harbor governmental offices. The harbor also has several pleasure boat docks.

Communities [edit]

Crescent City is the county seat of and only incorporated city in Del Norte County. Its population count includes the inmates of Pelican Bay State Prison located ten miles north of the city.

Cities [edit]

Crescent City

Census-designated places [edit]

- Bertsch-Oceanview
- Fort Dick
- Gasquet
- Hiouchi

Other unincorporated communities [edit]

- Adams Station
- Darlingtonia
- Douglas Park
- False Klamath
- Idlewild
- Klamath Glen
- Pacific Shores
- Patrick Creek
- Requa
- Rockland
- Yontocket

Population ranking [edit]

The population ranking of the following table is based on the 2010 census of Del Norte County.^[35]

† county seat

Rank 🖨	City/Town/etc. +	Municipal type 🗢	Population (2010 Census) +
1	† Crescent City	City	7,643
2	Bertsch-Oceanview	CDP	2,436
3	Yurok Reservation ^[36] (partially in Humboldt County)	AIAN	1,238
4	Fort Dick	CDP	978
5	Smith River	CDP	866
6	Klamath	CDP	779
7	Gasquet	CDP	661
8	Hiouchi	CDP	301
9	Smith River Rancheria ^[37]	AIAN	113
10	Elk Valley Rancheria ^[38]	AIAN	99
11	Resighini Rancheria ^[39]	AIAN	31

- Klamath
- Smith River
- Crescent City North former CDP

See also [edit]

- Hiking trails in Del Norte County
- National Register of Historic Places listings in Del Norte County, California
- Things to Do, Outdoor Recreation & Visitor Information ₽

Notes [edit]

- 1. ^ Other = Some other race + Two or more races
- 2. ^ Native American = Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander + American Indian or Alaska Native
- 3. ^ a b Percentage of registered voters with respect to total population. Percentages of party members with respect to registered voters follow.

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Redwoods State Park in Del Norte

County, near Crescent City, California.