Clackamas County Quick Facts

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Clackamas County — Just the Numbers:

- Land Area: 1,879 sq. miles
- City, County & State Roads: 2,428 miles
- Persons per sq. mile: 225
- % of National Forest: 52%
- 2019 Population: 423,420
- Civilian Labor Force: 223,761 June/20
- Employed Labor Force: 199,744 June/20
- Unemployment Rate: 10.7% June/20
- 2019 Average Industry Wage: $54,806
- Per Capita Income (2018): $42,204

Population

Clackamas County’s population reached 423,420 in 2019 and has grown by 25 percent since 2000 adding 84,123 residents.

By 2045, the county’s population is projected to reach 566,573 with 23 percent of its population 0-19 years, 22 percent 20-39 years, 27 percent 40-59 years, 19 percent 60-79 years, and 8 percent 80 years or older.

During the last 19 years, the cities that added the most residents included Happy Valley (17,181), Wilsonville (11,644), and Oregon City (9,816). The cities with the highest growth rates during this period included Happy Valley (380%), Sandy (106%), Wilsonville (83%), and Molalla (74%).

City Population Estimates - 2019

- Canby: 16,950
- Estacada: 3,725
- Gladstone: 11,905
- Happy Valley: 21,700
- Johnson City: 565
- Lake Oswego: 39,115
- Milwaukie: 20,535
- Molalla: 9,815
- Oregon City: 35,570
- Sandy: 11,075
- West Linn: 25,905
- Wilsonville: 25,635

Source: Population Research Center, PSU, July 2019 estimates
Total covered employment in Clackamas County was 169,252 in 2019. This was an increase of 3,226 jobs since 2018.

Seven broad industries made up nearly three-fourths (73.5%) of all employment and these industries included health care and social assistance (22,681); professional and business services (21,839); retail trade (18,837); manufacturing (18,265); accommodation and food services (14,620); construction (14,160); and local government (14,047).

During the start of the pandemic, covered employment in the county fell from 167,100 in March to 147,700 in April with a loss of 19,300 jobs. From April to June, the county added back 4,900 or 25 percent of the jobs lost.

The unemployment rate was at 10.5 percent in June 2020; this rate increased by 7.2 percentage points since the lowest unemployment level of 3.3 percent in February 2020.

From 2010 to 2020, there has been positive growth in the resident labor force (people working or looking for work) within the incorporated cities in Clackamas County. The cities with the highest growth rate includes Happy Valley at 65.4 percent, followed by Estacada (30.4%), Wilsonville (29.7%), and Sandy (21.8%). Much slower labor force growth was seen in West Linn (8.2%) and Milwaukie (7.7%).
Household Income and Educational Attainment

The median household income in Clackamas County during 2018 was $81,278 compared to $72,408 a year ago.

In 2018, 11 percent or 17,701 households had incomes of less than $25,000. Less than one-fifth (17%) or 26,977 households had incomes of $25,000 - $49,999. One-third or 52,003 households had incomes of $50,000 - $99,999 and nearly two-fifths (39%) or 62,068 households had incomes of $100,000 or greater.

Compared to Oregon, Clackamas County had a higher portion of its population (25 years and older) who were college educated with a bachelor’s degree or higher (37.5%) in 2018.

On the other hand, the county had a slightly lower portion of its population with some college or associate’s degree (33.2%) and a lower portion of its population with less than a 9th grade or no diploma (7.0%).

Both the county and state had 22.3 percent of its population with a high school education in 2018.

In 2018, the average poverty rate of all people living in Clackamas County was at 7.0 percent compared to 12.6 percent in Oregon.

The level of educational attainment seemed to significantly influence the rate of poverty in the county.

Clackamas County residents with less than a high school education had a much higher poverty rate at 15.5 percent than residents with either a high school diploma (9.3%), some college or associate’s degree (6.3%), or a bachelor’s degree or higher (4.0%).
### Cities in Clackamas County

![Map of Clackamas County cities](image)

### City Demographic Fast Facts

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<th>2018</th>
<th>Median Age</th>
<th>Bachelor's Degree or Higher (25 years and older)</th>
<th>Median Household Income</th>
<th>Mean Travel Time to Work (miles)</th>
<th>People whose income in past 12 months is below the poverty level</th>
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Source: ACS, 2018 1-year estimates, Tables DP02, DP03, and B01002