

Mt. Shasta Demographics

Mt. Shasta combines a fun and artistic community that thrives on the entrepreneurial lifestyle. Mt. Shasta is located in Siskiyou County, northern California, 60 miles north of Redding, and 60 miles south of the Oregon border, along Interstate 5. Pine-covered mountains surround our valley, with the snowy volcanic peak of Mt. Shasta towering 14,162 feet high above it.

The site of present-day Mount Shasta City was within the range of the Okwanuchu tribe of Native Americans. During the 1820s, early Euro-American trappers and hunters first passed through the area, following the path of the Siskiyou Trail. The discovery of gold at nearby Yreka, California in 1851, dramatically increased traffic along the Siskiyou Trail and through the site of present-day Mount Shasta. The area where the town later grew up was known first as Strawberry Valley, and then as Berryvale. With the arrival of the railroad, the town was given the name Sisson, California, after prominent land owner Justin Sisson. The name was changed to Mount Shasta City in 1924.

Mt. Shasta Fast Facts:

Population - 3832 ~

Elevation - 3500 ft. ~

Size – 3.4 square miles

Avg. Annual Rainfall - 17 inches

Avg. Snowfall - 104 inches

Avg. Summer Temperature - 74

Avg. Winter Temperature – 29.6

Avg. Humidity- 54.5

General Characteristics -	Number	Percent
Total population		
Male	1418	37
Female	2414	63
Population by Age		
Median age (years)	42	
Under 18 years	919	24
18 years and over	2244	58.6
65 years and over	670	17.5
White	3323	91.77
Black or African American	55	1.52
American Indian and Alaska Native	16	.44
Asian	59	1.63
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	5	.14
Some other race	77	2.13
Two or more races	86	2.38
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	211	5.83
Household population	1669	
Average household size	2.14	
Average family size	2.83	
Total housing units	1798	
Economic Characteristics -		
	Number	
Median household income (dollars)	26,500	
Median family income (dollars)	37,313	
Per capita income (dollars)	20,629	
Families below poverty level	571	14.9
Individuals below poverty level	743	19.4