

CHAPTER 3 POPULATION

The population of Wasco County has seen modest overall growth since 1900.

Table 1 - Population Growth in Wasco County: 1900 – 2000

Year	US Census Bureau 1 April Census Counts	Population Research Center 1 July Census Estimates
1900	13,199	
1910	16,336	
1920	13,648	
1930	12,646	
1940	13,069	
1950	15,552	
1960	20,205	
1970	20,133	
1980	21,732	
1990	21,683	
2000	23,791	
2005		23,935

ORS 195.025(1) requires counties to coordinate local plans and population forecasts. In 2006 Wasco County utilized the most recent population forecasts from the Portland State University Center for Population Research and Census, the State Department of Administrative Services Office of Economic Analysis, the July 2003 Dufur Comprehensive Plan, the January 2006 Maupin Comprehensive Plan, the 2004 City of Mosier Facility Master Plan and the 22 May 2006 ECONorthwest Population Forecast for The Dalles. The following table displays the coordinated population forecast for Wasco County and all of its incorporated cities from 2005 – 2026 based on this information.

Table 2 - 2005 – 2026 Wasco County Coordinated Population Forecast

Year	Antelope	Dufur	Maupin	Mosier	Shaniko	The Dalles	*Unincorporated Wasco County	Total
2005	60	597	450	430	34	15,184	6,665	23,420
2010	60	652	460	645	36	16,628	7,100	25,582
2015	60	713	471	778	38	18,329	7,555	27,944
2020	60	778	483	930	39	20,137	8,098	30,525
2025	60	850	496	1,037	40	22,124	8,739	33,346
2026	N/A	861	N/A	N/A	N/A	22,545	N/A	33,780

*The Unincorporated Wasco County figures do not include the population from The Dalles Urban Growth Area, the area outside the city limits but within the urban growth boundary. This represented a reduction of 3,465 people from 2000 to 2005. While this population is in the unincorporated portion of Wasco County, it is important for The Dalles to include this population in order to plan for an orderly process of urbanization and the expansion of city services. The remaining cities only include census figures from their incorporated city boundaries.

During the 2000 census the US Census Bureau established Census Designated Places. These are defined as:

“closely settled, named, unincorporated communities that generally contain a mixture of residential, commercial, and retail areas similar to those found in incorporated places of similar sizes.”

“CDP boundaries should follow visible and identifiable features, such as roads, rivers, canals, railroads, and above-ground high-tension power lines.”

The CDP’s consist of four of the 6 Goal 3 committed exception areas (Rural Service Centers) listed in Section XIII. Because the requirements for CPD boundaries limit them to following visible features, the boundaries are not coincident with the Rural Community boundaries. The specific CDP’s and their 2000 population figures are included in the table below.

Table 3 - 2000 US Census - Census Designated Place Population Figures

CDP	Population
Pine Grove	162
Pine Hollow	462
Tygh Valley	224
Wamic	36
Total	884