

# UNION COUNTY, OREGON

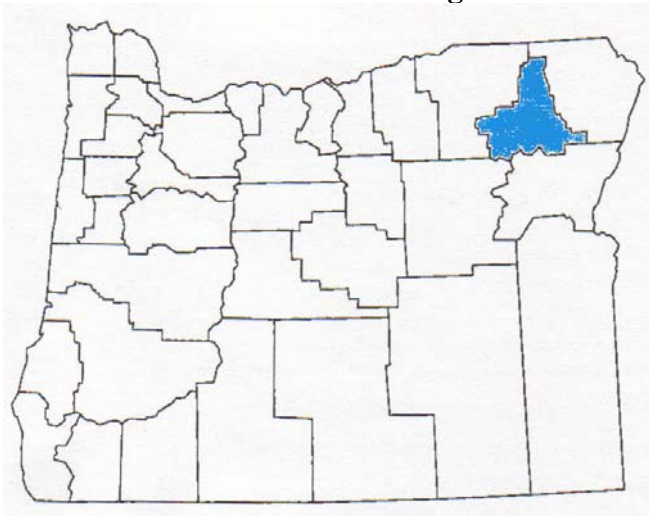
# ECONOMIC PROFILE

## 2007

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### *Location* \_\_\_\_\_

Northeast Oregon  
 Northeast Economic Alliance Region



Nearest Major Freeway: I-84  
 Distance to Portland: 259 miles from La Grande

### *Population* \_\_\_\_\_

City	2000	2002	2004	2006
Cove	594	620	620	620
Elgin	1 654	1 630	1 650	1 670
Imbler	284	290	290	295
Island City	916	920	920	960
La Grande	12 327	12 450	12 510	12 540
North Powder	489	490	490	490
Summerville	117	120	120	120
Union	1 926	1 920	1 950	1 960
Out of City	6 223	6 160	6 360	6 455
<b>County Total</b>	<b>24 530</b>	<b>24 600</b>	<b>24 850</b>	<b>25 110</b>

Source: Union County Chamber of Commerce 2007 Profile

### *Monthly Climate Summary* \_\_\_\_\_

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
<b>Average Max. Temperature (F)</b>	37.8	43.1	51.2	58.9	67.1	75.8	85.5	85.9	76.4	63.2	46.2	38.4	<b>60.8</b>
<b>Average Min. Temperature (F)</b>	23.6	26.8	30.8	35.2	41.8	48.3	53.0	51.9	43.4	35.5	30.2	24.5	<b>37.1</b>
<b>Average Total Precipitation (in)</b>	1.77	1.31	1.50	1.57	1.9	1.53	0.70	0.86	0.84	1.22	2.12	1.92	<b>17.25</b>
<b>Average Total Snowfall (in)</b>	7.8	2.8	1.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.4	12.0	<b>27.0</b>

Source: Oregon Climate Service

## General Demographics

Union County land area in square miles	2,037
2006 Population (Union County Chamber of Commerce Profile 2007)	25,110
Population density — persons/square mile	12.0
Population — % of State	0.8%

Source: *Oregon, A Statistical Overview*, Southern Oregon Regional Services Institute

## County Age Groups (2005)

Children, ages 0-17 years	23.9%
Adults, ages 18-64 years	66.3%
Adults, ages 65+ years	14.9%

Source: Union County Chamber of Commerce Profile 2007

## Community Age Groups (La Grande)

	1970	1980	1990	2000
Under 5 years of age	731	910	829	775
Ages 5-19 years	2 727	2 749	2 765	2 650
Ages 20-44 years	3 039	4 438	4 566	4 461
Ages 45-64 years	1 932	1 807	1 843	1 638
65+ years	1,216	1 450	1 763	1 803
Median Age	27	27	31	33.7

Source: Oregon Economic Development Department Web Page

## Population Characteristics

2006 Population	
Hispanic population	3.2%
American Indian/Eskimo/Aleut population	1.0%
African American population	0.6%
Asian/Pacific Islander population	1.8%

Source: Union County Chamber of Commerce Profile 2007

## Population Growth

Growth from 1990 to 2000	+ 3.9 %
Growth from 2000 to 2006	+ 2.4 %

Source: Union County Chamber of Commerce Profile 2007

## Government

(Area code in all cases is 541)

### UNION COUNTY:

Administrative Office	963-1001
Airport	963-6615
Assessor's Office	963-1002
Building Inspection	962-1317
Clerk's Office	963-1006
Commissioners	963-1001
Emergency Management	963-1009
OSU Extension Office	963-1010
Planning Commission	963-1014
Public Works	963-1016
Tax Office	963-1018
Water Master	963-1031

### COVE:

City Offices	568-4566
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### ELGIN:

Recorder's Office	437-2253
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### IMBLER:

City Hall	534-6095
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### ISLAND CITY:

City Offices	963-5017
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### LA GRANDE:

Building Permits	962-1317
City Manager	962-1302
Electrical Inspector	963-0431
Garbage Service	963-5459
Planning Department	962-1307
Public Works-----	
Street/Sewer Maint.	962-1325

### NORTH POWDER:

City Administrator	898-2185
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### UNION:

City Hall	562-5197
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Source: Blue Book Directory

## Utilities

(All area codes are 541)

### ELECTRICITY:

Oregon Trail Electric 963-3155  
107 Elm, La Grande

### GARBAGE:

City Garbage Service 963-5459  
La Grande  
Union Sanitation 562-6293

### NATURAL GAS:

Avista Utilities 800-659-4427  
10201 "F" Street, Island City

### TELEPHONE:

Verizon Northwest  
Residential 1-800-483-5000  
Business 1-800-483-4000  
Priority 1 Telecom 541-975-5600  
Toll free 1-877-975-5600  
Union-Wallowa Tele 541-663-9114

**CABLE TELEVISION** 866-731-5420

### INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS

Eastern Oregon Net, Inc 962-7873  
Oregon Wireless, Inc. 568-  
2000  
Unicom 963-9114

### WATER:

Cove 568-4566  
Elgin 437-2253  
Imbler 534-6095  
Island City 963-5017  
La Grande 962-1313  
North Powder 898-2185  
Union 562-5197

## Media

### NEWSPAPER:

The Observer 541-963-3161  
The East Oregonian 541-276-2211  
The Valley News 541-437-8014  
The Nickel 541-963-6237

### RADIO STATIONS:

Grande Radio, Inc 541-963-4121  
2510 Cove Avenue, La Grande  
K-100 FM-KWRL 541-963-7911  
1405 Washington, La Grande  
KCMB 104.7 FM 541-963-3405  
1009-C Adams, La Grande

## Economic Indicators

2002 Average Annual Payroll	\$ 26,033
2002 Average Annual Payroll % of State	77.28 %
1992-2002 Change in Annual Payroll	31%

Source: Oregon Employment Department

## Fiscal Indicators

1995 Registered Voters	14,786
1995 Registered Voters, % of State	0.8%

Source: Union County Clerk's and Recorders Office

## Income

2006 Median Household Income	\$49,300
2003 Median Household Income	\$45,400
2004 Income Per Capita Income	\$26,179
2002 Income Per Capita Income	\$24,187
2000 Income Per Capita Income	\$22,771

Source: Union County Chamber of Commerce Community Profile 2007

## Size of Firm (Private Sector) 2005

0-4 employees	59.4%
5-9 employees	20.0%
10-19 employees	12.0%
20-49 employees	5.9%
50-99 employees	1.5%
100+ employees	1.2%

Source: Union County Chamber of Commerce Community Profile 2007

## Employment in (Non Farm) 2005

Forestry/Fishing/Mining	1.1%
Construction	4.5%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	4.1%
Government	27.0%
Manufacturing	15.0%
Retail Trade	13.1%
Services	15.1%
Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities	4.1%
Wholesale Trade	2.7%
Education and Health Services	12.0%

Source: Union County Chamber of Commerce Community Profile 2007

## Distances from La Grande

Ashland	472 miles
Astoria	352 miles
Baker City	45 miles
Boise, Idaho	174 miles
Helena, Montana	400 miles
Newport	372 miles
Pendleton	52 miles
Portland	259 miles
Reno, Nevada	490 miles
Salt Lake City, Utah	515 miles
San Francisco, California	780 miles
Spokane, Washington	265 miles
Tri-Cities, Washington	124 miles
Walla Walla, Washington	88 miles

Source: State maps

## Larger Employers

Boise Wood Products	680
Union County Schools	262
Grande Ronde Hospital	395
State of Oregon/EOU	1 159
Union Pacific Railroad	310
Fleetwood Travel Trailers	240
Federal Government	200
Nash Industries	350
Union County	152
City of La Grande	100
Wal Mart	322

Source: Chamber of Commerce Profile 2007

## Tax Rates

(Per \$1000 of assessed value)

Cove	10.6658
Elgin	17.1071/17.6056
Imbler	10.3904/11.2904
Island City	13.1679/12.2324
La Grande	17.3055/17.3055/17.1158
Phase-in #1	15.5313
Phase-in #2	14.1366
North Powder	13.5289/14.1922
Summerville	11.3199
Union	12.7695

Source: Union County Chamber of Commerce Profile 07

## Civilian Labor Force

	2000 City of LG	2002 County	2005 County
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	6,088	12,580	11,809
<b>Total Employment</b>	5,611	11,871	10,998
<b>% Unemployed</b>	7.8 %	5.6%	6.9%

Source: Union County Chamber of Commerce Community Profile 2007

## Employed Persons (16 + years)

Agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting and mining	1071
Information	180
Sales and Office	2642
Construction	1443
Educational and health services	2616
Entertainment and recreation services	970
Finance, insurance and real estate	417
Manufacturing	1444
Retail trade	1433
Professional and related services	3832
Services	2347
Public administration	665
Transportation	2421
Wholesale trade	286
Total Employment, City of La Grande (2000)	5,611

Source: U S Bureau of the Census

## Number of Employers (2000)

Total of all industries.....	809
Total payroll.....	\$233,908,401
Average pay.....	\$24,149

Source: Northwest Labor Trends

## Services Industry Employment (2000)

Health Services _____	762
Social Services _____	386
Membership Organizations _____	139
Lodging Services _____	99
Business Services _____	165
Amusement/Recreation Services _____	113
Engineering/Management Services _____	79
Auto Repair Services _____	77
Personal Services _____	45
Legal Services _____	36
Agricultural Services _____	135
Food Stores _____	294
Apparel and Accessory Stores _____	58
Home Furnishing Stores _____	87
Communications Services _____	61

Source: Eastern Oregon Labor Trends

## Size of Firm (Private Sector Only) 2005

From 0 – 4 employees _____	59.4%
From 5 – 9 employees _____	20.0%
From 10 – 19 employees _____	12.0%
From 20 – 49 employees _____	5.9%
From 50 – 99 employees _____	1.5%
More than 100 employees _____	1.2%

Source: Union County Chamber of Commerce 2007 Profile

## Financial Institutions

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### Banks: La Grande

Bank of America	541-963-2100
1503 Washington Avenue	
Banner Bank	541-963-0252
10901 Island Avenue	
Community Bank	
904 Adams Avenue	541-962-7600
2313 Adams Avenue	541-963-3434
Sterling Savings Bank	
1215 Adams Avenue	541-963-4126
3106 Island Avenue	514-963-7137
U S Bank	541-963-2022
1402 Adams Avenue	
Wells Fargo Bank	541-963-2995
1320 Adams Avenue	

### Other Cities:

Community Bank			
101 S 8 <sup>th</sup> Street	Elgin	541-437-1811	
539 S Main Street	Union	541-562-1100	
Sterling Savings Bank			
144 S Main Street	Union	541-562-5119	
U S Bank			
800 Alder Street	Elgin	541-437-2571	

## Principal Crops (County 2003) \_\_\_\_\_

Grains	36,950 acres
Hay and Forage	38,000 acres
Grass Seed and Legume Seed	9,600 acres
Field Crops	10,758 acres
Tree Fruit and Nut	420 acres
<b>ALL CROP SUMMARY</b>	<b>95,728 acres</b>

Source: Union County Chamber of Commerce 2006

## Commodity Sales (County 2003) \_\_\_\_\_

Cattle and Calves	34 %
Mint	27 %
Grains	15 %
Grass and Legume	17 %
Alfalfa	13 %
Sugar Beets	9 %

Source: Economic Information Office, Oregon State University

## Sales by Commodity (County 2003) \_\_\_\_\_

(Top 5 commodities)

Cattle	\$ 12,561,000
Peppermint for oil	\$ 6,774,306
Grass Seed	\$ 3,535,320
Grains	\$ 6,201,600
Row Crops	\$ 5,740,000

Source: Union County Chamber of Commerce 2007 Profile

## Gross Farm Sales 2002 (values are in Thousand Dollars) \_\_\_\_\_

All Crop.....	\$ 28,649
All Livestock.....	\$ 13,652
Farm Forest includes all crop.....	\$ 5,740
<b>All Crop and Livestock Summary.....</b>	<b>\$ 47,961</b>

Source: Union County Chamber of Commerce 2006

## Transportation \_\_\_\_\_

### HIGHWAYS:

Interstate 84  
State Highways 30, 82, 203

### RAILROADS:

Union Pacific  
Idaho Northern Pacific

### BUSES:

La Grande Aviation  
Greyhound  
Passenger and parcel service  
Moffit Brothers Transportation  
Passenger and Parcel service  
Mid-Columbia Bus Company  
School service and charter

### AIR SERVICE:

Union County Municipal Airport  
Two runways, longest 5,600'  
VASI Lights  
NDB beacon  
Eastern Oregon Regional Airport  
50 miles from La Grande  
Commuter service to Portland  
and Seattle  
Portland International Airport  
260 miles from La Grande  
Passenger service  
Boise Municipal Airport  
178 miles from La Grande  
Passenger Service

### MOTOR FREIGHT:

Eastern Oregon Fast Freight  
Oak Harbor Freight Lines  
USF Reddaway  
Many local carriers

Source: Chamber Profile

## Schools

(All area codes are 541)

### COVE:

Cove Public School 568-4424

### ELGIN:

High School 437-2021

Mayfield Elementary 437-2321

Superintendent 437-1211

### IMBLER/SUMMERVILLE:

High School 534-5331

Elementary School 534-2311

### LA GRANDE:

Business Office 663-3200

Superintendent 663-3202

Central Elementary 663-3500

Greenwood Elementary 963-3580

Island City Elem. 963-3270

La Grande High 663-3300

La Grande Middle 963-3420

### NORTH POWDER:

School District 898-2244

### UNION:

High School 562-5166

SE Miller Elementary 562-5278

Superintendent 562-6115

### EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT:

Union-Baker ESD 963-4106

### EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY:

Main Switchboard 962-3672

Administration 962-3773

Business Programs 962-3771

Provost 962-3511

Registrar 962-3519

University Advancem't 962-3740

ODS School of Dental

Hygiene 962-2720

Source: Blue Book 2006 directory

## Education

Less than High School education 14.4 %

High School education 85.6 %

College education, 4 years + 21.8 %

High School Dropout Rate 3.3 %

Source: Oregon Statistical Overview, Southern Oregon Regional Services Institute

## Health Care

### GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL:

State licensed for 49 acute care beds

State licensed for 14 skilled nursing beds

Professional staff of 41 – Representing 16 specialties

395 employees

24-Hour Emergency Department

ICU/CCU (6 bed unit)

Medical/Surgical Unit, including pediatric inpatient care

Transitional Care Unit (TCU)

Diagnostic Imaging Services

Family Birthing Center

Rehabilitation Therapy Services

24-Hour Laboratory

In-Patient – Out-Patient Surgery Unit

Home Health Care

Clinics

Respiratory Care

Source: Grande Ronde Hospital Profile of Services

### ELGIN CLINIC:

Owned and operated by Oregon Health Sciences University (OSHU) School of Nursing at Eastern Oregon University.

Providing care to the north end of the Grand Ronde Valley.

Care provided by Family Nurse Practitioners

### UNION FAMILY HEALTH CENTER:

Owned and operated by Oregon Health Sciences University (OSHU) School of Nursing at Eastern Oregon University.

Care provided by Family Nurse Practitioners.

Serves the Cove, North Power and Union communities.

Diagnosis and treatment of common illnesses.

Diagnostic tests (x-rays, EKG, lab tests)

Comprehensive women's health care.

Well-child care.

Minor procedures.

Health care education.

Vision and hearing tests.

Source: OSHU brochure on the Union Family Health Center

## Housing Price Range ---

(2005 average prices)

2 Bedroom Home	\$ 95,056
3 Bedroom Home	\$137,346
4 Bedroom Home	\$168,834
5 Bedroom Home	\$229,983
Average overall price	\$129,441
Average Building Site	\$ 68,645

Source: Union County Chamber of Commerce Profile 2007

## Water and Sewer Rates

City of La Grande	WATER	SEWER
Residential ¾" meter	\$45.82	included
	Minimum for water & sewer	
Business 1" meter	\$26.82	Based on Consumption
	Minimum	Base
Business 2" meter	\$69.54	Based on Consumption
	Minimum	Base
Business 4" meter	\$336.11	Based on Consumption
	Flat	Base
Business 8" meter	\$860.90	Based on Consumption
	Flat	Base
Street Fee of \$4.00 per month in addition to above fees		

Source: City of La Grande

## Other Communities

	WATER	SEWER
Cove	\$31.90 base 7500 gal	\$16.00 Per month
Elgin	\$23.50 base 2000 cubic feet	\$16.25 per month
Imbler	\$26.00 base 40,000 gal/mo	no sewer
Island City	\$20.00 base	\$40.00 per month
North Powder	\$23.25 base	19.00+10.75 Capital reserves per month
Union	\$17.50/1000 c ft \$19.50/2000 c ft \$23.50/3500 c ft	none

Source: Cities listed above

## Economic Development Assistance

**Union County Economic Dev Corp (UCEDC)**  
1119 Washington Avenue La Grande, OR 97850  
Phone: 541-963-0926

**Union County Chamber of Commerce**  
Union County Tourism  
102 Elm Street La Grande, OR 97850  
Phone: 541-963-8588

**City of La Grande – Community Development**  
P O Box 670 La Grande, OR 97850  
Phone: 541-963-1307

**Union County – County Development**  
1106 K Avenue La Grande, OR 97850  
Phone: 541-963-100

**Oregon Economic and Community Dev Dept**  
409 N Fir Street Suite 321 La Grande, OR 97850  
Phone: 541-963-867

**Northeast Oregon Economic Development Dist**  
101 NE 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Enterprise, OR 97828  
Phone: 541-426-3598

**Oregon Employment Department**  
1901 Adams Avenue La Grande, OR 97850  
Phone: 541-963-7111

**Small Business Development Center**  
1607 Gekeler Lane La Grande, OR 97850  
Phone: 541-962-3391

**La Grande Downtown Association**  
102 Elm Street La Grande, OR 97850  
Phone: 541-786-5438