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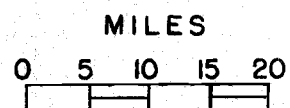
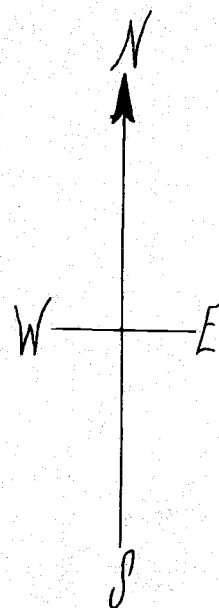
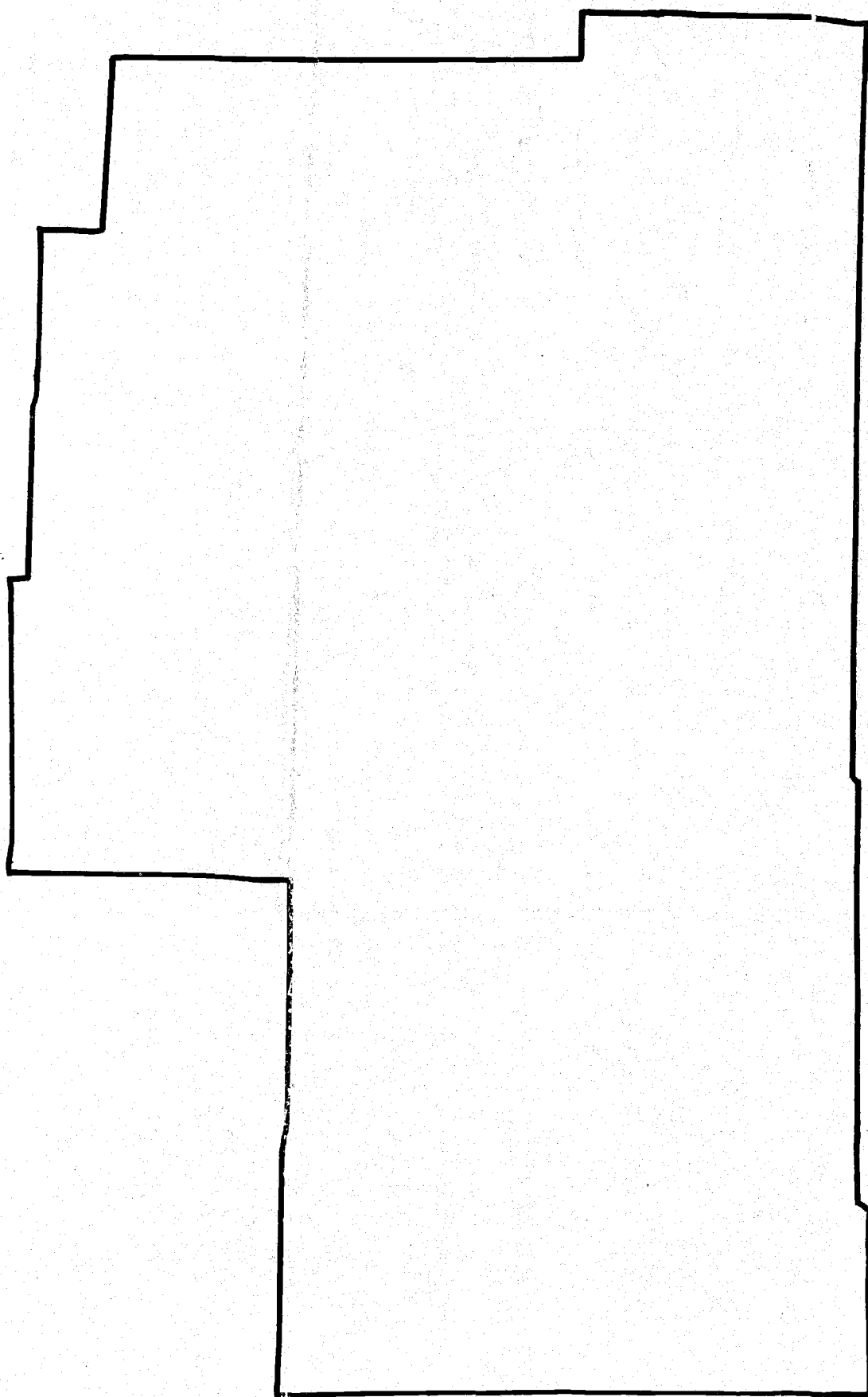
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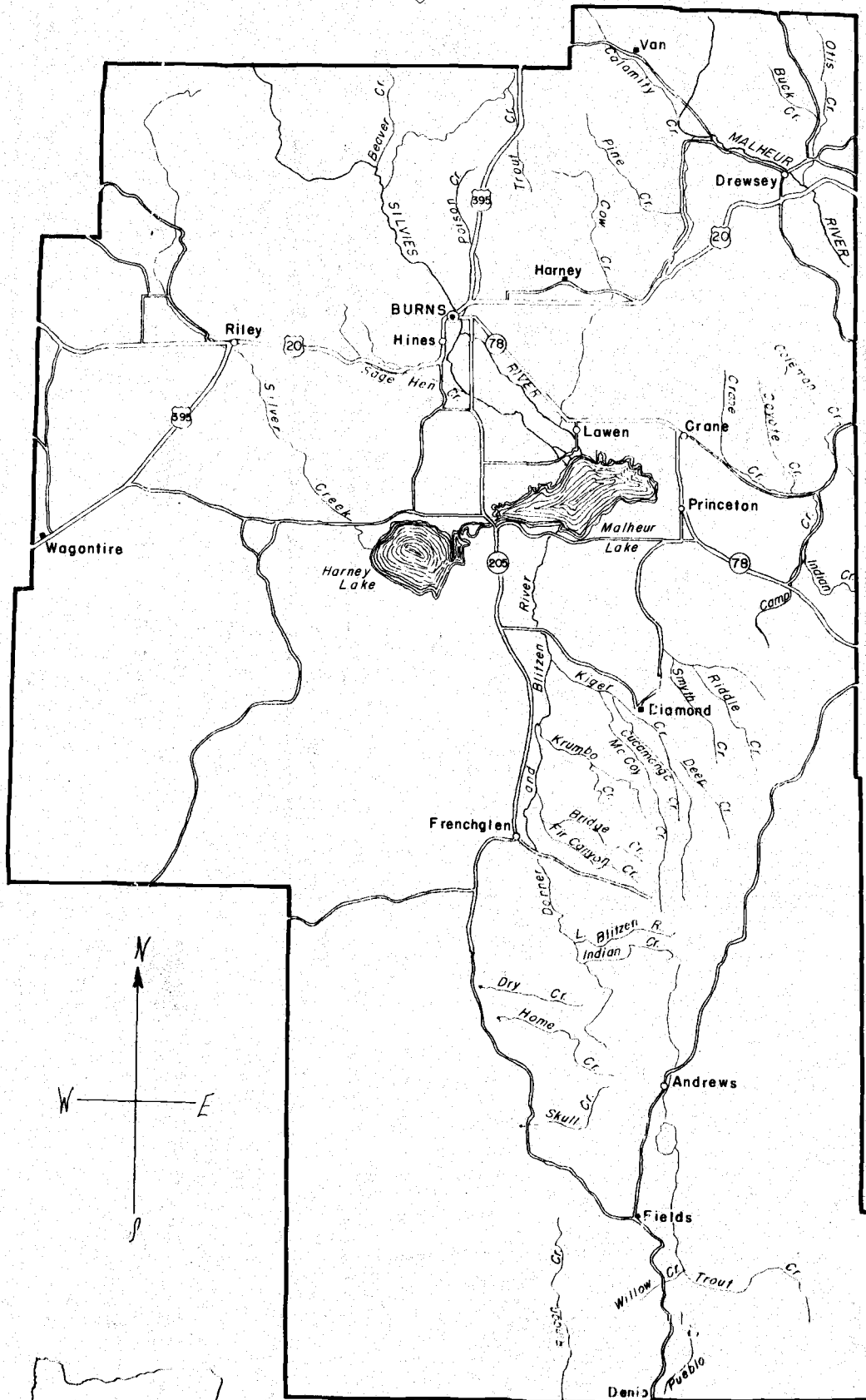


HARNEY COUNTY

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION ^{1/}

Harney County is located in southeastern Oregon. It is bordered by Lake, Deschutes, and Crook Counties on the west, Grant County on the north, Malheur County on the east, and the State of Nevada forms its southern border.

The county seat, Burns, is approximately 262 miles southeast of Portland, 164 miles south of Baker, and 235 miles northeast of Klamath Falls.

Harney County is the largest county in Oregon, covering over 10,000 square miles. It is larger than seven eastern states. The county contains desert area as well as forested slopes.

Most of the county has a very dry climate with most precipitation falling in winter months. The growing season is fairly short, averaging about 90 to 120 days in lower cropland areas and 60 to 90 days in higher elevations.

Livestock raising and lumbering supported settlement of Harney County and remain the most important industries today. Outdoor recreation including hunting is popular in the county also.

Harney County was established in 1889 from a portion of Grant County. The county ranked 30th in population in the state with 6,900 persons in 1972.

A brief summary of the major facts for the county are noted below.^{2/}

Area: 10,132 square miles
6,484,500 acres

Population: 6,900
(July 1, 1972)

Elevation at Burns: 4,148 feet

True Cash Value: \$99,069,154
(1972)

Average Temperature:
Summer - 62
Winter - 33

Principal Industries:
Livestock raising, lumbering

County Seat: Burns

^{1/} Coppedge, Robert O., Agriculture in Oregon Counties - Farm Sales and General Characteristics, Special Report 330, Oregon State University, Extension Service, Corvallis, Oregon, 1971.

^{2/} Oregon State Executive Department, Clay Meyers, Secretary of State, Oregon Blue Book, 1973-74, January 1973.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS ^{1/}

Harney County is largely a youthful high lava plain. Elevations range from about 4,000 feet to 9,670 feet in the Steen Mountain area.

There are four major watersheds in the area: the Silver River Basin, the Silver Creek Basin, the Alvord-Catlow Basins, and the Blitzen River Basin.

The Silver Creek Basin varies in elevation from 4,200 to 6,500 feet. Valley floors are generally quite flat. Forest areas are gently rolling and broken by steep rocky canyons. The high desert is rolling and broken by draws, rocky buttes, and rimrocks.

The Alvord-Catlow Basins vary from sands in the Alvord Desert to mountain crags in the Steens Mountain.

The Blitzen River Basin has deep canyons cut by swift streams. Elevations vary from 5,000 to 6,000 feet.

Climate

Harney County's climate is semi-arid with relatively warm summers and rather severe winters. Extremes of -54°F and 107°F have been recorded. Growing seasons vary from 90 to 120 days in the lower valleys to 60 to 90 days in the upper valleys. However, freezing temperatures have been recorded every month of the year.

Precipitation averages around 10 inches annually in populated areas but varies from 35 inches in upper reaches to less than 3 inches at lower elevations. Snowfall varies from a few inches in the valleys to over 70 inches in the mountains. Summer cloudbursts can cause severe soil erosion but add little to soil moisture. Stormy winds are common throughout the year, especially from March to June.

Table 1. Selected Weather Stations in Harney County

Station	Elevation in Feet
Buena Vista.....	4,135
Burns WB City.....	4,151
Malheur Refuge Headquarters.....	4,109
OO Ranch.....	4,136
P Ranch Refuge.....	4,205
Squaw Butte Experiment Station.....	4,675

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Decennial Census of U.S. Climate, Supplement for 1951 through 1960, Oregon No. 86-31, 1965.

^{1/} Oregon State Water Resources Board, cooperating with U.S. Department of Agriculture, Report on Water and Related Land Resources, Malheur Lake Drainage Basin, 1967.

Table 2. Temperature and Precipitation, Harney County, By Month, 1951-60 Averages

Station	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
<u>Average Temperature</u>	- - - - - degrees Farenheit - - - - -												
Buena Vista....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	NA*
Burns WB City..	26.0	30.5	35.9	45.2	52.6	59.6	69.2	66.5	59.2	48.2	36.0	28.8	46.5
Malheur Refuge Headquarters.	27.6	31.7	36.2	45.2	52.3	59.5	67.8	65.0	57.9	47.1	35.5	29.4	46.3
OO Ranch.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	NA
P Ranch Refuge.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	NA
Squaw Butte Exp. Station.	26.8	31.0	35.5	43.6	50.2	57.3	67.3	65.2	59.0	48.3	36.4	29.3	45.8
<u>Total Precipitation</u>	- - - - - inches - - - - -												
Buena Vista....	.66	.66	.84	.76	1.48	1.00	.27	.20	.46	.75	.62	.82	8.52
Burns WB City..	1.62	1.27	.97	.75	.89	.88	.34	.29	.50	.86	1.16	1.43	10.96
Malheur Refuge Headquarters.	.93	.81	.67	.49	1.27	.86	.35	.23	.49	.75	.76	.83	8.44
OO Ranch.....	.90	.60	.64	.57	1.01	.73	.09	.1	.29	.54	.61	.76	6.91
P Ranch Refuge.	1.11	1.02	.92	1.06	1.95	1.14	.27	.23	.52	.98	.99	1.07	11.26
Squaw Butte Exp. Station.	1.50	1.14	1.20	.69	1.66	.93	.20	.38	.32	.92	.94	1.36	11.24

*NA - temperature data are not available for these stations.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Decennial Census of U.S. Climate, Supplement for 1951 through 1960, Oregon No. 86-31, 1965.

Table 3. Freeze Data for Harney County, 1951 - 1960

Station	Mean Number of Days with Temperature of 32°F. or Below												
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
Burns WB City..	29	26	28	17	6	1	0	<u>1/</u>	2	16	26	30	181
Malheur Refuge ^{2/} Headquarters	28	25	26	19	8	1	<u>1/</u>	1	4	19	25	30	186
Squaw Butte ^{2/} Exp. Station	30	27	28	21	11	4	1	<u>1/</u>	4	15	26	30	197

^{1/} Less than 0.5 days.

^{2/} Some months somewhat less than the 1951-1960, ten year period.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Decennial Census of U.S. Climate, Supplement for 1951 through 1960, Oregon No. 86-31, 1965.

The following table indicates an average day time high and night time low for each month over the years 1951-1960.

Table 4. Mean Daily Maximum and Minimum Temperatures, Harney County, by Month, 1951 - 1960 Averages

Station	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
Mean Daily Maximum Temp.	- - - - - degrees Farenheit - - - - -												
Burns WB City..	35.7	40.9	47.6	58.7	66.4	74.7	86.2	83.2	76.8	63.9	48.7	38.8	60.1
Malheur Refuge Headquarters.	36.9	41.6	48.1	59.5	66.8	75.2	86.0	83.2	76.8	63.4	48.4	39.1	60.4
Squaw Butte Exp. Station.	36.5	41.3	46.9	57.9	64.7	73.2	85.4	82.6	76.6	63.6	49.2	39.5	59.8
Mean Daily Minimum Temp.	- - - - - degrees Farenheit - - - - -												
Burns WB City..	16.3	20.1	24.1	31.6	38.7	44.6	52.1	49.7	41.5	32.6	23.3	18.7	32.8
Malheur Refuge Headquarters ^{1/}	18.3	21.7	24.3	30.8	37.8	43.7	49.5	46.7	38.7	30.7	22.6	19.6	32.0
Squaw Butte Exp. Station ^{1/}	17.0	20.6	23.2	29.2	35.7	41.3	49.2	47.7	41.3	33.0	23.5	19.1	31.7

^{1/} Some months are for somewhat less than the 1951-1960, ten year period.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Decennial Census of U.S. Climate, Supplement for 1951 through 1960, Oregon No. 86-31, 1965.

For more recent climatological data on Harney County, see: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Data Service, Climatological Data, Annual Summary 1971, Vol. 77, No. 13, 1971.

Soils ^{1/}

Generally, the lowland soils in Harney County were developed in alluvium of different forms and at different locations. They vary from deep, well drained, fertile soils to shallow, very strongly alkaline soils with hardpan in the subsoil. The upland and areas susceptible to development are composed of these soils. The cropland soils were developed mostly from volcanic materials. Most of the upland soils which support range are shallow over silica-lime hardpans. The soils supporting timber are deep and well drained.

The soils in Harney County can be divided into eight major groups: fan and flood plain soils, strongly alkaline floodplain soils, lake basin soils,

^{1/} Oregon State Water Resources Board, cooperating with U.S. Department of Agriculture, Report on Water and Related Land Resources, Malheur Lake Drainage Basin, 1967.

older fan and terrace soils, upland soils below 5,600 feet, upland soils above 5,600 feet, upland soils under forest cover, and miscellaneous land types.

Fan and flood plain soils:

Surface soil texture - loam to silty clay loam
Subsoil texture - loam to very stony loam
pH value - 6.8 to 8.6
Depth - 14-60 inches, mostly 36-50 inches
Drainage - well to poorly
Major land use - crop and some range lands

Strongly alkaline flood plain soils:

Surface soil texture - silt loam and sandy loam
Subsoil texture - clay to silt loam
pH value - 6.5 to 9.6+
Depth - 20 to 60+ inches
Drainage - well to poorly
Major land use - cropland

Lake basin soils:

Surface soil texture - silt loam, silty clay
Subsoil texture - clay, silty clay
pH value - 6.8 to 7.6
Depth - 16 to 60+ inches
Drainage - shallow soils, well; deeper soils, somewhat poorly
Major land use - crop and range lands

Older fan and terrace soils:

Surface soil texture - loam to gravelly loam
Subsoil texture - loam to clay
pH value - 7 to 7.4
Depth - 14 to 60 inches, mostly 14 to 24 inches
Drainage - well
Major land use - crop and range lands

Upland soils below 5,600 feet:

Surface soil texture - stony to very stony loam
Subsoil texture - clay to coarse loam
pH value - 6.6 to 7.8
Depth - 0 to 60 inches, mostly 10 to 22 inches
Drainage - well
Major land use - rangeland

Upland soils above 5,600 feet:

Surface soil texture - loam to stony silt loam
Subsoil texture - silt loam to stony silty clay
pH value - 6.6 to 7.3
Depth - 10 to 36 inches
Drainage - well
Major land use - rangeland

Upland soils under forest cover:

Surface soil texture - silt loam to very stony loam
Subsoil texture - loam to very stony silty clay loam
pH value - 6.0 to 6.8
Depth - 5 to 50 inches
Drainage - well
Major land use - forest and range lands

Miscellaneous land types:

Dune land, rough stony land, playas, badland, and volcanic ash

For further information on Harney County soils, see: Lindsay, M. G., B. B. Lovell, J. A. Norgren, Oregon's Long-Range Requirements for Water, General Soil Map Report with Irrigable Areas, Malheur Lake Drainage Basin, Appendix I-12, Oregon State Water Resources Board.

Soil Characteristics and Land Capability

Table 5. Land Area and Use of Inventory Acreage, Harney County, 1967

Use	Acres
<u>Inventory Acreage</u>	
Cropland.....	216,145
Pasture.....	19,000
Range.....	1,439,127
Forest and woodland.....	79,000
Other land.....	23,000
Total inventory acres.....	1,776,272
Percent of total land area in inventory....	27.4%
<u>Non-Inventory Acreage</u>	
Federal land.....	4,698,694
Urban and built-up areas.....	6,700
Water areas.....	2,174
Total non-inventory acres.....	4,707,568
Total land area.....	6,483,840

SOURCE: Oregon Conservation Needs Committee, Oregon Soil and Water Conservation Needs Inventory, U.S. Soil Conservation Service and Oregon State University Extension Service, 1971.

An interpretive grouping of soils into "Land Capability Classification" has been developed by the Soil Conservation Service. This grouping shows, in general, how suitable soils are for most kinds of farming. Soil Characteristics such as depth, texture, wetness, slope, erosion hazard, overflow hazard, permeability, structure, reaction, waterholding capacity, inherent fertility, and climatic conditions as they influence the use and management of land are considered in grouping soils into eight land capability classes. These eight classes are designated by Roman numerals. The hazards and limitations of use of the groups increase as the class number increases. Class I land has few hazards or limitations, whereas Class VIII land is so limited that it is unfit for cultivation and grazing. This land can be used only for recreation, wildlife habitat or water supply.

Table 6. Use of Inventory Acreage by Capability Class and Type of Limitation, Harney County, 1967

Capability Class and Limitations ^{1/}	Use in Acres				
	Cropland	Pasture-Range	Forest	Other Land	Total
I.....	0	0	0	0	0
II					
E.....	20,421	0	0	5,000	25,421
W.....	122,780	89,452	0	13,359	225,591
C.....	46,104	0	0	0	46,104
III					
W.....	23,340	185,677	0	0	209,017
IV					
S.....	3,500	77,935	0	0	81,435
V.....	0	0	0	0	0
VI					
E.....	0	766,742	29,000	97	795,839
VII					
S.....	0	338,321	50,000	0	388,321
VIII					
S.....	0	0	0	4,544	4,544

^{1/} Limitations: E - main limitation is erosion.
W - water in soil interferes with plant growth.
S - soil is shallow, droughty, or stony.
C - main limitation is climate, too cold or too dry.

SOURCE: Oregon Conservation Needs Committee, Oregon Soil and Water Conservation Needs Inventory, U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service and Oregon State University Extension Service, 1971.

Table 7. Conservation Treatment Needs, Harney County, 1967

Classification	Acreage
ALL CROPLAND.....	216,145
Cropland needing treatment.....	127,040
Type of treatment needed:	
Residue cover.....	6,100
Sod in rotation.....	14,650
Drainage.....	16,000
Management.....	10,425
Other <u>1/</u>	79,854
ALL PASTURE AND RANGE.....	1,458,127
Pasture and range needing treatment.....	1,286,539
Type of treatment needed:	
Establishment of vegetation.....	492,006
Improvement of vegetation.....	794,533
FOREST AND WOODLAND.....	79,000
Forest and woodland needing treatment.....	58,500
Description of problems:	
Establishment of timber stand.....	38,000
Improvement of timber stand.....	20,500
OTHER LAND.....	23,000
Other land needing treatment.....	14,000

1/ Includes improved irrigation systems and water management.

SOURCE: Oregon Conservation Needs Committee, Oregon Soil and Water Conservation Needs Inventory, U.S. Soil Conservation Service and Oregon State University Extension Service, 1971.

Land Ownership and Land Use

In this report, land ownership in Harney County is classified as public lands (federal, state, and county), or private lands. About 23 percent of Harney County is privately owned. Most of the private land is in farms and forests. Approximately 73 percent of the county is in federal ownership, of which 84 percent is administered by the Bureau of Land Management, 10 percent by the U.S. Forest Service, and about 2 percent managed by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

About 3.5 percent of the county is owned by the State of Oregon. Approximately 96 percent of the state-owned land is administered by the Division of State Lands.

Most land in Harney County is primarily devoted to agriculture, forestry, conservation, and grazing of livestock. About 88 percent of the county is devoted to grazing alone. Approximately 7 percent of the county is forest land, which is located in the northern section of the county in the Ochoco National Forest.

Table 8. Land Use and Ownership, Harney County, 1964

Item	Harney County		State
	Acres	Percent	Percent
Total land area.....	6,484,480	100.00	100.00
<u>Land Use</u>			
Urban.....	1,297	0.02	0.49
Industrial.....	NA*	--	0.16
Military.....	NA	--	0.10
Intensive agriculture.....	80,408	1.24	6.52
Dryland farming.....	3,891	0.06	3.33
Forests.....	424,733	6.55	44.84
Parks.....	NA	--	0.32
Conservation.....	154,479	2.39	2.25
Grazing.....	5,769,242	88.97	41.50
Non-productive land.....	--	--	0.49
<u>Land Ownership</u>			
Total private land ownership.....	1,464,599	22.60	44.20
Total public land ownership.....	5,019,921	77.40	55.80
Federal.....	4,713,874	72.70	51.80
State.....	229,889	3.50	2.90
Local.....	76,158	1.20	1.10

*NA - not available.

SOURCE: Oregon Department of Planning and Development, Resources for Development, 1964.

Table 9. Land Area in Highways, Streets, and Roads, Harney County

Ownership	Harney County	
	Acres	Percent
State highways.....	3,460	19.7
County roads.....	13,885	79.1
City streets.....	205	1.2
Total.....	17,550	100.0

SOURCE: Oregon State Department of Revenue and Oregon State Highway Division, unpublished data.

Table 10. Inventory of State-Owned Real Property, Harney County, 1970

Agency	Acres	Land Value	Imprcv. Value	Total Value	Annual Rental Income
Game Commission.....	686.37	\$ 11,310	\$102,700	\$ 114,010	--
Oregon State University.	662.69	106,054	210,210	316,264	\$1,080
Division of State Lands.	215,394.35	2,503,256	--	2,503,256	--
Military Department.....	1.15	6,770	165,270	172,040	--
Highway Division					
Office & Maintenance..	32.65	3,731	230,353	234,084	1,740
Totals.....	216,777.21	\$2,631,121	\$708,533	\$3,339,654	\$2,820

SOURCE: Legislative Fiscal Committee, Inventory of State-Owned Real Property, By County, Sec. 7, 115 State Capital, Salem, Oregon, 1970.

Agricultural Land

About 22 percent or 1,400,000 acres of Harney County is in farm land. However, only about 16 percent of this land is cropland. Much of this land is devoted to grazing. Approximately 9 percent of the farm land is irrigated.

Table 11. Land in Farms, Harney County, 1964 and 1969

Item	1964		1969	
	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent
Total land area.....	6,506,240	100.0	6,506,048	100.0
Proportion in farms....		21.7		21.7
Acres in farms.....	1,416,707	100.0	1,413,126	100.0
Cropland harvested.....	136,555	9.6	123,991	8.8
Cropland pasture.....	59,165	4.2	70,764	5.0
Other cropland.....	35,547	2.5	12,213	0.9
Woodland including				
woodland pasture.....	12,701	0.9	16,228	1.1
Other land.....	1,160,342	81.9	1,189,930	84.2
Irrigated land.....	140,185	9.9	128,113	9.1

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Agriculture, 1969, Vol. 1, Area Reports, Part 47, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1972.

Forest Land

Harney County commercial sawtimber is composed primarily of Ponderosa pine. Harney County contains one of the largest stands of Ponderosa pine in the United States in the Ochoco National Forest. Ponderosa pine occurs from the lower limits of the tree growth upward in altitude approximately 2,000 feet. This area has an annual precipitation between 18 and 30 inches. Cutting is usually selective--the older, weaker, and less vigorous trees being harvested. As a sawtimber tree, Ponderosa pine is second in quantity only to Douglas fir, and its value often exceeds that of Douglas fir.

Larch and Douglas fir occur above the Ponderosa pine. A substantial stand of noncommercial juniper and pinon-juniper type are located in the central section of Harney County. They are located on the fringes of semi-arid regions, on sites too dry for Ponderosa pine.

About 6.4 percent of the forest land in Harney county, or 26,520 acres, is in private ownership. Approximately 93 percent of the forest land in the county, 382,770 acres, is in federal ownership. About 89 percent of the federal forest land is in the Ochoco National Forest. The remaining 4 percent of the federal forest land is under the Bureau of Land Management control.

Less than .5 percent of the forest land, or 1,400 acres, is owned by the State of Oregon, with the major portion administered by the State Board of Forestry. Less than .5 percent of the forest land in the county, 240 acres, is owned by the county.

The major uses of forest land in Harney County are for production of crops of commercial timber, for outdoor recreation, and for watershed protection. Other uses for wildlife habitat and grazing are also important.

There was an estimated 410,930 acres of commercial forest land in Harney County in 1953. Commercial forest land is forest land that is (a) producing, or is physically capable of producing, usable crops of wood, (b) economically available, now or prospectively, for timber harvest, and (c) not withdrawn from timber harvest.

In 1953, the U.S. Forest Service estimated there was 220,330 acres of noncommercial forest land in Harney County. Noncommercial forest land is physically incapable of producing usable crops of wood or is reserved, that is withdrawn, from timber harvest through statute, ordinance, or administrative order.

More recent data on Harney County forest lands will be available from the U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Experiment Station, P.O. Box 3141, Portland, Oregon, after August 1, 1973.

Table 12. Forest Acreage, Ownership and Use, Harney County, 1953

Item	Acres	Percent
LAND		
Total land.....	6,484,480	100.0
Forest land.....	631,260	9.7
Commercial.....	410,930	6.3
Unproductive.....	220,330	3.4
Productive - reserved.....	---	---
Nonforest.....	5,853,220	90.3
OWNERSHIP		
All ownerships.....	410,930	100.0
National forest.....	364,840	88.8
Other public.....	19,570	4.8
Private <u>1/</u>	26,520	6.4

1/ Statistics not available for forest industry and other private separately for Harney County.

SOURCE: U.S. Forest Service, Forest Statistics for Harney County, Resource Bulletin PNW-118, Pacific Northwest Experiment Station, 1954.

Table 13. Volume of All Growing Stock and Sawtimber by Ownership, Harney County, 1953

Item	Total Commercial Growing Stock		Total Commercial Sawtimber	
	million cubic ft.	percent	million board ft. <u>1/</u>	percent
OWNERSHIP				
National forest.....	747	92.6	3,982	93.6
Other public.....	27	3.3	115	2.7
Private <u>2/</u>	33	4.1	159	3.7
All ownerships.....	807	100.0	4,256	100.0

1/ Scribner log rule.

2/ Statistics not available for forest industry and other private separately for Harney County.

SOURCE: U.S. Forest Service, Forest Statistics for Harney County, Resource Bulletin PNW-118, Pacific Northwest Experiment Station, 1954.

Table 14. Volume of All Growing Stock and Sawtimber on Commercial Forest Land by Species, Harney County, 1953

Species	Growing Stock		Sawtimber	
	million cubic ft.	percent	million board ft. ^{2/}	percent
All species ^{1/}	807	100.0	4,256	100.0
Softwoods.....	807	100.0	4,256	100.0
Ponderosa pine.....	748	92.7	4,043	95.0
Douglas fir.....	28	3.5	110	2.6
White fir.....	33	4.1	103	2.4
Hardwoods.....	--	--	--	--

^{1/} In addition to the species listed, lodgepole pine and western larch occur in the county in small quantities.

^{2/} Scribner log rule.

SOURCE: U.S. Forest Service, Forest Statistics for Harney County, Oregon, Resource Bulletin PNW-118, Pacific Northwest Experiment Station, 1954.

Water

There are more than 33 watersheds in Harney County. Monthly flows in county streams are highest from November to April and are lowest during the summer months, closely following seasonal precipitation patterns.

Table 15. Annual Yield of Representative Streams, Harney County

Stream and Gaging Point	Drainage Area sq. miles	Years of Record	Mean Annual Yield ^{1/}	
			acre-feet ^{2/}	acre-feet/sq. mile
Silvies River near Burns.	934	55	116,600	125
Donner and Blitzen River near Frenchglen.....	200	38	85,430	427
Bridge Creek near Frenchglen.....	30	34	9,770	325
Silver Creek near Riley..	228	17	29,680	130

^{1/} Annual yield of surface water is the net yield, or quantity of water, leaving a drainage area during the hydrologic, or water year, which extends from October 1 of one year to September 30 of the following year. Net yield is the precipitation on the area minus evaporation, transpiration, and net underground percolation. Average or mean annual yield actually reflects a composite of constantly changing conditions due to withdrawals from stream flow and changes in watershed characteristics.

^{2/} Acre-feet equals the quantity of water (43,650 cu. ft.) that covers one acre to a depth of one foot.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, Water Resources Data for Oregon, Part 1, Surface Water Records, 1968.

Table 16. Extremes of Discharge at Selected Stations, Harney County

Stream and Location	Maximum Discharge		Minimum Discharge	
	Year	Flow (cfs) ^{1/}	Year	Flow (cfs)
Silvies River near Burns.	1952	4,960	1934	No flow
Donner and Blitzen River near Frenchglen.....	1953	2,750	1967	4.7
Bridge Creek near Frenchglen.....	1953	301	1962	4.2
Silver Creek near Riley..	1964	1,810	No flow some years	

^{1/} cfs - cubic feet per second.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Interior, Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, Water Resources Data for Oregon, Part 1, Surface Water Records, 1968.

There has been little development of ground water in Harney County. There are few irrigation wells in the county; most wells are for domestic use or watering livestock.

Domestic water rights include those granted for individual and small group water supply systems plus campsite, park, and stock watering use. In rural areas, water for these purposes is obtained mostly from wells and springs with a smaller amount taken from streams.

Water rights classed as municipal include those held by water districts as well as municipalities.

Table 17. Harney County Municipal Water Supplies

City	Population Served	Water Source	Treatment
Burns.....	4,003	Deep well	---
Fields.....	20	Well	No treatment
Hines.....	1,400	Deep well	No treatment

SOURCE: Oregon State Water Resources Board, Malheur Lake Basin Report, 1967.

Quantity problems associated with surface supplies are generally those of low streamflow during the summer months. Groundwater supplies are inadequate in those areas where the water table drops severely during the summer.

Quality problems are varied. Those associated with surface supplies include rather wide and rapid fluctuations in turbidity, heavy silt loads during the winter and spring. Quality problems associated with groundwater are concerned mainly with hardness, iron, and high salt content.

In 1969, about 130,000 acres of farm land in the county were under irrigation. Most of this was flood irrigation.

The major industrial water user in the county is the lumber industry. Water requirements for use in lumber and wood products manufacturing include water for fire protection, hydraulic barkers, log ponds, and processing.

Due to low population density and few industries, Harney County has few water pollution problems.

Table 18. Harney County Sewage Treatment Plants, 1973

Location	Year Built	Type ^{1/}	Design Population	Design Flow ^{2/} MGD	Population Served	Receiving Stream
Burns.....	1958	L	11,400	1.14	3,300	Land
Burns (USAF).....	--	AD	200	0.02	0	--
Crane High School...	1961	L	110	0.01	50	Land
Hines.....	1956	L	1,750	0.175	1,450	Land

1/ L - lagoon, AD - aerobic digestion.

2/ MGD - million gallons per day.

SOURCE: Oregon State Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Sanitary Authority, unpublished data, 1973.

Note: This data will soon be available in published form.

Water-based Recreation

Overall use of water-based recreational facilities has been steadily increasing in the county. Boating, fishing, and stream and lake-oriented picnic and camping activities have increased in popularity.

Table 19. Harney County Lakes

Lake	Acres	Depth (ft.)	Altitude
Fish Lake.....	22	33	8,500
Little Fish Lake.....	10	15	8,500
Baca Lake.....	765	5	4,150
Malheur Lake.....	--	--	4,100
Harney Lake.....	--	--	--

SOURCE: Oregon State Water Resources Board, Malheur Lake Basin Report, 1967.

Silver Lake, Alvord Lake, Barton Lake, Warm Spring Reservoir, and Tudor Lake are some of the other major lakes in the county.

Water needs for wildlife vary according the species and are met in most cases from streams, lakes, and marsh areas. Most species of fish are found in the streams and lakes of Harney County. Rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, brook trout, channel catfish, black bullhead, dolly varden trout, and other species are found in this area.

Minerals

Besides sand and gravel and stone, pumice is quarried in Harney County. The pumice is used for surfacing logging roads and making pumice blocks. There has been commercial exploration for both oil and uranium in the county. Numerous deposits of obsidian, agate, jasper, thundereggs, sunstones, petrified wood, and fossils provide recreational potential for rock hounds.

Wildlife

The most numerous big game species in Harney County is the mule deer. Hunting pressure is variable depending on accessibility.

Table 20. Big Game Animal Population Trends, Harney County

Game Management Unit ^{1/}	Miles Traveled	Animals Observed 1971	Animals Per Mile		
			1971	1970	5 yr. average ^{2/}
Mule deer					
Silvies.....	54	723	13.4	7.2	9.7
Steens Mountain.....	62	1,322	21.3	24.5	23.2
Malheur River.....	54	438	8.6	14.9	6.3

^{1/} Figures for Oregon State Game Commission game management units which are not completely contained within Harney County nor completely cover the county.

^{2/} 5 year average: 1966-1970.

SOURCE: Oregon State Game Commission, 1971 Annual Report, Oregon State Game Commission.

The State Game Commission counted over 4,600 antelope in Harney County during a 1971 aerial survey. Antelope numbers have been increasing in recent years. There are also fairly stable populations of bighorn sheep in the Steens Mountain area. About 20 sheep have been observed.

Furbearing animals are numerous in certain areas of the county. These include mink, muskrat, otter, and beaver.

Streams, lakes, and reservoirs in the county contain many species of fish. Anadromous fish are not present because the county's interior streams are isolated from the ocean. Rainbow trout is the most common game fish. Warm water game fish include bluegill, sunfish, bullhead, catfish, white crappie, and yellow perch. The State Game Commission plants a large number of fish in the county each year.

There are several game bird species in Harney County, including ring-necked pheasant, valley quail, chukar partridge, sage grouse, and mourning dove.

For additional information on wildlife, refer to the Outdoor Recreation section under the Economy division of this publication.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Population

Harney County was first settled by cattlemen. Livestock raising remains a major occupation in the county today. Lumbering has also become a major employer.

Harney County's population has risen fairly steadily from 4,000 persons in the early 1900's to nearly 7,000 in 1972. Burns, the county seat, is the largest town with a population of 3,290. As the largest county in the state, Harney County is quite sparsely populated with a population density of less than 0.7 persons per square mile.

Table 21. Number of Persons by Racial Group for Harney County, 1970

Racial Group	Number of Persons
Total.....	7,215
Caucasian.....	6,684
Spanish Language.....	329
Black.....	30
American Indian.....	127
Other.....	45

SOURCE: Valde, Gary R., and Robert O. Coppedge, Income and Poverty Data for Racial Groups: A Compilation for Oregon Census County Divisions, Special Report 367, Oregon State University Extension Service, Corvallis, Oregon, 1972.

Table 22. Harney and Bordering Counties, Population and Rank Order in Oregon, 1960 and 1972

County	1960		1972	
	Rank	Population	Rank	Population
HARNEY.....	32	6,744	30	6,900
Crook.....	27	9,430	27	10,610
Deschutes.....	18	23,100	16	33,800
Grant.....	28	7,726	29	6,910
Lake.....	29	7,158	31	6,740
Malheur.....	19	22,764	20	23,380

SOURCES: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Population: 1960 General Population Characteristics, Final Report PC(1) - B39, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1961.
Center for Population Research and Census, Population Estimates of Counties and Incorporated Cities of Oregon, Portland State University, July 1972.

Table 23. Land Area and Population Density, Harney and Bordering Counties, 1950, 1960 and 1970

County and State	Land Area	Population Density		
		1950	1960	1970
	- square miles -	- persons per square mile -		
State of Oregon.....	96,248	15.8	18.4	21.7
HARNEY.....	10,131	0.6	0.7	0.7
Crook.....	2,980	3.0	3.2	3.5
Deschutes.....	3,027	7.2	7.6	10.1
Grant.....	4,532	1.8	1.7	1.5
Lake.....	8,269	0.8	0.9	0.8
Malheur.....	9,870	2.4	2.3	2.3

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Population: 1950, 1960, and 1970 General Population Characteristics, Final Report PC(1) - B39, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1951, 1961, and 1971 editions.

Harney County's population has been gradually increasing, but during some short periods the county's population has actually declined. From 1970 to 1972 it fell over 4 percent.

Table 24. Population Growth, Harney County

Year	Population	% Increase or Decrease	
		Period	Percent
1910.....	4,059		
1920.....	3,992	1910-1920	(0.1)
1930.....	5,920	1920-1930	48.3
1940.....	5,374	1930-1940	(9.7)
1950.....	6,113	1940-1950	13.7
1960.....	6,744	1950-1960	10.3
1965.....	7,100	1960-1965	5.3
1970.....	7,215	1965-1970	6.8
1972.....	6,900	1970-1972	(4.3)

SOURCES: Center for Population Research and Census, Population Estimates of Counties and Incorporated Cities of Oregon, Portland State University, various editions.

U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Population: General Population Characteristics, Final Report PC(1) - B39, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., various editions.

Table 25. Components of Change in Harney County's Population, 1940-1970

Year	Net Change	Natural Increase	Net Migration
1940-1950.....	739	607	132
1950-1960.....	631	1,201	-570
1960-1970.....	471	929	-458

SOURCES: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Population, General Demographic Trends for Metropolitan Areas, 1960 to 1970, Final Report PHC (2) - 39, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1971. Oregon State Board of Census, Components of Population Growth, Population Bulletin P-3, 1961.

Table 26. Urban and Rural Population, Harney County, 1950-1970^{1/}

Year	Urban		Rural	
	Population	Percent Change	Population	Percent Change
1950.....	3,093		3,020	
1960.....	3,523	13.9	3,221	6.7
1970.....	3,293	-6.5	3,922	21.8

^{1/} The urban population comprises all persons living in urbanized areas and in places of 2,500 inhabitants or more outside urbanized areas.

The population not classified as urban constitutes the rural population.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, U.S. Census of Population: 1960 and 1970, Number of Inhabitants, Final Report PC(1) - A39, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1961, 1971.

Table 27. Population Estimates of Incorporated Cities, Harney County, 1960, 1965, 1971, and 1972

City and County	1960	1965	1971	1972
Harney County.....	6,744	7,100	7,220	6,900
Burns.....	3,253	4,050	3,290	3,290
Hines.....	1,207	1,347	1,415	1,415
Incorporated area.....	4,460	5,397	4,705	4,705
Unincorporated area....	2,284	1,703	2,515	2,195

SOURCE: Center for Population Research and Census, Population Estimates of Counties and Incorporated Cities of Oregon, Portland State University, various years.

In 1970 about 37 percent of Harney County's population was under 18 years of age while over 9 percent was 65 years old or over. The median age of Harney County's population increased from 28.0 in 1960 to 29.5 in 1970.

Table 28. Population by Age and Sex, Harney County, 1960 and 1970

Age Group	Male		Female		Total		Percent	
	1960	1970	1960	1970	1960	1970	1960	1970
Total population.	3,610	3,728	3,134	3,487	6,744	7,215	100.0	100.0
Under 5....	419	299	395	294	814	593	12.1	8.2
5-9....	402	366	360	344	762	710	11.3	9.4
10-14....	320	385	317	404	637	789	9.4	10.9
15-19....	239	346	211	292	450	638	6.7	8.8
20-24....	236	220	212	233	448	453	6.6	6.3
25-34....	479	467	437	440	916	915	13.6	12.7
35-44....	464	472	401	421	865	893	12.8	12.4
45-54....	423	441	346	416	769	857	11.4	12.9
55-64....	319	393	240	321	559	714	8.3	9.9
65 and over....	309	339	215	314	524	653	7.8	9.1
Median age.....	29.3	29.8	26.7	29.0	28.0	29.5		

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Population: 1960 and 1970 General Population Characteristics, Final Report PC(1) - B39, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1961, 1971.

Table 29. Population of Selected Cities by Age and Sex, Harney County, 1960 and 1970

Age Group	Burns	
	1960	1970
Under 5.....	462	276
5-14.....	743	593
15-24.....	458	548
25-34.....	472	405
35-44.....	440	348
45-54.....	366	400
55-64.....	275	340
65 and over.....	307	383
Total population.....	3,523	3,293
Male.....	1,775	1,657
Female.....	1,748	1,636

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Population: 1960 and 1970 General Population Characteristics, Final Report PC(1) - B39, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1961, 1971.

Employment

The Oregon State Department of Employment reported in 1971 the annual average civilian labor force in Harney County was 3,340 persons or 46 percent of the total population. At that time the unemployment rate was 5.1 percent of the total labor force, or 170 unemployed.

The 1970 Census of Population shows that 2,776 people were employed in the county out of a total labor force of 3,130. About 23 percent were employed in manufacturing with 22 percent employed in lumber and wood products manufacturing. Other major employment sectors in the county were: agriculture and forestry, 18 percent; retail trade, 13 percent; educational services, 6.8 percent; and public administration, 4.4 percent.

Table 30. Employment Status, Harney County and Burns, 1960 and 1970

Subject	Harney County		Burns	
	1960	1970 ^{1/}	1960	1970 ^{1/}
Total males, 14 years and over.....	2,501	2,591	1,651	1,190
Total labor force.....	2,101	2,126	1,386	945
Armed forces.....	149	118	--	31
Civilian labor force.....	1,952	2,008	1,386	914
Employed.....	1,855	1,861	1,323	845
Unemployed.....	97	147	63	69
Not in labor force.....	400	463	265	245
Inmate of institution.....	--	4	NA*	NA
Enrolled in school.....	204	120	NA	NA
Other.....	169	341	NA	NA
Total females, 14 years and over...	2,137	2,362	1,672	1,155
Total labor force.....	793	1,004	623	548
Employed.....	754	915	585	487
Unemployed.....	39	86	38	58
Not in labor force.....	1,344	1,358	1,049	607
Inmate of institution.....	--	52	NA	NA
Enrolled in school.....	107	123	NA	NA
Other.....	1,237	1,183	NA	NA
Married (husbands present) in labor force.....	496	747	NA	NA

*NA - not available.

^{1/} 16 years and over.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Population: 1960 and 1970 General Social and Economic Characteristics, Final Report PC(1) - C39, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1962, 1972.

Table 31. Industry Group of Employed, Harney County, 1960 and 1970

Industry	Number Employed	
	1960	1970
Agriculture.....	525	} 563
Forestry and fisheries.....	50	
Mining.....	23	
Construction.....	92	88
Manufacturing.....	711	724
Lumber and wood products.....	633	684
Food and kindred products.....	24	--
Other.....	54	40
Transportation.....	42	63
Communications.....	27	44
Wholesale trade.....	41	32
Retail trade.....	344	404
Business services.....	109	109
Personal services.....	143	129
Hospitals and health services.....	66	131
Educational services.....	157	213
Professional and related services.....	28	68
Public administration.....	125	139
Utilities and sanitary services.....	30	48

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Population: 1960 and 1970 General Social and Economic Characteristics, Final Report PC(1) - C39, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1962, 1972.

Table 32. Percent of Age Group in Labor Force, Harney County, 1970

Age Group	Male	Female
Years		
14-15.....	14.7	16.5
16-17.....	29.3	23.0
18-19.....	79.1	26.3
20-21.....	92.4	51.0
22-24.....	100.0	30.4
25-34.....	96.2	49.5
35-44.....	93.8	47.7
45-64.....	90.0	54.7
65 and over.....	41.9	12.6

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Population: 1970 General Social and Economic Characteristics, Final Report PC(1) - C39, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1972.

Table 33. Harney County Occupations, 1970

Occupation	Number Employed		
	Male	Female	Total
Total employed, 16 years and over..	1,861	915	2,776
Professional, technical, and kindred workers.....	179	164	343
Engineers.....	NA*	NA	15
Physicians and related practitioners.....	NA	NA	5
Other health workers.....	NA	NA	58
Teachers.....	51	79	130
Technicians, except health.....	14	5	19
Other professional workers.....	83	33	116
Managers and administrators.....	196	39	235
Sales workers.....	49	76	125
Clerical and kindred workers.....	53	229	282
Craftsmen and kindred workers.....	376	25	401
Operative except transport.....	292	20	312
Transport.....	90	--	90
Laborers except farm.....	174	16	190
Farmers and farm managers.....	200	40	240
Farm laborers.....	190	16	206
Service workers.....	62	258	320
Cleaning service.....	25	31	56
Food service.....	4	146	150
Health service.....	0	39	39
Personal service.....	5	20	25
Protective service.....	24	5	29
Private household.....	0	32	32

*NA - not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Population: 1970 General Social and Economic Characteristics, Final Report PC(1) - C39, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1972.

Table 34. Number of Hired Seasonal Workers in Agriculture by Type of Worker, Harney County, 1965 and 1971, Midmonth Figures

Month	Local		Intrastate Migratory		Interstate Migratory	
	1965	1971	1965	1971	1965	1971
May.....	NO STATISTICS ARE REPORTED BY THE STATE EMPLOYMENT DIVISION FOR HARNEY COUNTY AREA					
June.....						
July.....						
August.....						
September.....						
October.....						

SOURCE: Oregon State Department of Employment, 1965 Oregon Farm Labor Report, 1966.
Oregon State Department of Human Resources, Employment Division, 1971 Annual Rural Manpower Report, 1972.

Table 35. Annual Average Labor Force in Harney County, 1968-1971

Industry	Number of Persons			
	1968	1969	1970	1971
Civilian labor force.....	3,310	3,190	3,240	3,340
Workers in labor management disputes....	0	0	0	0
Unemployment.....	110	120	170	170
Percent of labor force.....	3.3	3.8	5.2	5.1
Employment.....	3,200	3,070	3,070	3,170
Agricultural.....	620	610	590	600
Nonagricultural.....	2,580	2,460	2,480	2,570
Self-employed, unpaid family and domestics.....	350	300	330	340
Wage and salary workers.....	2,230	2,130	2,150	2,230
Manufacturing.....	660	650	700	760
Lumber and wood products.....	650	640	700	750
Other.....	10	10	0	10
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,570	1,480	1,450	1,470
Contract construction.....	80	60	50	60
Transportation, communication, utilities.....	130	100	100	90
Wholesale and retail trade.....	400	400	390	380
Finance, insurance, and real estate...	80	70	60	60
Service and miscellaneous.....	290	230	230	230
Government.....	590	620	620	650

SOURCE: Oregon State Department of Human Resources, Employment Division, Labor Force and Employment in Oregon by County 1968 through 1971 publications, Research and Statistics Section, 1969, 1972.

Table 36. Median Earnings of Selected Occupation Groups, Harney County,
1959 and 1969

Occupation Group	1959	1969
Male, total with earnings.....	\$4,524	\$7,167
Professional, managerial, and kindred workers.....	6,527	8,648
Farmers and farm managers.....	--	5,289
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred workers...	5,446	8,117
Operatives and kindred workers.....	4,246	7,175
Farm laborers.....	2,330	3,487
Laborers, excluding farm and mine.....	4,378	6,075
Female, total with earnings.....	\$1,607	\$2,867
Clerical and kindred workers.....	--	3,667
Operatives and kindred workers.....	--	--

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Population: 1960 and 1970
General Social and Economic Characteristics, Final Report PC(1) -
C39, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.,
1962, 1972.

Table 37. Covered Payrolls and Employment by Industry, Harney County,
1970 and 1971

Industry	Average Employment		Annual Payroll
	1970	1971	1971
Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries....	0	0	\$ 0
Mining.....	0	1/	1/
Contract construction.....	54	47	403,510
Lumber and wood products manufacturing.	618	788	7,731,465
Food and kindred products manufacturing.	0	0	0
Other manufacturing.....	1/	1/	1/
Transportation, communication, electric, gas, and sanitary services.....	260	76	592,359
Wholesale and retail trade.....	383	395	1,726,743
Finance, insurance and real estate.....	59	54	305,872
Services and miscellaneous.....	193	187	508,012
Government.....	218	214	2,101,134
Yearly total.....	1,695	1,766	\$13,400,814

1/ unpublished county.

SOURCE: Oregon State Department of Human Resources, Employment Division,
Oregon Covered Employment and Payrolls, 1970 and 1971, Summary Data,
Research and Statistics Section, 1971, 1972.

Table 38. Number and Percent of Persons Unemployed in Harney and Bordering Counties, 1968 and 1971

County	Number of People		Percent of Labor Force	
	1968	1971	1968	1971
HARNEY.....	110	170	3.3	5.1
Crook.....	210	370	4.6	7.6
Deschutes.....	620	890	5.4	6.3
Grant.....	150	170	4.8	5.6
Lake.....	210	210	7.0	7.0
Malheur <u>1/</u>	920	1,160	5.1	6.2

1/ Includes Payette and Washington counties in Idaho.

SOURCE: Oregon State Department of Human Resources, Employment Division, Labor Force and Employment in Oregon by County 1968 and 1971 publications, Research and Statistics Section, 1969, 1972.

Table 39. Major Occupation Group of Unemployed, Harney County, 1960 & 1970

Occupation Group	Number of Persons	
	1960	1970
Professional, technical, and kindred workers.	--	38 <u>1/</u>
Farmers and farm managers.....	--	NA*
Managers, officials and proprietors, except farm.....	--	NA
Clerical and kindred workers.....	16	24
Sales workers.....	8	12
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred workers.....	14	47
Service workers, including private household.....	23	50
Farm laborers.....	8	10
Laborers, excluding farm and mine.....	35	10

*NA - not available.

1/ Includes managerial workers.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Population: 1960 and 1970 General Social and Economic Characteristics, Final Report PC(1) - C39, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1962, 1972.

Table 40. Local Government Employees and Payroll, Harney County,
October 1967

Item	Employees and Earnings
Employees.....	394
Full-time only.....	285
Full-time equivalent employment.....	304
Education.....	155
Teachers only.....	116
Functions other than education.....	149
Highways.....	37
Public welfare.....	--
Hospitals.....	69
Health.....	3
Police protection.....	8
Fire protection.....	--
Sewerage.....	4
Sanitation other than sewerage.....	--
Parks and recreation.....	1
Natural resources.....	--
Housing and urban renewal.....	--
Correction.....	1
Libraries.....	1
Financial administration.....	10
General control.....	7
Water supply.....	--
Other local utilities.....	--
Other and unallocable.....	8
October payroll.....	\$148,000
Education.....	84,000
Teachers only.....	65,000
Functions other than education.....	63,000
Average monthly earnings, full-time employment	
Teachers.....	\$558
Others.....	427

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Governments, 1967, Vol. 3,
No. 2, Compendium of Public Employment, U.S. Government Printing
Office, Washington, D.C., 1969.

Income

Table 41. Net Effective Buying Income Estimates, Baker County,
1967 and 1970 1/

Area	Net Dollars		Per Household	
	1967	1970	1967	1970
	- - thousand dollars - -		- - dollars - -	
Oregon.....	\$5,224,888	\$6,650,690	\$8,113	\$9,440
Harney County.....	14,472	18,781	6,891	7,825

1/ Net effective buying income is personal income--wages, salary, interest, dividends, profits, and property income minus federal, state, and local taxes.

SOURCE: Bureau of Business and Economic Research, Oregon Economic Statistics 1969 and 1972, University of Oregon, 1969, 1972.

Table 42. Bank Debits and Deposits, Harney County, 1965-1970

Year	Bank Debits <u>1/</u>	Bank Deposits
	- - - thousand dollars - - -	
1965.....	NA*	\$11,213
1966.....	"	13,213
1967.....	"	14,701
1968.....	"	15,625
1969.....	"	15,735
1970.....	"	16,650

*NA - not available.

1/ Bank debits represent the dollar value of checks drawn against deposit accounts of individuals and businesses. Included are debits to demand deposit accounts of individuals, business firms, and state and other political subdivisions, and payments from escrow or trust accounts. Excluded are debits to U.S. government, interbank, time and savings accounts, and several other categories of accounts.

SOURCE: Bureau of Business and Economic Research, Oregon Economic Statistics 1969 and 1972, University of Oregon, 1969, 1972.

Table 43. Income and Poverty Data for Racial Groups, Harney County, 1970

Item	Number	Percent
<u>Mean Income</u>		
Families:		
All races.....	\$9,680	<u>1/</u>
Caucasian.....	9,746	
Spanish Language.....	9,023	
Black.....	5,671	
Other.....	9,230	
Unrelated individuals:		
All races.....	3,993	
Caucasian.....	4,050	
Spanish Language.....	1,350	
Black.....	3,750	
Other.....	1,000	
<u>Families by Family Income Class</u>		
All races:		
under \$3,999.....	207	11.47
\$4,000-\$5,999.....	252	13.96
\$6,000-\$11,999.....	859	47.59
\$12,000+.....	487	26.98
total.....	1,805	100.00
Caucasian:		
under \$3,999.....	179	10.55
\$4,000-\$5,999.....	235	13.85
\$6,000-\$11,999.....	821	48.38
\$12,000+.....	462	27.22
total.....	1,697	100.00
Spanish Language:		
under \$3,999.....	17	22.97
\$4,000-\$5,999.....	9	12.16
\$6,000-\$11,999.....	29	39.19
\$12,000+.....	19	25.68
total.....	74	100.00
Black:		
under \$3,999.....	5	35.71
\$4,000-\$5,999.....	5	35.72
\$6,000-\$11,999.....	4	25.57
\$12,000+.....		
total.....	14	100.00
Other:		
under \$3,999.....	6	30.00
\$4,000-\$5,999.....	3	15.00
\$6,000-\$11,999.....	5	25.00
\$12,000+.....	6	30.00
total.....	20	100.00

Table 43, cont. Income and Poverty Data for Racial Groups,
Harney County, 1970

Item	Number	Percent
<u>Income below Poverty Level (bpl)</u>		
Families bpl		
All races.....	98	100.00
Caucasian.....	81	82.65
Spanish Language.....	8	8.17
Black.....		
Other.....	9	9.18
Persons in families bpl.....	383	
Unrelated individuals bpl		
Under 65.....	156	
65 and over.....	117	
Male family head, 14-64 yrs., bpl		
Employed.....	41	
Unemployed.....	5	
Not in labor force.....	5	
Female family heads bpl in labor force with children below 6 yrs..		
Income source of families and unrelated individuals bpl		
Earnings.....	255	
Social security or railroad retirement.....	100	
Public assistance or welfare.....	41	

1/ Blank spaces indicate a zero, suppressed data, or not applicable.

SOURCE: Valde, Gary R. and Robert O. Coppedge, Income and Poverty Data for Racial Groups: A Compilation for Oregon Census County Divisions, Special Report 367, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, 1972.

Education

Table 44. Formal Education Facilities, Harney County, 1968-69 and 1971

School District, Type School, and Number of Each Type	Enrollment ^{1/}		High School Graduates
	1968-69	1971	1971
Burns School District #1			
Elementary - 3.....	552	494	--
Junior high - 1.....	185	163	--
Crane School District #4			
Elementary - 1.....	28	39	--
Pine Creek School District #5			
Elementary - 1.....	6	8	--
Diamond School District #7			
Elementary - 1.....	19	18	--
Suntex School District #10			
Elementary - 1.....	9	11	--
Drewsey School District #13			
Elementary - 1.....	14	12	--
Frenchglen School District #16			
Elementary - 1.....	26	30	--
Lawen School District #18			
Elementary - 1.....	12	21	--
Double O School District #29			
Elementary - 1.....	7	6	--
Andrews School District #29			
Elementary - 1.....	8	8	--
Hines School District #30			
Elementary - 1.....	411	432	--
Sodhouse School District #32			
Elementary - 1.....	19	14	--
Fields School District #33			
Elementary - 1.....	19	25	--
Trout Creek School District #53			
Elementary - 1.....	3	7	--
Crane Union High School District #701			
High school - 1.....	61	80	15
Burns Union High School District #702			
High school - 1.....	520	496	125
County totals			
Elementary - 16.....	1,133	1,125	--
Junior high - 1.....	185	163	--
High school - 2.....	581	576	140
County grand total.....	1,898	1,864	140

^{1/} Average daily membership. Enrollments may vary from year to year partially because student loads were shifted from one district to another.

SOURCES: Oregon Board of Higher Education, 1969 School Directory, 1971-72 Oregon School-Community College Directory, and 1971 Oregon Public High School Graduates, School Finance and Statistical Services.

Table 45. Racial and Ethnic Distribution of Public School Enrollment
by School District, Harney County, 1972

District	White	Black	American Indian	Spanish Surname	Other ^{1/}	Total
- - - - - number of students - - - - -						
Andrews.....	6	-	-	-	-	6
Burns.....	470	3	24	17	-	514
Burns UHS.....	471	-	7	1	15	494
Crane.....	40	-	-	-	-	40
Crane UHS.....	89	2	1	-	-	92
Diamond.....	16	-	-	-	-	16
Double O.....	4	-	-	-	-	4
Drewsey.....	14	-	-	-	-	14
Fields.....	26	-	-	-	-	26
Frenchglen.....	21	-	-	-	-	21
Hines.....	272	-	1	2	2	277
Lawen.....	16	-	-	-	-	16
Pine Creek.....	6	-	-	-	-	6
Sodhouse.....	19	-	-	-	-	19
Suntex.....	5	-	-	-	-	5
Trout Creek....	5	-	-	-	-	5
Total.....	1,480	5	33	20	17	1,555

^{1/} Includes Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, and others.

SOURCE: Compiled from Oregon Board of Education reports by Oregon State University Extension Service.

Table 46. Years of School Completed by Population 25 Years and Over,
Harney County, 1970

Education	Number Males	Number Females	Total	Percent
Total, 25 years and over.....	2,127	1,934	4,061	100.0
No school years completed...	17	--	17	0.4
Elementary: 1-4 years.....	18	17	35	0.9
5-7 years.....	185	137	322	7.9
8 years.....	367	278	645	15.9
High school: 1-3 years.....	420	398	818	20.1
4 years.....	690	692	1,382	34.0
College: 1-3 years.....	200	306	506	12.5
4 yrs. or more.	230	106	336	8.3
Median school years completed.	12.1	12.2	NA*	--

*NA - not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Population: 1970 General Social and Economic Characteristics, Final Report PC(1) - C39, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1972.

Table 47. Harney County Residents Enrolled in Higher Education Institutions, Fall 1971

Institution	Number Enrolled
Total enrolled.....	129
Eastern Oregon College.....	13
Oregon College of Education.....	3
Oregon State University.....	15
Portland State University.....	0
Southern Oregon College.....	18
University of Oregon.....	21
Oregon Technical Institute.....	7
University of Oregon Dental School....	0
University of Oregon Medical School...	2
Total in private and independent institutions.....	12
Total in public community institutions.....	38

SOURCE: Oregon Educational Coordinating Council, Post Secondary Enrollment in Oregon, An Analysis of the Statewide Student Enrollment Data Survey, 1972.

Table 48. Youth Organizations, Harney County

Organization	Membership
Boy Scouts.....	NA*
Camp Fire Girls.....	<u>1/</u>
4-H.....	409
Future Farmers.....	<u>1/</u>
Girl Scouts.....	171
YMCA.....	<u>1/</u>
YWCA.....	<u>1/</u>

*NA - not available. 1/ No chapter in county.

SOURCE: 1972 FFA figures - State Department of Education; 1972 4-H figures - State Extension Office, 4-H Division, unpublished data; October 1972 Girl Scout figures - Boise, Idaho office, unpublished data.

Although Harney County operates no correctional institutions of its own, it is served by four state correctional institutions in Marion County. These include training schools for socially maladjusted boys between 12 and 18 years of age and girls between the ages of 12 and 21.

Table 49. Felonies and Juvenile Delinquency, Harney County, 1968

Subject	Number
Commitments to felony and correctional institutions, 1967-68	
Total commitments.....	8
Oregon State Penitentiary.....	4
Oregon State Correctional Institution....	3
MacLaren (boys' training school) <u>1</u> /.....	1
Hillcrest (girls' training school) <u>1</u> /....	0
Juvenile court cases, 1968	
All cases.....	255
Delinquency.....	207
Traffic.....	10
Other.....	38

1/ 1968 figures from Oregon State Department of Human Resources, Children Services Division, Adolescent Population and Commitment Data by County, by Calendar Year 1967-1970.

SOURCE: Oregon State Executive Department, Program Planning Division, District Facts, 1970.

Health and Vital Statistics

The following tables indicate the number of health facilities and health personnel available to Harney County residents. In general, there are fewer health personnel per capita in Harney County than for the state as a whole.

Table 50. Diagnostic or Treatment Center Facilities, Harney County, 1970

Name and Location	Outpatient Visits During Year	Services ^{<u>1/</u>}
Harney County Hospital, Burns.....	NA*	A, H, I

*NA - not available.

1/ Service code, 1964 data: A - General; H - X-Ray; I - Clinical Laboratory

SOURCE: Oregon State Board of Health, Oregon Plan for Construction and Modernization of Hospitals, Public Health Centers and Medical Facilities, 1971 Annual Revision, Health Facility Planning and Construction Section, 1971.

Table 51. Existing Medical Facilities, Number of Existing Beds, and Number of Beds Needed, Harney County, 1971 1/

Category and Community	Number of Facilities		Number of Beds	
	Existing	Needed	Existing	Needed
General hospitals				
Burns.....	1	1	48	45
Long-term care facilities				
Burns.....	1	1	49	60
Diagnostic and treatment centers				
Burns.....	1	1	--	--

1/ Mental facilities: the state plan of the Mental Health Division is made a part of this plan by reference.

Tuberculosis hospitals: none.

Rehabilitation facilities: no facilities are programmed beyond the service in area hospitals.

SOURCE: Oregon State Board of Health, Oregon Plan for Construction and Modernization of Hospitals, Public Health Centers and Medical Facilities, 1971 Annual Revision, Health Facility Planning and Construction Section, 1971.

Table 52. Percent Occupancy of Existing Medical Facilities, Harney County, 1969

Name of Facility	Location	Total Capacity	Percent of Occupancy
<u>General Hospitals</u>			
Harney County Hospital.....	Burns	48	52
<u>Long-term Care Facilities</u> <u>1/</u>			
Burns Nursing Home.....	Burns	49	93

1/ There are no convalescent hospitals or long-term care units of general hospitals in this area.

SOURCE: Oregon State Board of Health, Oregon Plan for Construction and Modernization of Hospitals, Public Health Centers and Medical Facilities, 1971 Annual Revision, Health Facility Planning and Construction Section, 1971.

In 1969, Harney County allocated a total of \$52,172 to its county health department or \$7.17 per capita. This compares with \$5.70 spent per capita on the average by all counties in the state. 1/

1/ Oregon State Executive Department, Program Planning Division, District Facts, 1970.

Table 53. Number of Licensed Medical Personnel and Ratio of Population Per Professional, Harney County, 1969

Profession	Harney County		State
	Number	Ratio ^{1/}	Ratio ^{1/}
Medical doctors and doctors of osteopathy.	6	1,213	770
Dentists.....	4	1,819	1,412
Registered nurses.....	28	260	276
Licensed practical nurses.....	4	1,819	1,002
Pharmacists.....	3	2,425	1,375

^{1/} Ratio figure equals population per professional in particular category.

SOURCE: Oregon State Executive Department, Program Planning Division, District Facts, 1970.

Table 54. Number of Admissions to State Psychiatric Hospitals and Mental Health Clinics and Ratio per 100,000 Population, Harney County, 1969

Facility	Harney County		State
	Number	Ratio	Ratio
Psychiatric hospitals.....	7	96	134
Mental health clinics.....	59	811	460

SOURCE: Oregon State Executive Department, Program Planning Division, District Facts, 1970.

From 1968 to 1971, both Harney County's death rate and its birth rate fell. The county's birth rate in 1971 of 15.4 per 1,000 population was slightly below the overall state rate and the county's death rate of 9.7 was above the state's. Although the county's accidental death rate fell from 1961 to 1971, it remained above the state rate.

Table 55. Births and Deaths by Major Category, Harney County and State of Oregon, 1968 and 1971

Category	Harney County				State
	Number		Rate		Rate
	1968	1971	1968	1971	1971
All births ^{1/}	125	111	16.6	15.4	15.6
All deaths ^{1/}	55	70	7.3	9.7	9.4
Illegitimate births ^{2/}	4	6	32.0	54.1	78.1
Premature births ^{2/}	7	5	56.0	45.0	57.4
Infant deaths ^{2/}	3	4	24.0	36.0	18.4
Accidental deaths ^{3/}	7	6	93.1	83.1	61.3

^{1/} Rates per 1,000 population.

^{2/} Rates per 1,000 live births.

^{3/} Rate per 100,000 population.

SOURCES: Oregon State Department of Human Resources, Oregon State Health Division, Vital Statistics Section, 1968 Statistical Report, 1969; and Vital Statistics Annual Report, 1971.

Table 56. Health Statistics, Harney County, 1971

Item	Harney County		State
	Number	Rate ^{1/}	Rate ^{1/}
Morbidity			
Tuberculosis.....	1	13.9	11.6
Syphilis.....	--	--	5.3
Gonorrhea.....	7	97.0	422.0
Influenza.....	155	2,146.8	1,171.7
Hepatitis (infectious).....	--	-- ^{2/}	39.4 ^{2/}
Measles (Rubella).....	--	--	18.1
Deaths from all causes.....	70	9.7 ^{3/}	9.4 ^{3/}
Malignant neoplasms (cancer).....	12	166.2	168.4
Diabetes mellitus.....	--	--	13.3
Heart diseases.....	23	318.6	349.6
Cerebrovascular diseases.....	7	97.0	110.9
Arteriosclerosis.....	1	13.9	21.2
Other cardiovascular diseases.....	2	27.7	17.3
Influenza and pneumonia.....	2	27.7	26.4
Bronchitis, emphysema, asthma.....	--	--	26.9
Peptic ulcer.....	2	27.7	4.3
Cirrhosis of liver.....	1	13.9	15.8
Congenital anomalies.....	--	--	8.2
Certain infancy mortality causes..	3	41.6	14.7
All other diseases.....	7	97.0	76.9
Accidents.....	6	83.1	61.3
Suicide.....	4	55.4	14.9
Homicides.....	--	--	3.8

^{1/} Rate per 100,000 population.

^{2/} 1966-68 average, taken from Office of the Governor, Planning Division, Health Facts, 1969.

^{3/} Rate per 1,000 population.

SOURCE: Oregon State Department of Human Resources, Oregon State Health Division, Vital Statistics Section, Vital Statistics Annual Report, 1971.

Public Welfare

Table 57. Public Welfare Payments for Assistance, Harney County,
August 1972

Category	Number of Cases	Average Payments
<u>Cases receiving non-medical payments</u>		
Old Age Assistance.....	16	\$ 62.69
Aid to the Blind.....	1	120.00
Aid to the Disabled.....	15	84.73
Aid to Dependent Children.....	132 <u>1/</u>	44.52
General Assistance.....	8	34.69
Foster Care.....	NA*	NA
<u>Physicians services 1/</u>		
OAA.....	2	\$ 16.50
AB.....	0	---
AD.....	4	24.94
ADC.....	27	22.64
GA.....	3	11.83
FC.....	0	---
<u>Hospital payments 1/</u>		
OAA.....	4	\$ 63.75
AB.....	0	---
AD.....	1	78.20
ADC.....	0	---
GA.....	1	39.01
FC.....	2	318.31
<u>Drug payments 1/</u>		
OAA.....	24	\$ 14.96
AB.....	0	---
AD.....	9	23.86
ADC.....	23	4.91
GA.....	1	4.25
FC.....	2	5.56

*NA - not available.

1/ Persons, not cases.

SOURCE: Oregon State Department of Human Resources, Public Welfare Division,
Public Welfare in Oregon, August 1972.

Table 58. Average Monthly Public Welfare Payments by Type of Service, Harney County, Fiscal Years 1968-69 and 1971-72

Type of Service	Average Payment Per Case	
	1968-69	1971-72
Old Age Assistance.....	\$ 48.24	\$ 58.13
Aid to the Disabled.....	66.76	132.00
Aid to the Blind.....	141.33	97.77
General Assistance.....	49.56	40.98
Aid to Dependent Children <u>1/</u>		
UN <u>2/</u>	---	41.30
Basic <u>2/</u>	40.94	42.97

1/ Payment per person, not case.

2/ The UN figure represents payments to families where the male parent is in the home but unemployed. The basic figure represents all others.

SOURCE: Unpublished data received from Sondra Lipman, Oregon Public Welfare Division, Research and Statistics Section, May 1973.

The State of Oregon operates three special schools for the handicapped, all located at Salem in Marion County. The School for the Blind provides special education for approximately 100 children with acute vision problems in a boarding school situation. The School for the Deaf provides parallel training for severely handicapped children from four years of age through high school. Oregon Fairview Home provides in- and out-patient training for mentally deficient minors and adults.

Housing

Table 59. Housing Occupancy and Facilities for Places with Over 2,500 Inhabitants, Harney County, 1970

Subject	Burns	
	Number	Percent
Occupancy		
All year-round housing units.....	1,295	100.0
Owner occupied.....	693	53.5
Renter occupied.....	446	34.4
Vacant year-round.....	156	12.0
Facilities		
Telephone available.....	900	69.5
Air conditioning.....	174	13.4
Median gross rent of renter occupied <u>1/</u> .	\$86	--

1/ Excludes one-family homes on 10 acres or more.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Housing: 1970 Detailed Housing Characteristics, Final Report HC(1) - B39, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1972.

Table 60. Housing Occupancy and Facilities, Harney County, 1970

Subject	Harney County		State
	Number Units	Percent	Percent
Occupancy			
All housing units.....	2,616	100.0	100.0
Vacant - seasonal or migratory.....	31	1.2	1.3
Owner occupied.....	1,494	57.1	61.3
Renter occupied.....	819	31.3	31.5
Vacant year-round.....	303	11.6	5.9
Population in housing units per unit			
Owner occupied.....	2.9	--	--
Renter occupied.....	2.3	--	--
Persons per room			
All occupied units.....	2,313	100.0	100.0
1.00 or less.....	2,101	90.8	94.7
1.01 to 1.50.....	184	7.9	4.2
1.51 or more.....	28	1.2	1.1
Facilities			
Lacking some or all plumbing facilities.....	118	4.5	3.6
Telephone available.....	1,888	72.3	89.5
Air conditioning.....	418	16.0	10.3
	-number -		- number -
Mean number of rooms.....	4.9		5.0
Median value <u>1</u> /.....	\$11,400		\$11,300
Median gross rent <u>2</u> /.....	\$88		\$107

1/ Specified owner occupied. Limited to one-family homes on less than 10 acres and no business on property.

2/ Specified renter occupied. Excludes one-family homes on 10 acres or more.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Housing: 1970 Detailed Housing Characteristics, Final Report, HC(1) - B39, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1972.

THE COUNTY'S ECONOMY

Agriculture, particularly livestock raising, and lumbering are the major industries in Harney County's economy. Recreation and tourism also contribute to the county's economy.

There are few manufacturing firms in the county. A low population density and substantial distances to markets are negative factors concerning growth of manufacturing.

The major employer in the county is the lumber industry.

Agriculture

In 1970, agriculture contributed nearly \$10 million in sales to Harney County's economy. Much of the county's land area is used to support livestock production, either through grazing or growing forage crops. Livestock sales in 1970 alone totaled over \$8,800,000. Crops grown in the county include: alfalfa hay, cereal grain, pasture, and grass seeds.

Table 61. Farm Size and Value, Harney County, 1959, 1964, and 1969

Subject	1959	1964	1969
Approximate acres of land area.....	6,483,840	6,506,250	6,506,048
Proportion in farms.....	23.7%	21.7%	21.7%
Total number of farms.....	292	279	276
Acres in farms.....	1,535,096	1,416,750	1,413,126
Average size of farms.....	5,257.2	5,077.8	5,120.0
Value of land and buildings			
Average per farm.....	\$115,049	\$179,525	\$202,645
Average per acre.....	\$18.95	\$35.36	\$39.57

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Agriculture, 1969, Vol. 1, Area Reports, Part 47, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1972.

As the following table illustrates, most farms in Harney County are quite large. Nearly half of the county's farms in 1969 were over 2,000 acres. Over 82 percent were over 260 acres in size.

Table 62. Number and Percent of Farms by Size, Harney County, 1959, 1964, and 1969

Size	Number			Percent		
	1959	1964	1969	1959	1964	1969
Less than 10 acres.....	2	7	13	0.7	2.5	4.7
10 to 49 acres.....	16	24	13	5.5	8.7	4.7
50 to 69 acres.....	1	--	1	0.3	--	0.4
70 to 99 acres.....	--	1	4	--	0.4	1.4
100 to 139 acres.....	4	4	4	1.4	1.4	1.4
140 to 179 acres.....	1	5	6	0.3	1.8	2.2
180 to 219 acres.....	2	2	5	0.7	0.7	1.8
220 to 259 acres.....	3	3	3	1.0	1.1	1.1
260 to 499 acres.....	16	25	23	5.5	9.0	8.3
500 to 999 acres.....	45	32	33	15.4	11.5	11.9
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	47	46	37	16.1	16.5	13.4
2,000 acres or more.....	155	130	134	53.1	46.6	48.5
Total farms.....	292	279	276	100.0	100.0	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Agriculture, 1964 and 1969, Vol. 1, Area Reports, Part 47, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1967, 1972.

Classification of farms by economic class considers only those classified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as "Commercial Farms".

In general, all farms with a total value of products sold amounting to \$2,500 or more are classified as commercial. Farms with sales of \$50 to \$2,499 are classified as commercial if the farm operator was under 65 years of age and (1) he did not work off the farm 100 or more days during the year and (2) the income received by the operator and members of his family from nonfarm sources was less than the value of all farm products sold.

Table 63. Farms by Economic Class, Harney County, 1959, 1964, and 1969

Economic Class	Number			Percent		
	1959	1964	1969	1959	1964	1969
Commercial farms.....	225	222	243	84.9	79.6	88.0
Class I (sales of \$40,000 or more).....	40	26	58	15.1	9.3	21.0
Class II (sales of \$20,000 to \$39,999).....	52	54	53	19.6	19.3	19.2
Class III (sales of \$10,000 to \$19,999).....	56	50	43	21.1	17.9	15.6
Class IV (sales of \$5,000 to \$9,999).....	38	48	49	14.3	17.2	17.7
Class V (sales of \$2,500 to \$4,999).....	36	29	32	13.6	10.4	11.6
Class VI (sales of \$50 to \$2,499).....	3	15	8	1.1	5.4	2.9
Other farms.....	40	57	33	15.1	20.4	12.0
Part-time.....	17	40	25	6.4	14.3	9.1
Part-retirement.....	21	15	5	7.9	5.4	1.8
Abnormal.....	2	2	3	0.6	0.7	1.1
Total farms.....	265	279	276	100.0	100.0	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Agriculture, 1964 and 1969, Vol. 1, Area Reports, Part 47, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1967, 1972

Table 64. Farm Operators by Age and Years of School Completed, Harney County, 1959, 1964, and 1969

Subject	1959	1964	1969
Average age in years.....	52.5	52.1	51.8
Farm operators 65 years and over...	47	44	48
Years of school completed:			
Elementary: 0-4 years.....	NA*	10	NA
5-7 years.....	"	5	"
8 years.....	"	76	"
High school: 1-3 years.....	"	42	"
4 years.....	"	92	"
College: 1-3 years.....	"	30	"
4 years.....	"	24	"

*NA - not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Agriculture, 1964 and 1969, Vol. 1, Area Reports, Part 47, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1967, 1972.

Table 65. Farm Operators by Tenure, Harney County, 1959, 1964, and 1969

Tenure	1959	1964	1969
Full owners.....	119	141	141
Part owners.....	143	97	104
Managers.....	4	9	---
Tenants.....	26	32	31
Total operators.....	292	279	276

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Census, Census of Agriculture, 1964 and 1969, Vol. 1, Area Reports, Part 47, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1967, 1972.

Income from the sale of crops and livestock in Harney County during 1970 was over \$9,600,000. The sale of livestock accounted for almost 92 percent of the agricultural income. Other significant products were: hay, 4 percent; small grains, 2.1 percent; sheep and lambs, 1.7 percent; and seed crops, 1.2 percent.

Table 66. Value of Farm Products Sold,^{1/} Harney County, 1966-1970

Product	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970 ^{2/}
- - - - - thousand dollars - - - - -					
All crops, livestock and livestock products.....	7,325	8,444	8,801	10,058	9,607
All crops.....	401	512	550	991	802
All grain, hay and seeds.....	393	489	392	774	710
All seed crops.....	1	44	62	76	119
All grain and hay.....	392	445	330	698	591
All hay.....	219	309	294	393	385
All grains.....	173	136	36	305	206
Wheat.....	28	22	5	28	23
Barley.....	117	86	18	234	143
Vegetables, fresh and for processing.....	--	--	--	--	--
All berries.....	--	--	--	--	--
All tree fruits and nuts.....	--	--	--	--	--
Specialty field crops.....	--	--	--	--	--
Specialty horticultural crops....	4	10	14	14	10
Potatoes.....	3	6	141	198	77
All livestock and livestock products.....	6,924	7,932	8,251	9,067	8,805
Dairy products.....	10	12	10	10	10
Poultry products.....	15	9	9	9	9
Cattle and calves.....	6,599	7,618	7,966	8,779	8,538
Sheep and lambs.....	200	207	170	177	165
Hogs.....	15	12	11	11	8

^{1/} Crop year includes quantities sold or held for sale. ^{2/} preliminary.

SOURCE: U.S.D.A. and Oregon State University Extension Service cooperating, "Oregon Commodity Data Sheets", Oregon State University, 1971-72.

Table 67. Acres of Crops Harvested, Harney County, 1969 and 1970

Crops Harvested	1969	1970 <u>1/</u>
Corn for grain.....	---	---
Small grains		
Wheat.....	900	800
Oats.....	500	1,000
Barley.....	10,000	8,500
Hay crops.....	116,000	109,500
Field seed crops.....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Other field crops.....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Vegetables.....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Berries.....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Tree fruits, nuts, and grapes <u>3/</u> ...	---	NA*

*NA - not available. 1/ preliminary.

2/ Not reported; either no or little acreage.

3/ From U.S. Census of Agriculture, 1969.

SOURCE: U.S.D.A. and Oregon State University Extension Service cooperating, "Oregon Commodity Data Sheets", 1971-72.

Total cattle numbers in Harney County increased from 1950 to 1960 and remained fairly constant from 1960 to 1970. Numbers of other livestock generally declined during these periods.

Table 68. Livestock and Poultry Numbers, Harney County, 1950, 1960, 1969, and 1970

Category <u>1/</u>	1950	1960	1969	1970 <u>2/</u>
All cattle.....	81,000	96,000	98,000	97,000
Dairy cattle.....	900	600	300	300
Sheep and lambs.....	21,000	21,500	12,000	9,000
Hogs.....	1,100	500	200	NA*
Chickens.....	NA	NA	4,000	4,000
Turkeys raised.....	NA	NA	100	---

*NA - not available.

1/ Numbers as of January 1, unless otherwise indicated.

2/ preliminary.

SOURCE: U.S.D.A. and Oregon State University Extension Service cooperating, "Oregon Commodity Data Sheets", 1971-72

Table 69. Food and Kindred Products Manufacturing, Harney County,
1968 and 1970

Product Group	Number of Firms		Employment	
	1968	1970	1968	1970
Meat products.....	0	0	--	--
Dairy products.....	0	0	--	--
Canned fruits, vegetables, and seafood.....	0	0	--	--
Grain mill products.....	0	0	--	--
Bakery products.....	0	0	--	--
Beverages.....	1	0	NA*	--
Miscellaneous food preparations....	0	0	--	--
Total.....	1	0	NA	--

*NA - not available.

SOURCE: Oregon State Department of Commerce, Economic Development Division,
Directory of Oregon Manufacturers - 1968.

Oregon State Executive Department, Economic Development Division,
Directory of Oregon Manufacturers - 1970.

Logging and Wood Products

Logging and wood products manufacturing are major segments of Harney County's economy, both in terms of employment and in value added by production.

Table 70. Lumber and Wood Products Manufacturing Excluding Furniture,
Harney County, 1968 and 1970

Product Group	Number of Firms		Employment	
	1968	1970	1968	1970
Logging camps and contractors.....	1	4	4	26
Sawmills and planing mills.....	0	0	--	--
Millwork plants.....	1	1	925	925
Veneer and plywood plants.....	0	0	--	--
Wood products not elsewhere classified.....	0	0	--	--
Total.....	2	5	929	951

SOURCE: Oregon State Department of Commerce, Economic Development Division,
Directory of Oregon Manufacturers - 1968.

Oregon State Executive Department, Economic Development Division,
Directory of Oregon Manufacturers - 1970.

Between 1960 and 1970, timber harvested in Harney County varied from about 28,000,000 board feet in 1963 to over 78,000,000 board feet in 1965. The average harvest for the 1960-1970, eleven year period, was approximately 58,000,000 board feet.

Table 71. Timber Harvest by Ownership, Harney County, 1970^{1/}

Ownership	Production ^{2/}	Percent of Total
Total timber harvest.....	60,200	100.0
Private ^{3/}	3,682	6.1
Bureau of Land Management ^{4/}	131	0.2
National forest ^{5/}	56,387	93.7
State ^{3/}	--	--

^{1/} Includes volume removed as logs but not volume removed for poles, piling, and woodcutting operations.

^{2/} Scribner log rule - thousand board feet.

^{3/} Compiled by State Forester.

^{4/} Compiled by Bureau of Land Management.

^{5/} Compiled by U.S. Forest Service.

SOURCE: Wall, Brian R., "1970 Timber Harvest", U.S.D.A. Forest Service Resource Bulletin PNW-38, U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station, Portland, Oregon, 1971.

In 1968 Harney and Morrow Counties (data reported together to avoid disclosure) used 56,362,000 board feet of Harney County's log production. While no logs were exported from Harney County, Morrow and Harney Counties together imported 83,083,000 board feet for processing.

Table 72. Log Consumption in Thousand Board Feet by Species and Industry, Harney County, 1968 ^{1/}

Species	Type of Industry		
	Sawmills ^{2/}	Veneer and Plywood ^{3/}	Shake and Shingle
All species.....	118,227	156,160	^{4/}
Douglas fir.....	11,758	91,541	
True firs.....	2,629	46,851	
Ponderosa and Jeffrey pines.....	103,840	5,870	
Other softwoods.....	---	11,898	
Hardwoods.....	---	---	

^{1/} Scribner log rule.

^{2/} Combined with Morrow County to avoid disclosure.

^{3/} Combined with Baker, Grant, and Union Counties to avoid disclosure.

^{4/} None reported.

SOURCE: Manock, Eugene R., Grover A. Choate, and Donald R. Gedney, Oregon Timber Industries, 1968, Wood Consumption and Mill Characteristics, Oregon State Department of Forestry jointly with U.S. Forest Service, Salem, Oregon, 1968.

Table 73. Installed 8-Hour Capacity of Wood-Using Industries,
Harney County, 1968

Industry	Capacity
Sawmill - lumber <u>1/</u>	190,000
Veneer and plywood <u>2/</u>	105,000
Pulp and board mills <u>3/</u>	<u>4/</u>

1/ Scribner log rule, board feet.

2/ square feet, 3/8 inch basis.

3/ 24 hour capacity in tons.

4/ None reported.

SOURCE: Manock, Eugene R., Grover A. Choate, and Donald R. Gedney, Oregon Timber Industries, 1968, Wood Consumption and Mill Characteristics, Oregon State Department of Forestry jointly with U.S. Forest Service, Salem, Oregon, 1968.

Over 123,649 tons of wood residue were produced by Harney and Morrow County sawmills in 1968 (data reported together to avoid disclosure). Over 120,000 tons of the residue were consumed for such uses as pulp, particle board, or fuel.

Manufacturing

Table 74. Value Added by Major Manufacturing Industries,
Harney County, 1967

Item	Value Added	Percent of Total
All manufacturing.....	<u>1/</u>	
Food and kindred products.....		
Lumber and wood products.....		

1/ Amount not reported to avoid disclosure.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Manufacturers, 1967, Area Services, MC 67(3) - 38, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1970.

Table 75. Manufacturing, Other than Lumber and Wood Products; Food and Kindred Products and Mineral, Metal, and Related Products Manufacturing, Harney County, 1968 and 1970

Product Group	Number of Firms		Employment	
	1968	1970	1968	1970
Ordnance and accessories.....	0	0	--	--
Textile mill products.....	0	0	--	--
Apparel and other finished fabric products.....	0	0	--	--
Printing, publishing, and allied industries				
Newspapers, publishing, and printing..	1	1	7	7
Furniture and fixtures.....	0	0	--	--
Chemicals and allied products.....	0	0	--	--
Rubber and miscellaneous plastics.....	0	0	--	--
Miscellaneous machinery, except electrical.....	1	0	NA*	--
Electrical machinery.....	0	0	--	--
Transportation equipment.....	0	0	--	--
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries..	0	0	--	--
Total.....	2	1	7	7

*NA - not available.

SOURCE: Oregon State Department of Commerce, Economic Development Division, Directory of Oregon Manufacturers - 1968.
Oregon State Executive Department, Economic Development Division, Directory of Oregon Manufacturers - 1970.

Mining - Mineral and Metal Industries

Most of the income from mineral production in Harney County is derived from sand, gravel, and stone, and varies from year to year depending on the current construction activities within the county.

Table 76. Value of Mineral Production, Harney County, 1963, 1965, and 1970

Year	Value	Minerals Produced in Order of Value
1963.....	\$284,000	Stone, sand and gravel
1965.....	261,000	Stone, sand and gravel
1970.....	<u>1/</u>	Sand and gravel, stone

1/ Withheld to avoid disclosure.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Mines, Minerals Yearbook, from Bureau of Business and Economic Research, Oregon Economic Statistics, University of Oregon, various years.

Table 77. Mineral, Metal and Related Manufacturing, Harney County,
1968 and 1970

Product Group	Number of Firms		Employment	
	1968	1970	1968	1970
Petroleum refining and related industries.....	0	0	--	--
Stone, clay and glass products				
Ready-mixed concrete.....	1	0	NA*	--
Primary metal industries.....	0	0	--	--
Fabricated metal products.....	0	0	--	--
Total.....	1	0	NA	--

*NA - not available.

SOURCE: Oregon State Department of Commerce, Economic Development Division,
Directory of Oregon Manufacturers - 1968.

Oregon State Executive Department, Economic Development Division,
Directory of Oregon Manufacturers - 1970.

Outdoor Recreation ^{1/}

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge is located in Harney County. The 181,000 acre refuge attracts thousands of visitors to observe and photograph some of the 234 known species of birdlife which inhabit the refuge.

There are several undeveloped ski areas in the northern portion of the basin.

Thousands of rock hounds visit the county annually. There are also Indian relics and writings on rocks and cliffs.

Hunting is a major outdoor activity in Harney County. Each year thousands of hunters hunt deer, elk, pheasant, ducks, geese, and other wildlife in the county. In 1971, nearly 12,000 hunters participated in the deer season in the Harney County area.

Sport fishing is also popular in a few county streams and lakes.

The undeveloped nature of large areas of the county is attractive to many people from urban areas who are seeking a change of environment. Recreation use statistics for the county have shown an increase in participation in outdoor recreation in recent years.

^{1/} Oregon State Water Resources Board, Malheur Lake Drainage Basin, 1971.

Table 78. Harney County Park and Recreation Facilities, 1968

Ownership and Name	Facilities and Activities ^{1/}
<u>U.S. National Forest</u>	
Delintment Lake.....	C, P, B, F, H, S
Idlewild.....	C, Tc, P, H, Hi
Joaquin Miller.....	C, Tc, P, H, Hi
Rock Spring.....	C, P, H, Hi
Yellowjacket.....	Tc, B, F, H, Hi
<u>Bureau of Land Management</u>	
Page Springs.....	NA*
Chickahominy.....	NA
<u>Oregon State Game Commission</u>	
Fish Lake.....	P, F, S
<u>Harney County</u>	
Theimer.....	NA

*NA - not available.

^{1/} B - boating

H - hunting

S - swimming

C - camping

Hi - hiking

Tc - trailer

F - fishing

P - picnicking

camping

SOURCES: U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region, National Forest Campground Directory, Oregon-Washington, U.S. Government Printing Office, 1971.

Oregon State Department of Transportation, Oregon State Highway Division, State Parks and Recreation Section, "State Park Acreages", 1972.

There are no state parks located in Harney County, so no attendance figures are available.

Table 79. Harney County Game Harvest

Game	Hunters		Harvest		Days Hunted
	Number	Percent of State Total	Number	Percent of State Total	
Pheasant.....	397	0.55	1,558	0.64	1,395
Quail.....	332	1.27	3,061	1.93	1,725
Chukar partridge....	478	2.89	1,313	1.14	1,324
Hungarian partridge.	26	0.50	126	0.79	75
Ducks.....	940	1.68	5,290	0.92	4,500
Geese.....	880	3.13	2,090	3.28	4,120
Deer ^{1/}	11,930	4.27	4,210	4.79	NA*
Elk ^{1/}	970	1.30	120	1.16	6,700

*NA - not available.

^{1/} Figures for Juniper, Steens Mountain, Silvies, and Malheur River State Game Commission management units, which are not completely within Harney County's borders and do not completely cover the county.

SOURCES: Oregon State Game Commission, "1966 Upland Game Questionnaire", 1967; "Water Fowl Estimates, 1969-70 Season", 1970; "Oregon State Game Commission Bulletin", May 1972.

Business

Table 80. Retail and Wholesale Trade, Harney County, 1967

Product Group	Number Establish- ments	Number Paid 1/ Employees	Sales (\$1,000)
Retail trade, total.....	89	377	\$12,285
Lumber, building materials, hard- ware, farm equipment dealers <u>2/</u> ..	8	NA*	792
General merchandise group stores...	6	"	677
Food stores.....	9	"	3,427
Automotive dealers.....	8	"	2,913
Gasoline service stations.....	11	"	1,635
Apparel, accessory stores.....	6	"	401
Furniture, home furnishing, equipment stores.....	2	"	<u>3/</u>
Eating, drinking places.....	21	"	94 <u>3</u>
Drug, proprietary stores.....	1	"	<u>3/</u>
Other retail stores.....	12	"	1,504
Nonstore retailers.....	5	"	<u>3/</u>
Wholesale trade, total.....	12	"	<u>3/</u>
Merchant wholesalers <u>4/</u>	<u>3/</u>	"	<u>3/</u>
Other operating types.....	7	"	2,420

*NA - not available.

1/ Excludes active proprietors of unincorporated businesses.

2/ Data reported for specific kinds of business only for counties with 500 or more retail establishments.

3/ Withheld to avoid disclosure.

4/ Data reported for specific kinds of business only for counties with 100 or more wholesale establishments.

SOURCES: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Business, 1967 Retail Trade: Oregon, BC 67 - RA 39, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1969.

U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Business, 1967 Wholesale Trade: Oregon, BC 67 - WA 39, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1969.

Table 81. Selected Services, Harney County, 1967

Product Group	Number Establish- ments	Receipts (\$1,000)	Number Paid <u>1</u> / Employees
Selected services, total.....	46	\$1,031	108
Hotels, motels, tourist courts, camps <u>2</u> /.....	10	NA*	NA
Personal services.....	15	"	"
Miscellaneous business services....	5	"	"
Auto repair services, garages.....	3	"	"
Miscellaneous repair services.....	10	"	"
Motion pictures.....	1	"	"
Amusement, recreation services, exc. motion pictures.....	2	"	"

*NA - not available.

1/ Excludes active proprietors of unincorporated businesses.

2/ Data reported for specific kinds of business only for counties with 300 or more establishments.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Business, 1967 Selected Services: Oregon, BC 67 - SA 39, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1969.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Transportation

Each of the major highways in Harney County connects with Burns. Federal Highway 395 goes north from Burns to Grant County and Federal Highway 20 runs east and west through Burns across the northern portion of the state. State Highway 205 goes south from Burns to the central part of the county. The final major roadway in the county, State Highway 78, runs southeast from Burns to Malheur County.

Regularly scheduled bus service is available on the county's major highways. The Oregon and Northwest Railroad and the Union Pacific Corporation also operate in the county. Burns has a municipal airport where charter flights are available.

Table 82. Miles of Roadway in Harney County, 1968

Agency	Miles
Federal agency roads.....	3,196
State agency roads.....	293
County and public usage roads <u>1/</u> ...	2,400
City streets.....	35
Total.....	5,924

1/ Public usage roads are roads under county jurisdiction but generally privately maintained.

SOURCE: Transportation Research Institute, Oregon State University, Functional Classification of Public Roads and Streets in Oregon, 1970.

Table 83. Motor Vehicle Registration, Harney County, 1970 and 1972

Vehicle	Number of Vehicles	
	1970	1972
Passenger vehicles.....	4,656	4,972
Buses.....	2	0
Trucks.....	452	600
All trailers.....	414	199
Motorcycles.....	232	284
Recreational <u>1/</u>	422	541
Snowmobiles.....	NA*	61
Total.....	6,178	6,657

*NA - not available.

1/ Includes campers and travel trailers.

SOURCES: Oregon State Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicles Division, 1970 figures taken from Bureau of Business and Economic Research, Oregon Economic Statistics, 1972, University of Oregon, 1972; 1972 figures from a telephone interview with State Motor Vehicles Division.

Table 84. Number of Aircraft and Boats in Harney County, 1968

Subject	Number
Aircraft.....	34
Boats.....	197

SOURCE: Oregon State Executive Department, Program Planning Division, District Facts, 1970.

Communication

Harney County is served with one radio station and others from surrounding areas. There are no locally owned television stations within the county; however, several are received from outside the county. Telephone service is provided by United Telephone Company of the Northwest and Pacific Northwest Bell.

Table 85. Communication Facilities, Harney County

Type of Service	Location	Network Affiliation
<u>Radio stations</u>		
KRNS.....	Burns	---
<u>Telephone</u>		
Pacific Northwest Bell.....	Bend	
United Telephone Company of the Northwest.....	Burns	
<u>Television stations</u>		
None located in the county, but stations outside the county can be received.		
<u>Newspapers</u>		
Burns Times-Herald..... (Portland papers available)	Burns	

SOURCES: Oregon Association of Broadcasters, Directory of Radio and Television Stations for the State of Oregon, 1972.
Oregon State Executive Department, Clay Meyers, Secretary of State, Oregon Blue Book, 1973-74, January 1973.
Pacific Northwest Bell, unpublished data.

Table 86. Residential Communication Facilities, Harney County,
1960 and 1970

Facilities	Number of Housing Units	
	1960	1970
<u>Battery radio sets</u>		
Yes.....	NA*	1,979
No.....	NA	466
<u>Telephone available</u>		
Yes.....	1,319	1,888
No.....	718	425
<u>Television sets</u>		
One.....	1,363	1,743
Two or more.....	74	289
None.....	600	393
<u>UHF equipped television</u>		
Yes.....	NA	1,508
No.....	NA	524

*NA - not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Housing: 1960 and 1970
Detailed Housing Characteristics, Final Report HC(1) - B39, Oregon,
U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1962, 1972.

Library Facilities

During the 1969-70 fiscal year, \$4,000 of city funds and \$18,579 of county funds were provided to support library facilities in Harney County, while expenditures totaled \$17,555. The county's circulation per capita of 4.2 and expenditure per capita of \$2.41 compare with average figures for all counties in Oregon of 6.3 and \$3.48.

Table 87. Harney County Libraries, by City of Location, 1969-70

City	Volumes	Circu- lation	Circ./ Capita	Hrs. Open Per Week	Operating Expend.	Expend./ Capita
Burns <u>1/</u>	16,595	30,788	4.2	32	\$17,555	\$2.41
Extension Service.....		---				
County total...	16,595	30,788	4.2	32	\$17,555	\$2.41

1/ City library.

SOURCE: Nielsen, Alice M., Editor, Directory of Oregon Libraries, annual statistics for the year ending June 30, 1970, Oregon State Library, Salem, Oregon.

Utilities

Table 88. Housing Units by Water Supply and Sewage Disposal,
Harney County, 1970

Subject	Harney County		State
	Number	Percent ^{1/}	Percent ^{1/}
Water source			
Public system or private company.	1,816	69.4	79.8
Individual well.....	745	28.5	16.9
Other or none.....	55	2.1	3.3
Sewage disposal			
Public sewer.....	1,822	69.6	61.0
Septic tank or cesspool.....	726	27.7	37.5
Other or none.....	68	2.6	1.5

^{1/} Percent of all year-round housing.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Housing: 1970 Detailed Housing Characteristics, Final Report HC(1) - B39, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1972.

Table 89. Housing Units by Water Supply and Sewage Disposal for Places
with Over 2,500 Inhabitants, Harney County, 1970

Subject	Burns	
	Number	Percent ^{1/}
Water source		
Public system or private company.	1,245	96.1
Individual well.....	46	3.6
Sewage disposal		
Public sewer.....	1,278	98.7
Septic tank or cesspool.....	13	1.0
Other or none.....	--	--

^{1/} Percent of all year-round housing.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Housing: 1970 Detailed Housing Characteristics, Final Report HC(1) - B39, Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1972.

Table 90. Types of Fuels and Fuel Usage, Number of Housing Units,
Harney County, 1960 and 1970

Type of Fuel	Home Heating Fuel		Water Heating Fuel		Cooking Fuel	
	1960	1970	1960	1970	1960	1970
Utility gas.....	25	62	15	--	15	23
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc..	1,069	1,580	21	45	--	--
Coal or coke.....	155	60	29	--	15	--
Wood.....	601	126	20	17	245	81
Electricity.....	15	303	1,733	2,144	1,504	2,079
Bottled, tank, or LP gas.	100	294	46	131	258	242
Other fuel.....	72	--	--	--	--	--
None.....	--	--	173	88	--	--
All occupied housing units.....	2,037	2,425				

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Housing: 1960 and 1970
Detailed Housing Characteristics, Final Report HC(1) - B39,
Oregon, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1962,
1972.

No hydroelectric power is generated in Harney County, but Harney Electric Cooperative in Burns has a fuel powered electricity generating plant with a capacity of 6,000 kilowatts. California-Pacific Utilities Company also serves the county with imported electricity.

PUBLIC FINANCE

Table 91. Selected Items of Local Government Finances, Harney County, 1966-67

Item	Harney County		State
	Total Amount	Per Capita Amount	Per Capita Amount
	- \$1,000 -	- - dollars - -	
General revenue, exc. interlocal...	\$3,289	\$433	\$308
Intergovernmental revenue.....	817	108	97
From state government.....	784	103	83
From local sources.....	2,472	325	210
Taxes.....	1,378	181	156
Property.....	1,354	178	151
Other.....	24	3	5
Charges and miscellaneous.....	1,094	144	54
Direct general expenditure.....	2,900	382	316
Capital outlay.....	119	16	62
Other.....	2,781	366	254
Education.....	1,455	191	180
Other than capital outlay.....	1,391	183	152
Highways.....	344	45	30
Other than capital outlay.....	344	45	20
Public welfare.....	14	2	2
Hospitals.....	540	71	6
Other than capital outlay.....	487	64	--
Health.....	50	7	4
Police protection.....	69	9	12
Fire protection.....	15	2	9
Sewerage.....	18	2	8
Other than capital outlay.....	18	2	3
Sanitation other than sewerage...	--	--	2
Parks and recreation.....	5	1	10
Natural resources.....	50	7	4
Housing and urban renewal.....	--	--	4
Correction.....	13	2	2
Libraries.....	6	1	3
Financial administration.....	44	6	5
General control.....	59	8	8
General public buildings.....	16	2	3
Interest on general debt.....	53	7	6
Other and unallocable.....	149	20	21
Water supply revenue.....	72	10	12
Water supply expenditure.....	51	7	13
General debt outstanding.....	1,310	172	214
Long-term.....	1,310	172	203
Local schools.....	834	110	101
Other.....	476	63	101

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Governments, 1967, Vol. 4, No. 5: Compendium of Government Finances, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1969.

Table 92. Summary of 1971-72 Property Tax Levies and Assessments,
Harney County

Item	Amount in Dollars
<u>Levies</u>	
County.....	\$ 356,119
Cities.....	116,376
Community colleges.....	---
Elementary and secondary school districts	
Intermediate county.....	3,007,807
Education joint.....	32,331
Elementary and unified.....	2,082,485
Union high.....	164,730
County unit.....	---
Total school districts.....	1,779,750
Special districts	
Cemetery.....	---
Fire protection.....	---
Hospital.....	---
Park and recreation.....	26,886
Port.....	---
Road.....	---
Sanitary.....	---
Water supply.....	---
Other.....	---
Total special districts.....	26,886
Total gross ad valorem levies.....	2,279,131
Special assessments	
Fire patrol.....	4,154
Forest fee.....	---
Diking and drainage.....	---
Irrigation.....	---
Lighting.....	---
Other.....	---
Total special assessments.....	4,154
Total gross levies and assessments.....	2,283,285
Less property relief money	
Senior citizens.....	(4,981)
Game Commission.....	---
Total net ad valorem levies.....	2,274,150
Net ad valorem taxes by class	
Real property.....	1,608,000
Personal property.....	473,782
Utility property.....	192,368

SOURCE: Oregon State Department of Revenue, Summary of Assessment and Tax Rolls for the 1971-72 Fiscal Year and 1969-70 and 1970-71 Property Tax Collections, Research and Special Service Division, 1972.

Table 93. Summary of Assessment Rolls for 1971-72 Fiscal Year Real Property, Personal Property and Utilities, Harney County

Item	Assessed Value	Percent of Total
<u>Class</u>		
Real property		
Lands inside corporate limits.....	\$ 4,622,770	5.1
Lands outside corporate limits.....	25,760,510	28.5
Improvements inside corporate limits.....	16,831,555	18.6
Improvements outside corporate limits.....	16,407,955	18.1
Timber (excludes land).....	---	---
Less veterans exemptions.....	(414,765)	0.5
Less senior citizens residence exemptions..	(167,180)	0.2
Taxable real property.....	63,040,845	69.7
Personal property		
Merchandise and stock in trade.....	3,295,087	3.6
Furniture, fixtures and equipment.....	432,596	0.5
Farm machinery and equipment.....	2,240,355	2.5
Other machinery and equipment.....	1,771,469	1.9
Livestock.....	11,197,978	12.4
Miscellaneous.....	977,561	1.1
Less veterans exemptions.....	(7,290)	<u>1/</u>
Less senior citizens residence exemptions..	(4,425)	<u>1/</u>
Taxable personal property.....	19,903,331	22.0
Total taxable real and personal property.....	82,944,176	91.7
Utilities		
Airline companies.....	---	---
Electric companies.....	2,812,831	3.1
Express companies.....	---	---
Gas companies.....	---	---
Heating companies.....	---	---
Pipeline companies.....	---	---
Railroad companies.....	2,415,510	2.7
Tank and private car companies.....	---	---
Telegraph companies.....	1,700	<u>1/</u>
Telephone companies.....	2,269,818	2.5
Water companies.....	---	---
Water transportation companies.....	---	---
Taxable utility property.....	7,499,859	8.3
Total taxable real, personal and utility property.....	90,444,035	100.0

1/ Less than 0.05 percent.

SOURCE: Oregon State Department of Revenue, Summary of Assessment and Tax Rolls for the 1971-72 Fiscal Year and 1969-70 and 1970-71 Property Tax Collections, Research and Special Service Division, 1972.

Table 94. City Valuation, Tax Rates and Taxes Extended in Harney County
for 1971-72 Fiscal Year

Item	Burns	Hines
Population.....	3,290	1,415
True cash value (TCV).....	\$19,285,099	\$6,088,365
Per capita TCV.....	5,862	4,303
City tax.....	118,310	18,022
Consolidated tax.....	562,856	164,812
Per capita tax		
City.....	30	13
Consolidated.....	178	16
Percentage of total levy		
County.....	12.9	14.5
City.....	16.8	10.9
School.....	68.3	72.3
Other.....	2.0	2.3
Average rate/\$TCV basis		
County.....	3.93	3.93
City.....	5.10	2.96
School.....	20.78	19.57
Other.....	0.61	0.61
Total.....	30.42	27.07

SOURCE: Oregon State Department of Revenue, Summary of Assessment and Tax Rolls for the 1971-72 Fiscal Year and 1969-70 and 1970-71 Property Tax Collections, Research and Special Service Division, 1972.

Table 95. Amount and Percent of Unpaid 1970-71 Property Tax,
As of June 30, 1971, Harney County

Item	Total Amount	Amount Unpaid	Percent Unpaid
Property taxable			
Real.....	\$1,541,984	\$228,550	14.8
Personal.....	457,625	28,602	6.3
Public utilities.....	188,876	23,520	12.5
Western Oregon additional timber tax.....	---	---	---
Yield tax.....	---	---	---
Other.....	36,584	---	---
Total for collection.....	2,225,069	818,004	36.8

SOURCE: Oregon State Department of Revenue, Summary of Assessment and Tax Rolls for the 1971-72 Fiscal Year and 1969-70 and 1970-71 Property Tax Collections, Research and Special Service Division, 1972.

Selected List of Agencies

The following list gives names and addresses of agencies that have served as data sources for this publication and may provide further or more current data on subjects of interest.

In addition, a number of local and county offices are available to offer local information and assistance, including:

Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation
Assessor
City Library
Corrections and Parole
County Engineer
County Extension
County Surveyor
Employment Division
Game Commission
Health Department
Public Welfare
Soil Conservation Service

1. Bureau of Business and Economic Research, Univerity of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 97403
2. Center for Population Research and Census, Portland State University, 724 S.W. Harrison, Portland, Oregon 97201
3. Children Services Division, Oregon State Department of Human Resources, Public Services Building, Salem, Oregon 97310
4. Department of Environmental Quality, 1234 S.W. Morrison, Portland, Oregon 97204
5. Economic Research Service, U.S.D.A. Extension Hall, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon 97331
6. Extension Service, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon 97331
7. Fish Commission of Oregon, 1400 S.W. 5th St., Portland, Oregon 97201
8. 4-H Youth Office, Extension Hall, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon 97331
9. Forest Service, U.S.D.A., 319 S.W. Pine St., Portland, Oregon 97204
10. Governor's Office, Economic Development Special Projects, State Capitol Building, Salem, Oregon 97310

11. Local Government Relations Division, Oregon Executive Department, 240 Cottage S.E., Salem, Oregon 97310
12. Oregon Association of Broadcasters, Allen Hall, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 97403
13. Oregon Board of Higher Education, School Finance and Statistical Services, 942 Lancaster Dr. N.E., Salem, Oregon 97310
14. Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, 1400 S.W. 5th St., Portland, Oregon 97201
15. Oregon Educational Coordinating Council, 4263 Commercial S.E., Salem, Oregon 97310
16. Oregon State Department of Revenue, State Office Building, Salem, Oregon 97310
17. Oregon State Employment Division, Community Manpower, Research and Statistics, or Rural Manpower sections, Labor and Industries Building, Salem, Oregon 97310
18. Oregon State Game Commission, 1634 Alder, Portland, Oregon 97214
19. Oregon State Health Division, Department of Human Resources, 1400 S.W. 5th, Portland, Oregon 97201
20. Oregon State Highway Division, State Parks and Recreation Section, 8009 E. Burnside, Portland, Oregon 97215
21. Oregon State Lands Division, 502 Winter N.E., Salem, Oregon 97310
22. Oregon State Library, State Library Building, Salem, Oregon 97310
23. Oregon State Public Welfare Division, Department of Human Resources, Public Services Building, Salem, Oregon 97310
24. Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station, U.S. Forest Service, 809 N.E. 6th St., Portland, Oregon 97232
25. Secretary of State's Office, State Capitol Building, Salem, Oregon 97310
26. Soil Conservation Service, U.S.D.A., 1218 S.W. Washington, Portland, Oregon 97205
27. State Water Resources Board, 1158 Chemeketa N.E., Salem, Oregon 97310
28. U.S. Department of Commerce, 921 S.W. Washington, Portland, Oregon 97204 (for copies of U.S. Census publications)

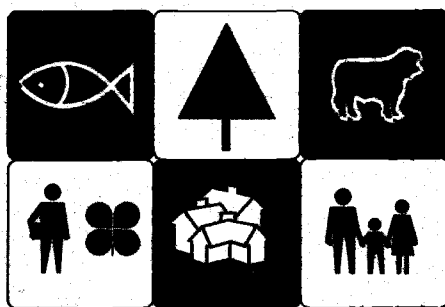
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