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Front Cover: "Diamond Lake at Sunrise," was taken in June 2009 by Tom Porter of Albany.

Tom took this photo from the shore of the lake with his Nikon D80 camera and Nikkor 18-55 mm lens. He shot just as the light of sunrise was hitting Mt. Bailey. The water was like glass, the mountain glowed and the boat added an interesting focal element. "For once, everything I had planned in my mind was all there in one place," he commented.

A retired door and window contractor, Tom became interested in photography in Vietnam. He made the switch from 35 mm slide film to a digital format in 2007.

Back Cover: "Great Blue Heron at Summer Lake" was taken by Judi Dickey at Summer Lake Park in northwest Tigard. The park includes many acres of wildlife preserve and hiking trails between two bustling neighborhoods. Judi, a member of the Yamhill Valley Camera Club (YVCC), photographed this resting heron while on a club field trip one chilly February morning.

Judi became interested in learning more about photography with her first digital camera three years ago. She especially enjoys taking close-ups of animals, insects and flowers. The YVCC hosts the photography exhibit for the Yamhill County Fair, and members compete in the larger Columbia Council of Camera Clubs.

Judi has been an educator for 31 years, and she makes her home in McMinnville.

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 Elevation: 225'
 Incorporated: 2/13/1903
 Mayor: Vernon Mosser

Wilsonville

County: Clackamas
 Address: 29799 SW Town Center Lp E, 97070
 Phone: 503-682-1011
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 Web: www.ci.wilsonville.or.us
 Elevation: 175'
 Incorporated: 2/4/1969
 Mayor: Tim Knapp

Winston

County: Douglas
 Address: 201 NW Douglas Blvd., 97496
 Phone: 541-679-6739
 Fax: 541-679-0794
 Web: www.winstoncity.org
 Elevation: 545'
 Incorporated: 6/29/1953
 Mayor: Sharon Harrison

Wood Village

County: Multnomah
 Address: 2055 NE 238th Dr., 97060
 Phone: 503-667-6211
 Fax: 503-669-8723
 Web: www.ci.wood-village.or.us
 Elevation: 90'-330'
 Incorporated: 2/9/1951
 Mayor: Patricia Smith

Woodburn

County: Marion
 Address: 270 Montgomery St., 97071
 Phone: 503-982-5222
 Fax: 503-982-5244
 Web: www.woodburn-or.gov
 Elevation: 186'
 Incorporated: 2/20/1889
 Mayor: Kathy Figley

Yachats

County: Lincoln
 Address: PO Box 345, 97498
 Phone: 541-547-3565
 Fax: 541-547-3063
 Web: www.ci.yachats.or.us
 Elevation: 45'
 Incorporated: 7/18/1966
 Mayor: Ronald Brean

Yamhill

County: Yamhill
 Address: PO Box 9, 97148
 Phone: 503-662-3511
 Fax: 503-662-4589
 Web: www.cityofyamhill.com
 Elevation: 182'
 Incorporated: 2/20/1891
 Mayor: Paula Terp

Yoncalla

County: Douglas
 Address: PO Box 508, 97499
 Phone: 541-849-2152
 Fax: 541-849-2552
 E-mail: yoncalla@cityofyoncalla.com
 Elevation: 360'
 Incorporated: 2/27/1901
 Mayor: Gerald Cross

CITY POPULATIONS: 1970-2009

Source: Population Research Center, Portland State University
 Phone: 503-725-3922

Rank	City	% Change*	2009	2000	1990	1980	1970
155	Adair Village	73.5	930	536	554	589	0
194	Adams	12.8	335	297	223	240	219
206	Adrian	25.9	185	147	131	162	0
11	Albany	20.3	49,165	40,852	29,540	26,511	18,181
127	Amity	13.0	1,670	1,478	1,175	1,092	708
215	Antelope	1.7	60	59	34	39	51
176	Arlington	16.4	610	524	425	521	375
23	Ashland	10.2	21,505	19,522	16,252	14,943	12,342
47	Astoria	4.5	10,250	9,813	10,069	9,996	10,244
139	Athena	4.0	1,270	1,221	997	965	872
88	Aumsville	18.5	3,560	3,003	1,650	1,432	590
151	Aurora	49.6	980	655	523	306	--
48	Baker City	3.0	10,160	9,860	9,140	9,471	9,354
90	Bandon	16.3	3,295	2,833	2,215	2,311	1,832
132	Banks	11.6	1,435	1,286	563	489	430
211	Barlow	0.0	140	140	118	105	105
138	Bay City	11.8	1,285	1,149	1,027	986	898
6	Beaverton	14.1	86,860	76,129	53,307	31,962	18,577
7	Bend	58.1	82,280	52,029	20,447	17,260	13,710
90	Boardman	15.4	3,295	2,855	1,387	1,261	192
188	Bonanza	2.4	425	415	323	270	230
71	Brookings	18.8	6,470	5,447	4,400	3,384	2,720
122	Brownsville	22.8	1,780	1,449	1,281	1,261	1,034
95	Burns	-1.3	3,025	3,064	2,913	3,579	3,293
185	Butte Falls	1.4	445	439	252	428	358
37	Canby	19.1	15,230	12,790	8,990	7,659	3,813
126	Cannon Beach	6.4	1,690	1,588	1,221	1,187	779
171	Canyon City	2.4	685	669	648	639	600
125	Canyonville	31.9	1,705	1,293	1,219	1,288	940
121	Carlton	18.2	1,790	1,514	1,289	1,302	1,126
148	Cascade Locks	-5.4	1,055	1,115	930	838	574
123	Cave Junction	28.4	1,750	1,363	1,126	1,023	415
30	Central Point	37.4	17,165	12,493	7,512	6,357	4,004
172	Chiloquin	0.6	720	716	673	778	826
124	Clatskanie	13.5	1,735	1,528	1,629	1,648	1,286
147	Coburg	11.5	1,080	969	763	699	734
111	Columbia City	26.7	1,990	1,571	1,003	678	537
164	Condon	3.4	785	759	635	783	973
31	Coos Bay	8.4	16,670	15,374	15,076	14,424	13,466
82	Coquille	0.5	4,205	4,184	4,121	4,481	4,437
44	Cornelius	13.8	10,985	9,652	6,148	4,402	1,903
10	Corvallis	11.8	55,125	49,322	44,757	40,960	35,056
55	Cottage Grove	12.3	9,485	8,445	7,403	7,148	6,004
175	Cove	7.7	640	594	507	451	363

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77	Creswell	33.8	4,790	3,579	2,431	1,770	1,199	5	Hillsboro	28.8	90,380	70,186	37,598	27,664	14,675
137	Culver	66.5	1,335	802	570	514	407	118	Hines	15.2	1,870	1,623	1,452	1,632	1,407
36	Dallas	24.0	15,445	12,459	9,422	8,530	6,361	64	Hood River	18.8	6,925	5,831	4,632	4,329	3,991
49	Damascus	--	9,985	--	--	--	--	92	Hubbard	26.5	3,140	2,483	1,881	1,640	975
102	Dayton	17.7	2,495	2,119	1,526	1,409	949	178	Huntington	14.6	590	515	522	539	507
206	Dayville	34.1	185	138	144	199	197	203	Idanha	-0.9	230	232	289	319	382
133	Depoe Bay	21.0	1,420	1,174	870	723	--	196	Imbler	3.9	295	284	299	292	139
198	Detroit	5.0	275	262	331	367	328	58	Independence	36.5	8,240	6,035	4,425	4,024	2,594
149	Donald	64.8	1,030	625	316	267	231	194	Ione	4.4	335	321	255	345	355
146	Drain	6.8	1,090	1,021	1,086	1,148	1,204	117	Irrigon	10.5	1,880	1,702	737	700	261
174	Dufur	12.2	660	588	527	560	493	149	Island City	12.4	1,030	916	696	477	202
94	Dundee	17.8	3,060	2,598	1,663	1,223	588	99	Jacksonville	19.2	2,665	2,235	1,896	2,030	1,611
136	Dunes City	9.6	1,360	1,241	1,081	1,124	976	100	Jefferson	6.8	2,655	2,487	1,805	1,702	936
134	Durham	1.3	1,400	1,382	748	707	410	119	John Day	1.9	1,855	1,821	1,836	2,012	1,566
57	Eagle Point	83.2	8,790	4,797	3,008	2,764	1,241	172	Johnson City	7.3	680	634	586	378	-0-
173	Echo	10.0	715	650	500	624	479	202	Jordan Valley	0.4	240	239	364	473	196
125	Elgin	3.1	1,705	1,654	1,586	1,701	1,375	143	Joseph	6.3	1,120	1,054	1,073	999	839
200	Elkton	73.5	255	147	172	155	176	74	Junction City	15.7	5,460	4,721	3,670	3,320	2,373
112	Enterprise	4.2	1,975	1,895	1,905	2,003	1,680	14	Keizer	12.5	36,220	32,203	21,884	--	--
96	Estacada	20.8	2,865	2,371	2,016	1,419	1,164	97	King City	42.9	2,785	1,949	2,060	1,853	1,427
2	Eugene	13.9	157,100	137,893	112,733	105,664	79,028	26	Klamath Falls	9.5	21,305	19,460	17,737	16,661	15,775
51	Fairview	28.8	9,740	7,561	2,391	1,749	1,045	39	La Grande	6.1	13,085	12,327	11,766	11,354	9,645
152	Falls City	-0.1	965	966	818	804	745	129	La Pine	--	1,625	--	--	--	--
54	Florence	31.9	9,580	7,263	5,171	4,411	2,246	83	Lafayette	51.8	3,925	2,586	1,292	1,215	786
24	Forest Grove	21.4	21,500	17,708	13,559	11,499	8,175	13	Lake Oswego	4.2	36,755	35,278	30,576	22,527	14,615
183	Fossil	-0.9	465	469	399	535	511	130	Lakeside	9.8	1,560	1,421	1,437	1,453	--
157	Garibaldi	-0.4	895	899	886	999	1,083	98	Lakeview	8.5	2,685	2,474	2,526	2,770	2,705
173	Gaston	10.8	665	600	563	471	429	34	Lebanon	20.3	15,580	12,950	10,950	10,413	7,277
180	Gates	7.2	505	471	499	455	250	201	Lexington	8.4	285	263	286	307	230
131	Gearhart	44.7	1,440	995	1,027	967	829	61	Lincoln City	6.6	7,930	7,437	5,908	5,469	4,196
105	Gervais	12.5	2,260	2,009	992	799	746	218	Lonerock	-16.7	20	24	11	26	12
41	Gladstone	6.8	12,215	11,438	10,152	9,500	6,254	204	Long Creek	-3.5	220	228	249	252	196
153	Glendale	11.7	955	855	707	712	709	201	Lostine	-4.9	250	263	231	250	196
108	Gold Beach	12.8	2,140	1,897	1,546	1,515	1,554	149	Lowell	17.0	1,030	880	785	661	567
147	Gold Hill	0.7	1,080	1,073	964	904	603	142	Lyons	12.6	1,135	1,008	938	877	645
217	Granite	25.0	30	24	8	17	4	66	Madras	31.0	6,650	5,078	3,443	2,235	1,689
15	Grants Pass	44.4	33,225	23,003	17,503	15,032	12,455	162	Malin	25.8	805	640	725	539	486
208	Grass Valley	-0.6	170	171	160	164	153	167	Manzanita	30.3	735	564	513	443	261
219	Greenhorn	200.0	2	0	0	0	0	181	Maupin	19.2	490	411	456	495	428
4	Gresham	12.0	101,015	90,205	68,249	33,005	10,030	166	Maywood Park	-3.5	750	777	781	845	1,230
186	Haines	2.1	435	426	405	341	212	16	McMinnville	23.6	32,760	26,499	17,894	14,080	10,125
191	Halfway	5.3	355	337	311	380	317	8	Medford	21.3	77,240	63,687	47,021	39,746	28,454
160	Halsey	16.0	840	724	667	693	467	156	Merill	2.0	915	897	837	822	722
42	Happy Valley	153.7	11,465	4,519	1,519	1,499	1,392	157	Metolius	22.8	895	729	450	451	27
89	Harrisburg	23.6	3,455	2,795	1,939	1,881	1,311	128	Mill City	8.0	1,660	1,537	1,555	1,565	1,451
203	Helix	25.7	230	183	150	155	152	141	Millersburg	79.7	1,170	651	715	562	--
132	Heppner	2.9	1,435	1,395	1,412	1,498	1,429	68	Milton-Freewater	1.2	6,545	6,470	5,533	5,086	4,105
33	Hermiston	23.3	16,215	13,154	10,047	8,408	4,893	27	Milwaukie	2.1	20,920	20,490	18,670	17,931	16,444

Local Government

Rank	City	% Change*	2009	2000	1990	1980	1970
207	Mitchell	2.9	175	170	163	183	196
63	Molalla	38.1	7,800	5,647	3,651	2,992	2,005
52	Monmouth	24.4	9,630	7,741	6,288	5,594	5,237
170	Monroe	13.7	690	607	448	412	443
212	Monument	-10.6	135	151	162	192	161
190	Moro	15.7	390	337	292	336	290
182	Mosier	18.3	485	410	244	340	217
84	Mt. Angel	21.4	3,790	3,121	2,778	2,876	1,973
177	Mt. Vernon	0.8	600	595	549	569	423
86	Myrtle Creek	7.2	3,665	3,419	3,063	3,365	2,733
101	Myrtle Point	4.0	2,550	2,451	2,712	2,859	2,511
199	Nehalem	28.1	260	203	232	258	241
22	Newberg	28.2	23,150	18,064	13,086	10,394	6,507
45	Newport	11.2	10,600	9,532	8,437	7,519	5,188
50	North Bend	3.3	9,855	9,544	9,614	9,779	8,553
115	North Plains	19.0	1,910	1,605	997	715	690
179	North Powder	4.3	510	489	448	430	304
91	Nyssa	1.5	3,210	3,163	2,629	2,862	2,620
154	Oakland	-0.9	945	954	844	886	1,010
85	Oakridge	18.4	3,755	3,172	3,063	3,680	3,422
43	Ontario	4.1	11,435	10,985	9,394	8,814	6,523
17	Oregon City	19.2	30,710	25,754	14,698	14,673	9,176
201	Paisley	1.2	250	247	350	343	260
29	Pendleton	7.1	17,515	16,354	15,142	14,521	13,197
80	Philomath	20.9	4,640	3,838	2,983	2,673	1,688
76	Phoenix	19.6	4,855	4,060	3,239	2,309	1,287
130	Pilot Rock	1.8	1,560	1,532	1,478	1,630	1,612
138	Port Orford	11.4	1,285	1,153	1,025	1,061	1,037
1	Portland	10.0	582,130	529,121	438,802	366,383	379,967
165	Powers	2.9	755	734	682	819	842
145	Prairie City	2.8	1,110	1,080	1,117	1,106	867
215	Prescott	-16.7	60	72	63	73	105
46	Prineville	40.9	10,370	7,358	5,355	5,276	4,101
120	Rainier	8.2	1,825	1,687	1,674	1,655	1,731
19	Redmond	91.4	25,800	13,481	7,165	6,452	3,721
81	Reedsport	-1.8	4,300	4,378	4,796	4,984	4,039
210	Richland	2.0	150	147	161	181	133
149	Riddle	1.6	1,030	1,014	1,143	1,265	1,042
192	Rivergrove	8.0	350	324	294	314	--
135	Rockaway Beach	8.9	1,380	1,267	970	906	665
109	Rogue River	12.9	2,090	1,851	1,759	1,308	841
25	Roseburg	6.7	21,355	20,017	17,069	16,644	14,461
198	Rufus	2.6	275	268	295	352	317
3	Salem	14.6	156,955	136,924	107,793	89,091	68,725
59	Sandy	52.4	8,205	5,385	4,152	2,905	1,544
67	Scappoose	32.7	6,605	4,976	3,529	3,213	1,859
163	Scio	13.7	790	695	623	579	447
195	Scotts Mills	-3.8	300	312	283	249	208

Rank	City	% Change*	2009	2000	1990	1980	1970
70	Seaside	9.8	6,480	5,900	5,359	5,193	4,402
203	Seneca	3.1	230	223	191	285	--
96	Shady Cove	24.2	2,865	2,307	1,351	1,097	--
216	Shaniko	53.8	40	26	26	30	58
72	Sheridan	8.3	6,020	5,561	3,979	2,249	1,881
32	Sherwood	41.1	16,640	11,791	3,093	2,386	1,396
140	Siletz	5.0	1,190	1,133	992	1,001	596
53	Silverton	29.3	9,585	7,414	5,635	5,168	4,301
114	Sisters	100.7	1,925	959	708	696	516
196	Sodaville	1.7	295	290	192	171	125
209	Spray	14.3	160	140	149	155	161
9	Springfield	9.9	58,085	52,864	44,664	41,621	26,874
40	St. Helens	23.6	12,380	10,019	7,535	7,064	6,212
189	St. Paul	17.2	415	354	322	312	346
104	Stanfield	15.7	2,290	1,979	1,568	1,568	891
62	Stayton	14.7	7,820	6,816	5,011	4,396	3,170
106	Sublimity	5.0	2,255	2,148	1,491	1,077	634
213	Summerville	2.6	120	117	142	143	76
208	Sumpter	-0.6	170	171	119	133	120
60	Sutherlin	21.2	8,085	6,669	5,020	4,560	3,070
56	Sweet Home	12.9	9,050	8,016	6,850	6,921	3,799
65	Talent	19.5	6,680	5,589	3,274	2,577	1,389
150	Tangent	7.2	1,000	933	556	478	0
38	The Dalles	10.1	13,385	12,156	11,021	10,820	10,423
12	Tigard	15.1	47,460	41,223	29,435	14,799	6,499
79	Tillamook	8.2	4,710	4,352	4,001	3,991	3,968
87	Toledo	5.0	3,645	3,472	3,174	3,151	2,818
35	Troutdale	12.8	15,535	13,777	7,852	5,908	1,661
18	Tualatin	14.7	26,130	22,791	14,664	7,483	750
123	Turner	46.0	1,750	1,199	1,281	1,116	846
199	Ukiah	2.0	260	255	250	249	--
69	Umatilla	31.2	6,530	4,978	3,046	3,199	679
113	Union	1.8	1,960	1,926	1,847	2,062	1,531
214	Unity	-12.2	115	131	87	115	--
110	Vale	5.3	2,080	1,976	1,491	1,558	1,448
75	Veneta	80.1	4,975	2,762	2,519	2,449	1,377
103	Vernonia	6.4	2,370	2,228	1,808	1,785	1,643
107	Waldport	4.6	2,145	2,050	1,595	1,274	700
158	Walla Walla	2.4	890	869	748	847	811
78	Warrenton	16.8	4,785	4,096	2,681	2,493	1,825
187	Wasco	12.9	430	381	374	415	412
205	Waterloo	-10.0	215	239	191	211	186
20	West Linn	9.6	24,400	22,261	16,389	11,358	7,091
193	Westfir	21.4	340	280	278	312	--
165	Weston	5.3	755	717	606	719	660
184	Wheeler	17.6	460	391	335	319	262
116	Willamina	2.2	1,885	1,844	1,748	1,749	1,193
28	Wilsonville	28.8	18,020	13,991	7,106	2,920	1,001
73	Winston	28.4	5,925	4,613	3,773	3,359	2,468

Rank	City	% Change*	2009	2000	1990	1980	1970
93	Wood Village	9.4	3,130	2,860	2,814	2,253	1,533
21	Woodburn	16.2	23,350	20,100	13,404	11,196	7,495
161	Yachats	32.1	815	617	533	482	441
159	Yamhill	8.3	860	794	867	690	516
144	Yoncalla	6.0	1,115	1,052	919	805	675

*Change in population between 2000 and 2009

COUNTY POPULATIONS: 1980-2009

Rank	County	% Change*	2009	2005	2000	1990	1980
28	Baker	-1.7	16,450	16,500	16,741	15,317	16,134
11	Benton	11.0	86,725	82,835	78,153	70,811	68,211
3	Clackamas	12.3	379,845	361,300	338,391	278,850	241,911
19	Clatsop	6.2	37,840	36,640	35,630	33,301	32,489
17	Columbia	11.1	48,410	46,220	43,560	37,557	35,646
16	Coos	0.5	63,065	62,695	62,779	60,273	64,047
21	Crook	41.7	27,185	22,775	19,182	14,111	13,091
26	Curry	1.0	21,340	21,190	21,137	19,327	16,992
7	Deschutes	48.0	170,705	143,490	115,367	74,958	62,142
9	Douglas	5.0	105,395	102,905	100,399	94,649	93,748
34	Gilliam	-1.6	1,885	1,890	1,915	1,717	2,057
31	Grant	-5.2	7,525	7,685	7,935	7,853	8,210
30	Harney	1.4	7,715	7,660	7,609	7,060	8,314
27	Hood River	6.4	21,725	21,180	20,411	16,903	15,835
6	Jackson	14.2	207,010	194,515	181,269	146,389	132,456
25	Jefferson	19.5	22,715	20,600	19,009	13,676	11,599
12	Josephine	10.5	83,665	79,645	75,726	62,649	58,855
15	Klamath	4.0	66,350	65,055	63,775	57,702	59,117
32	Lake	2.4	7,600	7,505	7,422	7,186	7,532
4	Lane	7.7	347,690	336,085	322,959	282,912	275,226
18	Lincoln	0.5	44,700	44,405	44,479	38,889	35,264
8	Linn	7.6	110,865	107,150	103,069	91,227	89,495
20	Malheur	0.3	31,720	31,800	31,615	26,038	26,896
5	Marion	11.7	318,170	302,135	284,834	228,483	204,692
29	Morrow	14.1	12,540	11,945	10,995	7,625	7,519
1	Multnomah	9.7	724,680	692,825	660,486	583,887	562,647
14	Polk	10.3	68,785	65,670	62,380	49,541	45,203
35	Sherman	-5.4	1,830	1,880	1,934	1,918	2,172
22	Tillamook	7.7	26,130	24,950	24,262	21,570	21,164
13	Umatilla	2.7	72,430	72,395	70,548	59,249	58,861
23	Union	3.8	25,470	24,950	24,530	23,598	23,921
33	Wallowa	-1.7	7,100	7,130	7,226	6,911	7,273
24	Wasco	1.8	24,230	23,935	23,791	21,683	21,732
2	Washington	18.4	527,140	489,785	445,342	311,554	245,860
36	Wheeler	2.5	1,585	1,550	1,547	1,396	1,513
10	Yamhill	12.1	95,250	90,310	84,992	65,551	55,332
	Oregon	11.8	3,823,465	3,631,440	3,421,399	2,842,321	2,633,156

*Change in population between 2000 and 2009

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

The word "county" is from the French word "conte," meaning the domain of a count. However, a county within the United States, defined by Webster's Dictionary as "the largest territorial division for local government within a state," is based on the Anglo-Saxon shire, which corresponds to the modern county. Counties were brought to the United States by the English colonists and were established in the central and western parts of the United States by the pioneers as they moved westward.

Early county governments in Oregon were very limited in the services they provided. Their primary responsibilities were forest and farm-to-market roads, law enforcement, courts, care for the needy and tax collections. In response to demands of a growing population and a more complex society, today's counties provide a wide range of important public services including: public health, mental health, community corrections, juvenile services, criminal prosecution, hospitals, nursing homes, airports, parks, libraries, land-use planning, building regulations, refuse disposal, elections, air-pollution control, veterans services, economic development, urban renewal, public housing, vector control, county fairs, museums, dog control, civil defense and senior services.

Originally, counties functioned almost exclusively as agents of the state government. Their every activity had to be either authorized or mandated by state law. However, in 1958, an amendment to the Oregon Constitution authorized counties to adopt "home rule" charters, and a 1973 state law granted all counties power to exercise broad "home rule" authority. As a result, the national Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations has identified county government in Oregon as having the highest degree of local discretionary authority of any state in the nation.

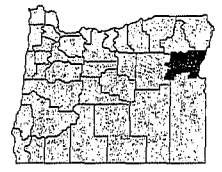
Nine counties have adopted "home rule" charters, wherein voters have the power to adopt and amend their own county government organization. Lane and Washington were the first to adopt "home rule" in 1962, followed by Hood River (1964), Multnomah (1967), Benton (1972), Jackson (1978), Josephine (1980), Clatsop (1988) and Umatilla (1993).

Twenty-four of Oregon's 36 counties, including the nine with charters, are governed by a board of commissioners comprised of three to five elected members. The remaining 12 less populated counties are governed by a "county court" consisting of a county judge and two commissioners.

Baker County

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Established:
 Sept. 22, 1862
Elev. at Baker
 City: 3,471'
Area: 3,089 sq. mi.
Average Temp.:
 January 25.2°
 July 66.6°



Assessed Value:
 \$1,177,056,739
Real Market Value: \$1,554,939,842
Annual Precipitation: 10.63"
Economy: Agriculture, forest products, manufacturing and recreation

Points of Interest: The Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and Old Oregon Trail, Sumpter Gold Dredge Park and ghost towns, Sumpter Valley Railroad, Baker City Restored Historic District (including Geiser Grand Hotel), Anthony Lakes Ski Resort and summer picnic areas, camping and hiking trails, Eagle Cap Wilderness area, Brownlee, Oxbow and Hells Canyon Reservoirs and Hells Canyon

Baker County was established from part of Wasco County and named after Col. Edward D. Baker, a U.S. Senator from Oregon. A Union officer and close friend of President Lincoln, Colonel Baker was the only member of Congress to die in the Civil War. He was killed at Ball's Bluff, Virginia. Auburn, which no longer exists, was the first county seat. Baker City became the county seat in 1868. It was incorporated in 1874, and it is the 17th oldest city in Oregon.

Before 1861, the majority of immigrants only paused in Baker County on their way west, unaware of its vast agricultural and mineral resources. Then the great gold rush began, and Baker County became one of the Northwest's largest gold producers. Farming, ranching, logging, and recreation have become the chief economic bases for an area that displays spectacular scenery, including the world's deepest gorge, Hells Canyon; an outstanding museum with the famous Cavin-Walfel rock collection; and numerous historic buildings with interesting architectural features.

County Officials: Commissioners—Tim L. Kerns (R) 2013, Carl E. Stiff (R) 2015, Fred Warner Jr. (D) 2015; Dist. Atty. Matthew Shirtcliff 2013; Assess. Kerry Savage 2013; Clerk Tami Green 2015; Justices of the Peace Yvonne Riggs 2013, Lisa Yervasi 2013; Sheriff Mitch Southwick 2013; Surv. Tom Hanley 2013; Treas. Alice Durlfanger 2015

