



Marion and Polk counties lie in the heart of the Willamette Valley, which contains the largest population and employment in Oregon. The population of both counties has grown faster than the population of the state as a whole, with the fastest growth occurring in the 1990s.

The 2008 population of Marion County was 314,865, an 11 percent increase over 2000. The largest city is Salem, with a population of 154,510. Other large cities in Marion County include Keizer (36,150), Woodburn, (23,355), Silverton (9,540), and Stayton (7,815).

Marion County’s population grew 12 percent from 1980 to 1990, and 25 percent from 1990 to 2000, outpacing the state’s growth rates of 8 percent and 20 percent respectively. The Hispanic population in Marion County has doubled each decade from 1980; it was 17 percent in 2000, and 21 percent in 2007. The median age in the county in 2007 was 34.6 years (Oregon was 37.6 years). The largest age group in 2007 was the 15 – to – 19 age class. Eighty one percent of the county’s population over age 25 had earned a high school diploma or GED, and 21 percent, a bachelor’s degree or higher.

The 2008 population of Polk County was 68,235, a 17 percent increase over 2000. Dallas, the county seat, had a population of 15,360. The next largest city was Monmouth with 9,565 residents, and Independence, with 8,030.

Polk County’s population grew 10 percent from 1980 to 1990 and 26 percent from 1990 to 2000, outpacing the state’s growth rates of 8 percent and 20 percent respectively. The Hispanic population in Polk County in 2007 was 12 percent, up from four percent in 1980, and six percent in 1990. The median age in the county was 36.8, almost exactly matching the state’s median age. The County also has a much higher fraction of population ages 15 to 24, due to students at Western Oregon University, and a large retiree population. Eighty eight percent of the population over 25 had a high school diploma or GED, and nearly 28 percent, a bachelor’s or higher.

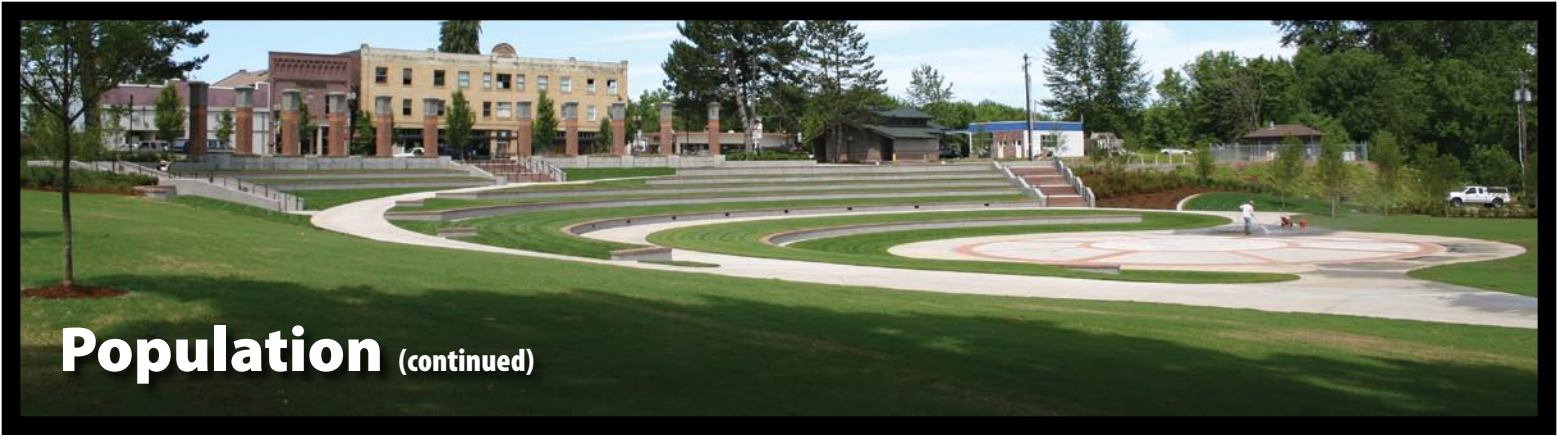
City Comparisons

| City | Population Estimate 2007 | April 1, 1990 Census Population | % Change |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Dallas, OR | 15,360 | 9,422 | 63% |
| Eugene, OR | 154,620 | 112,669 | 37% |
| Independence, OR | 8,030 | 4,425 | 82% |
| Keizer, OR | 36,150 | 21,884 | 65% |
| Las Vegas, NV* | 588,880 | 258,295 | 128% |
| Monmouth, OR | 9,565 | 6,288 | 52% |
| Phoenix, AZ* | 1,552,259 | 983,403 | 58% |
| Portland, OR | 575,930 | 438,802 | 31% |
| Sacramento, CA* | 460,242 | 369,365 | 25% |
| Salem, OR | 154,510 | 107,793 | 43% |
| San Diego, CA* | 1,266,731 | 1,110,549 | 14% |
| Seattle, WA* | 594,210 | 516,259 | 15% |
| Silverton, OR | 9,540 | 5,635 | 69% |
| Stayton, OR | 7,815 | 5,011 | 56% |
| Woodburn, OR | 23,355 | 13,404 | 74% |

Additional information is available from the following sources:

- Center for Population Research and Census
Portland State University
www.upa.pdx.edu/CPRC/
- Oregon State Library
www.osl.state.or.us/home
- Office of Economic Analysis
www.oea.das.state.or.us/
- Census Bureau Home Page
www.census.gov

Source: City Comparisons (Oregon cities’ population estimates are from Portland State University, and out-of-state cities’ population are Census estimates).



Population (continued)

County and City Population History

| | 1990 Census Count | 2000 Census Count | 2008 Estimates (*) | % Gain 1990-2000 | % Gain 2000-2008 | % Gain 1990-2008 |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Marion County | 228,483 | 284,838 | 314,866 | 25% | 11% | 38% |
| Polk County | 49,541 | 62,380 | 68,235 | 26% | 9% | 38% |
| Dallas | 9,422 | 12,459 | 15,360 | 32% | 23% | 63% |
| Independence | 4,425 | 6,035 | 8,030 | 36% | 33% | 81% |
| Keizer | 21,884 | 32,203 | 36,150 | 47% | 12% | 65% |
| Monmouth | 6,288 | 7,741 | 9,565 | 23% | 24% | 52% |
| Salem | 107,786 | 136,924 | 154,510 | 27% | 13% | 43% |
| Silverton | 5,635 | 7,414 | 9,540 | 32% | 29% | 69% |
| Stayton | 5,011 | 6,816 | 7,815 | 36% | 15% | 56% |
| Woodburn | 13,404 | 20,100 | 23,355 | 50% | 16% | 74% |

(*) Portland State University Population Research Center Estimates

County Projections

| County | 2010 | 2020 | 2030 | 2040 |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Marion | 323,128 | 367,018 | 410,022 | 448,671 |
| Polk | 72,845 | 95,594 | 117,557 | 135,937 |

Source: U.S. Census and Oregon Dept. of Administrative Services

U.S. Census Bureau Fact Finder

<http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff>

For more in-depth information about Marion and Polk Counties visit SEDCOR's website at www.sedcor.com.