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U.S. county

Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner

Location within the U.S. state of Oregon

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county seat is Heppner. [2] The county is named for one of its first white settlers, Jackson L. Morrow, who was a member of the state legislature when the county was created. Half of the Umatilla Chemical Depot, which includes the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, and the Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman are located within the county. Morrow County is part of the Pendleton-Hermiston, OR, Micropolitan Statistical Area. It is located on the south side of the Columbia River and is included in the eight-county definition of Eastern Oregon.

Morrow County is one of the 36 counties in the U.S. state of Oregon. As of the 2010 census, the population was 11,173.^[1] The

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Morrow County was created in 1885 from the western portion of Umatilla County and a small portion of eastern Wasco County.[3] It is named for Jackson L. Morrow, a state representative who advocated for the county's formation. Heppner was designated the

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temporary county seat at the time the county was created and narrowly defeated Lexington in the election held in 1887 to determine the permanent county seat. Geography [edit]

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 2,049 square miles (5,310 km²), of which 2,032 square miles (5,260 km²) is land and 17 square miles (44 km²) (0.8%) is covered by water.^[4]

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2000 census [edit] As of the census^[10] of 2000, there were 10,995 people, 3,776 households, and 2,718 families living in the county. The population density was 5

was 76.27% White, 0.14% Black or African American, 1.42% Native American, 0.45% Asian, 0.08% Pacific Islander, 19.54% from other races, and 2.14% from two or more races. 24.43% of the population were Hispanic or Latino of any race. 13.6% were of German, 12.8% American, 8.3% Irish, and 8.0% English ancestry. 77.3% spoke English and 22.3% Spanish as their first language. There were 3,776 households, out of which 38.91% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 62.60% were married couples living together, 8.87% had a female householder with no husband present, and 22.70% were non-families. 18.13% of all households were made up of individuals,

people per square mile (2/km²). There were 4,296 housing units at an average density of 2 per square mile (1/km²). The racial makeup of the county

In the county, the population was spread out, with 30.80% under the age of 18, 8.90% from 18 to 24, 27.30% from 25 to 44, 22.40% from 45 to 64, and 10.60% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 33 years. For every 100 females, there were 106.50 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 106.10 males.

the poverty line. Out of the total population, 21.60% of those under the age of 18 and 10.1% of those 65 and older were living below the poverty line. 2010 census [edit]

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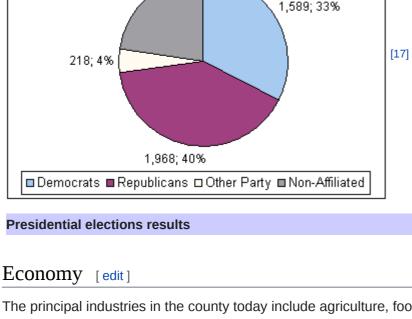
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races, and 2.6% from two or more races. Those of Hispanic or Latino origin made up 31.3% of the population. [11] In terms of ancestry, 19.5% were German, 13.1% were English, 10.7% were Irish, and 5.0% were American.[13] Of the 3,916 households, 37.7% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 59.7% were married couples living together, 9.6% had a female householder with no husband present, 24.6% were non-families, and 19.1% of all households were made up of individuals. The average household size was 2.85 and the average family size was 3.25. The median age was 36.5 years.[11]

The per capita income for the county was \$20,201. About 12.4% of families and 15.3% of the population were below the poverty line, including 21.7% of those under age 18 and 3.9% of those age 65 or over.[14]

Like all counties in eastern Oregon, the majority of registered voters who are part of a political party in Morrow County are members of the Republican Party. In the 2008 presidential election 61.94% of Morrow County voters voted for Republican John McCain, while 34.62% voted for Democrat Barack Obama and 3.44% of voters either voted for a third-party

candidate or wrote in a candidate. [15] These numbers show a slight shift towards the Democratic candidate when compared to the 2004 presidential election, in which 65.9% of Morrow Country voters voted for George W. Bush, while 32.8% voted for John Kerry, and 1.4% of voters either voted for a third-party candidate or wrote in a candidate. [16] However, it shifted back in 2012 and 2016, with Mitt Romney and Donald Trump both receiving roughly 65% of the vote. Breakdown of registered voters in Morrow County, Oregon (as of March 2009)



technology for center pivot irrigation has been a further stimulus to the local economy.

The principal industries in the county today include agriculture, food processing, lumber, livestock, and recreation. The Columbia River also provides Morrow County with a number of related jobs. A coal-fired generating plant in Boardman also employs a significant number of people. Early cattlemen found an abundance of rye along the creek bottoms of the region and drove their herds into the area to forage on these natural

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Municipalities and communities of Morrow County, Oregon, United States

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The Port of Morrow, situated on the Columbia River near the city of Boardman, was established in 1957. The coal-fired electricity generation plant, the Boardman Turbine Coal Plant (601 megawatts), is 14 miles (23 km) southwest of the town of Boardman and is owned by Portland General Electric (PGE; 66%-owned and operated), Idaho Power (10%), Pacific Northwest Generating (10%), and General Electric Credit Corp. (16%). There are also two natural gas-fired plants located at the Port of Morrow; Coyote Springs I (255-276 MW), owned and operated by Portland General Electric; and Coyote Springs II (241-280 MW; PGE operator) owned by Avista Corp.

completion of rail lines into the county in 1883 increased access to markets and encouraged wheat production in the area. The advent of

pastures. Ranching was the primary economic force in the county for many years. Increased settlement, the enclosure of the free grazing lands and diminished pastures due to overgrazing, resulted in the decline of ranching during the 19th century, and farming became predominant. The

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Population (2010)

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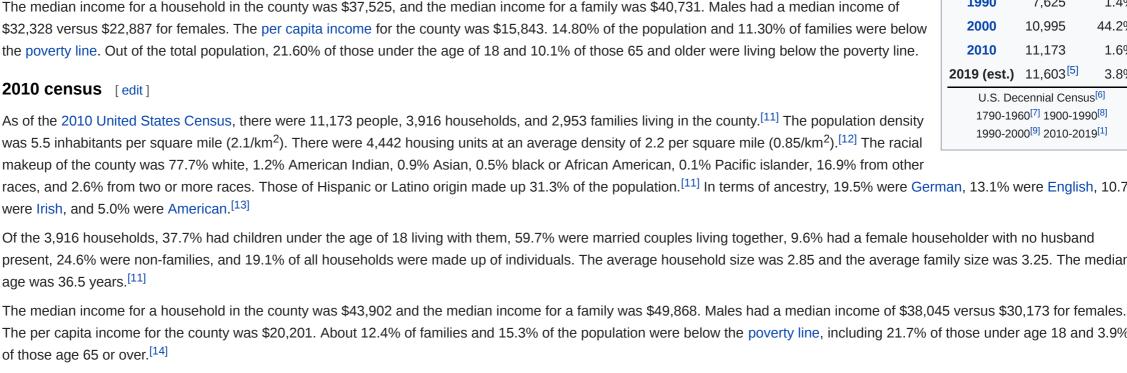


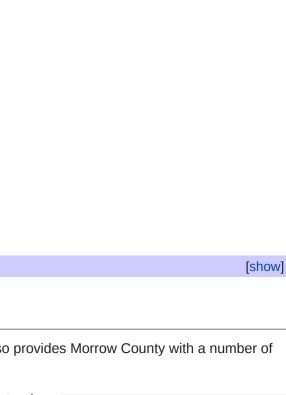
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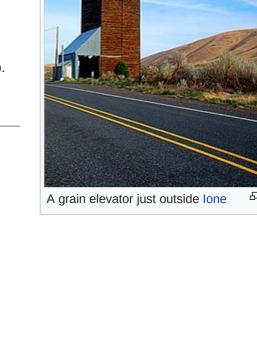
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