

TOPOGRAPHY & CLIMATE

The geographical climate for Central Oregon is predominately High Desert. Summer temperatures range from an average high of 85 degrees to a low of 44 degrees Fahrenheit. Winter temperatures range from average highs in the 40s to lows in the 20s. Annual precipitation ranges from 8.5 to 20 inches. Every community in Central Oregon has its own variations of temperature and precipitation, relative to its elevation and proximity to the mountains. The region is known for sun – averaging just two weeks fewer sunny days than San Diego, CA. Interestingly, the region lies on one of the nation's largest rain gradients: Redmond receives an average of 8.6 inches of precipitation and is only 60 miles from a region in the Cascades that receives over 120 inches.

Elevation			
Bend	3623'	Sunriver	4100'
La Pine	4300'	Madras	2242'
Redmond	3077'	Prineville	2868'
Sisters	3200'	Warm Springs	1575'

POPULATION & PROJECTIONS

2008 Tri-County Population: 216,310				
	1995	2000	2005	2008
Crook Co.	15,700	19,182	21,150	26,845
Prineville	8,205	7,356	9,082	10,370
Unincorporated	9,947	11,826	12,068	16,475
Deschutes Co.	89,500	115,367	143,490	167,015
Bend	29,425	52,029	70,328	80,995
La Pine	NA	NA	NA	1,610
Redmond	9,650	13,481	21,109	25,445
Sisters	765	959	1,706	1,875
Unincorporated	49,660	48,898	50,337	57,090
Jefferson Co.	15,400	19,009	20,600	22,450
Culver	600	802	1,019	1,325
Madras	4,290	5,078	5,592	6,640
Metolius	540	635	804	880
Warm Springs	NA	5,727	NA	NA
Unincorporated	9,905	6,767	13,185	13,605
Total Population	120,600	153,558	185,240	216,310

Sources: Portland State University Center for Population Research and U.S. Census Bureau; estimates are for July of each year

Tri-County Growth Comparison				
Population	2000	2005	2008	2000-08 Growth
Tri-County	153,558	185,240	216,310	35.9%
Oregon	3,436,750	3,631,440	3,791,075	10.3%
U.S.	282,194,308	295,895,897	304,059,724	7.7%

Sources: Portland State University Center for Population Research and U.S. Census Bureau; estimates are for July of each year

Deschutes County Population Projections				
	2015	2020	2025	2015-25 Growth
Bend UGB	91,158	100,646	109,389	20.0%
Redmond UGB	29,667	36,831	45,724	54.0%
Sisters UGB	2,694	3,166	3,747	39.0%
Non-Urban County	65,924	73,502	81,951	24.3%
County Total	189,443	214,145	240,811	27.1%

Source: Deschutes County 2004 Coordinated Population Forecast; latest available projections

EDUCATION

Six major public school districts serve over 31,000 students; there are also ten private schools in the region.

School District (Website; Area Code 541)	Students	Schools
Crook County (crookcounty.k12.or.us; 447-5664)	3,146	8
Deschutes County	24,377	42
Bend-La Pine (bend.k12.or.us; 383-6000)	16,000	25
Redmond (redmond.k12.or.us; 923-5437)	7,100	13
Sisters (sisters.k12.or.us; 549-8521)	1,277	4
Jefferson County	3,586	11
Madras/Warm Springs (jcsd.k12.or.us; 475-6192)	2,929	8
Culver (culver.k12.or.us; 546-2251)	657	3
Tri-County Total	31,109	61

Bend-La Pine School District, the seventh largest in the state, has an attendance area that spans more than 1,600 square miles. Using Oregon's School Report Cards, more than two-thirds of the Bend-La Pine schools are rated 'Strong' or 'Exceptional'; similarly, the most recent dropout rate was 2.28% - lower than the statewide average by nearly half. More than 80% of Bend-La Pine students continue their education after graduation. Since 2000, students in the Bend-La Pine School system have continually scored higher on SAT tests than their peers nation- and statewide.

2008 SAT Scores	
Bend-La Pine	1591
Oregon	1552
Washington	1568
California	1512
Nation	1511

Sources: The College Board, Bend-La Pine School District

Central Oregon Community College (COCC) provides programs and courses at its Bend and Redmond campuses as well as other regional locations. COCC offers transfer/ lower division programs, mirroring the first two years of a university education at a fraction of the cost, plus professional technical programs to move students into local industry jobs. The Business and Employee Development department delivers industry-specific courses and workshops tailored to business and industry's changing needs; the Small Business Development Center provides active support for the region's many small businesses. COCC also offers a wide range of continuing education for personal and professional development. **www.cocc.edu; 541-383-7700**

OSU Cascades Campus is a branch of Oregon State University located at 2600 NW College Way. The Campus offers upper division courses in nine majors and Master's Degrees in Counseling and Teaching. Majors are offered through the University of Oregon and OSU. Students receive excellent advising, work with one another and faculty in small classes and earn first-hand community experience in most majors.

www.OSUcascades.edu; 541-322-3100

BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES

Organization	Contact Info	Services
Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO)	P: 541-388-3236 800-342-4135 E: info@edcoinfo.com www.edcoinfo.com	Comprehensive assistance to relocating or expanding companies Demographics and other statistics Incentive programs (grants, enterprise zones) Connect early stage candidates with investors
Small Business Development Center (SBDC)	P: 541-383-7290 www.cocc.edu/cbi	Confidential business counseling Business/marketing plan development and review Business seminars
Oregon Economic and Community Development Department (OECDD)	P: 541-388-6266 http://econ.oregon.gov/	Business loans and grants Workforce training grants International trade assistance
Oregon Employment Department (OED)	P: 541-388-6070 www.employment.oregon.gov/	Connection point for employees and employers Regional and statewide labor market statistics Oregon unemployment insurance administrators
Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC)	P: 541-548-8163 www.coic.org	Business loans and grants Workforce skills training
Opportunity Knocks (OK)	P: 541-318-4650 www.opp-knocks.org	Confidential peer-to-peer problem solving Business seminars
High Desert Enterprise Consortium (HiDEC)	P: 541-388-3236 www.hidec.org	Learning tours Lean training and resources for manufacturing Industry roundtables
The Business Resource Network (BRN)	P: 541-388-3236	Custom solutions to workforce needs Partnership of OED, COCC, COIC, EDCO, and Vocational Rehabilitation

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND OTHER BUSINESS RESOURCES

Organization	Phone / Website
Bend Chamber of Commerce	Phone: 541-382-3221 Website: www.bendchamber.org
Bend Visitor & Convention Bureau	Phone: 877-245-8484 Website: www.visitbend.com
Central Oregon Visitors Association (COVA)	Phone: 800-800-8334 Website: www.visitcentraloregon.com
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Business and Economic Development	Phone: 541-553-3468 Website: www.warmsprings.com
Crooked River Ranch Chamber of Commerce	Phone: 541-923-2679 Website: www.crrchamber.com
La Pine Chamber of Commerce	Phone: 541-536-9771 Website: www.lapine.org
La Pine Industrial Group	Phone: 541-536-9042 Website: www.lapineindustrial.org
Madras/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce	Phone: 541-475-2350 Website: www.madraschamber.com
Prineville/Crook County Chamber of Commerce	Phone: 541-447-6304 Website: www.visitprineville.com
Redmond Chamber of Commerce	Phone: 541-923-5191 Website: www.redmondcofc.com
Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce	Phone: 541-549-0251 Website: www.sisterschamber.com
Sunriver Chamber of Commerce	Phone: 541-593-8149 Website: www.sunriverchamber.com

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ABOUT EDCO

Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO) is a private, nonprofit membership-based organization dedicated to building a strong and secure economic future for Central Oregon. Founded 28 years ago, EDCO has two key purposes: to attract primary employers in the technology and manufacturing sectors from outside the area and to help existing companies expand and increase productivity and profitability. To most effectively reach the diverse communities in the region, EDCO operates four offices:

Bend Office (Regional)
109 NW Greenwood Ave., Suite 102
Bend, OR 97701
541-388-3236

Redmond Office
446 SW 7th St., Redmond, OR 97756
541-923-5223

Prineville/Crook County Office
187 NW 2nd St., Prineville, OR 97754
541-233-2015

Jefferson County Office
2028 NW Airport Way, Madras, OR 97741
541-390-3121

EDCO Platinum Members

- BendBroadband**
- Cascade Natural Gas**
- Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.**
- Community First Bank**
- Mid Oregon Credit Union**
- Pacific Power**
- Qwest Communications**
- St. Charles Medical Center**
- U.S. Bank**
- Central Oregon Community College**
- OSU Cascades Campus**
- City of Bend**
- City of Madras**
- City of Sisters**
- City of Prineville**
- City of Redmond**
- Crook County**
- Deschutes County**
- Jefferson County**



Welcome to Central Oregon! The region encompasses dramatic snow-capped mountain ranges to high desert plateaus within the counties of Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. It's no surprise Central Oregon leads the state in population growth -- one of five new Oregonians chooses to live in the tri-county area. Over the last decade, Central Oregon has also topped the state in job growth, resulting in a region that's characterized by thriving small businesses and entrepreneurial activity. This Profile provides an overview of economic facts and figures useful for new residents and businesses alike; if you need more specific information, call us or visit our new, comprehensive website at www.edcoinfo.com.

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