

BAKER COUNTY COMMUNITY PROFILE

About Baker County

Baker County, located in Northeast Oregon, has a population of 16,400 and covers 3,049 square miles. The county seat, Baker City, is the largest community with a



population of 10,035. Situated at the base of the Elkhorn Mountains at an elevation of 3,369 feet, Baker City offers abundant recreational opportunities; from skiing fresh powder in the winter to hiking, camping, and fishing on the thousands of acres of national forests and wilderness located throughout the county. While Historic Downtown Baker City boasts more than 100 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. The views are breath-taking, the air is clean and the people are genuine.

Our proximity to Interstate 84 and a Union Pacific Railroad mainline both offer convenient access to two modes of transportation for our local businesses. Our location in relation to major markets in the Pacific Northwest makes Baker County a logical choice when weighing the costs involved in transporting product to market.

Settled during the days of the gold rush, Baker County, still reliant on agriculture, has diversified its economic base to include tourism, manufacturing, and other traded-sector industries. Baker County offers all of the advantages of Oregon's pro-business climate, as well some not found in other areas of the state. Ted Kulongoski, Oregon's current governor, has recognized Baker City and County as the model for what an area can accomplish with a shared vision, strategy, and the people committed to make it happen.

Baker County is situated in the northeast corner of Oregon; Baker City, the county seat is located on Interstate 84 approximately 75 miles west of the Idaho border and 300 miles east of Portland, Oregon.

Major Employers

Company Name	Category	Employment
Marvin Wood Products	Wood Products	190
Ash Grove Cement	Mining & Manufacturing	140
Behlen Country	Metals-Manufacturing	90
U.S. Timber	Wood Products	70
Natural Structures	Water Slide & Pavillion Mfg	35
Blue Mountain Workshops	Wood Products	18
Orchard Wood Products	Wood Products	17
St. Elizabeth Hospital	Health Care	222
Guyer & Associates	Accounting Firm	20
Oregon Trail Electric	Electric Utility	46
Federal Government	Service Agency	200
State Government	Service Agency	260
Local Government	Service Agency	790

Quality of Life

Public Parks	9
Public Swimming Pools	1
Public Tennis Courts	10
Football / Soccer / Baseball Fields	8
Golf Courses	1
Cinemas	1
Public Libraries	3
Theatres	1
Museums / Galleries	10
Churches	28



Transportation

Highways
Interstate I-84, Highway 86, Highway 7, Highway 30, and Highway 26

Motor Freight Carriers
FedEx Freight, Gary Smith Trucking, Oak Harbor Freight, UPS Freight, and

Air Transportation	
Nearest Airport	Miles from Airport
Baker City Municipal	3
Pendleton Regional	90
Boise National	130
Portland International	304

Rail Service
Union Pacific

Location From Major Cities	
Portland, Oregon	304
Bend, Oregon	247
Seattle, Washington	372
Yakima, Washington	252
Spokane, Washington	297
Reno, Nevada	542
Twin Falls, Idaho	253
Boise, Idaho	122
Sacramento, California	675
Salt Lake City, Utah	471

City Hall Contacts

Baker City	541-523-6541
Haines	541-856-3366
Halfway	541-742-4741
Huntington	541-896-2202
Richland	541-893-6141
Sumpter	541-894-2314
Unity	541-446-3544

Taxes

Property Tax	
Taxing Entity*	Tax Rate / Per \$100**
Baker County	1.7853

*Not all taxes would apply. Depends on location of business or home **All Property is Assessed @ 100% Valuation

Business License Fee
Downtown Business License Fee for Historic District Preservation - See City of Baker City

Sales Tax			
City	County	State	Special Purpose
None %	None %	None %	None %

Education

Name of Institution	Number of Students
Eastern Oregon University-Branch	60
Blue Mountain Community College-Br.	110
Baker High School	620
Baker Middle School	335
South Baker Elementary	336
North Baker Elementary	342
Brooklyn Elementary	321

Health Care Services

Name of Service	Description
St. Elizabeth Hospital	19 Beds
Ashley Manor Care Center	Assisted Living
Elkhorn Village	Assisted Living
Meadowbrook Place	Assisted Living
Reasoner Retreat Adult Foster Care	Assisted Living
Settlers' Park	Assisted Living
St. Elizabeth Care Center	Nursing Home
Transition Home	Assisted Living
New Directions Northwest	Alcohol & Drug Treatment
Step Forward Activities	Development & Rehabilitation

Visit Baker

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