

### Siskiyou County – Demographics

Siskiyou County is located in inland northern California, adjacent to the Oregon border. As the fifth largest county in California by area, Siskiyou County features spectacular natural beauty and scenic cities and towns including Yreka, Mt. Shasta, Weed, Dunsmuir, McCloud, & Tulelake as well as Butte Valley, Scott Valley, Shasta Valley, & the Klamath River Corridor.

Siskiyou County is geographically widely diverse. From towering Mount Shasta (elev. 14,179 ft/4,322 m)) near the center of the county, to lakes and dense forests, as well as desert, chaparral, and memorable waterfalls, the county is home to world-famous trout-fishing rivers and streams, such as the Sacramento and McCloud Rivers. Mount Shasta itself has a winter sports center. Pastoral Scott Valley in the western part of the county has many wide, tree-lined meadows, supporting large cattle ranches. The county’s water is viewed as sufficiently pure and abundant that the county is a source of significant amounts of bottled water, distributed throughout the country.

#### Siskiyou County Fast Facts:

Population – 47,500 ~

Elevation - 2938 ft. ~

Size - 6347 square miles

	2006	2000	1990
<b>Population</b>	45,091	44,301	43,531

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates, Census 2000, 1990 Census

General Characteristics -	Number	Percent	U.S.
Total population	44,301		
Male	21,752	49.1	49.1%
Female	22,549	50.9	50.9%
<b>Population by Age</b>			
Median age (years)	43.0		35.3
Under 5 years	2,260	5.1	6.8%
18 years and over	33,681	76.0	74.3%
65 years and over	8,040	18.1	12.4%
<b>One race</b>	42,686	96.4	97.6%
White	38,573	87.1	75.1%
Black or African American	580	1.3	12.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,726	3.9	0.9%
Asian	526	1.2	3.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	57	0.1	0.1%
Some other race	1,224	2.8	5.5%
Two or more races	1,615	3.6	2.4%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3,354	7.6	12.5%
Household population	43,611	98.4	97.2%
Group quarters population	690	1.6	2.8%
Average household size	2.35		2.59
Average family size	2.87		3.14

Total housing units	21,947		
Occupied housing units	18,556	84.5	91.0%
Owner-occupied housing units	12,472	67.2	66.2%
Renter-occupied housing units	6,084	32.8	33.8%
Vacant housing units	3,391	15.5	9.0%
<b>Social Characteristics -</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
Population 25 years and over	30,682		
High school graduate or higher	25,704	83.8	80.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	5,445	17.7	24.4%
Civilian veterans (civilian population 18 years and over)	6,142	18.2	12.7%
Disability status (population 5 years and over)	9,154	22.0	19.3%
Foreign born	2,382	5.4	11.1%
Male, Now married, except separated (population 15 years and over)	10,405	59.7	56.7%
Female, Now married, except separated (population 15 years and over)	10,400	56.3	52.1%
Speak a language other than English at home (population 5 years and over)	3,763	9.0	17.9%
<b>Economic Characteristics -</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
In labor force (population 16 years and over)	19,102	54.3	63.9%
Mean travel time to work in minutes (workers 16 years and over)	18.2		25.5
Median household income in 1999 (dollars)	29,530		41,994
Median family income in 1999 (dollars)	36,890		50,046
Per capita income in 1999 (dollars)	17,570		21,587
Families below poverty level	1,726	14.0	9.2%
Individuals below poverty level	8,109	18.6	12.4%
<b>Housing Characteristics -</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
Single-family owner-occupied homes	8,305		
Median value (dollars)	100,300		119,600
Median of selected monthly owner costs	(X)		
With a mortgage (dollars)	812		1,088
Not mortgaged (dollars)	237		295

(X) Not applicable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3)

**Siskiyou County Industry Analysis, 1998**

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Industry Sector	# of Establishments	% of Total	Total Employees	% of Total	Total Sales (\$1,000,000s)	% of Total
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	164	6.7%	948	6.3	66.0	8.8%
Mining	6	0.2%	21	0.1%	1.1	0.1%
Construction	206	8.4%	595	3.9%	56.2	7.5%
Manufacturing	115	4.7%	1,192	7.9%	88.8	11.8%
Transportation, Public Utilities	138	5.6%	868	5.8%	48.4	6.4%
Wholesale Trade	83	3.4%	513	3.4%	77.4	10.3%
Retail Trade	553	22.6%	2,949	19.6%	149.6	19.8%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	169	6.9%	634	4.2%	61.6	8.2%
Services	941	38.4%	5,140	34.1%	204.8	27.2%
Public Administration	77	3.1%	2,221	14.7%	0.0	0.0%
Total/Gross County Product	2,452	100.0%	15,081	100.0%	753.9	100.0%