

# Warm Springs Reservation Profile

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## Demographics

### Population growth

- Population on the reservation grew 30% over the last 20 years, from 3,075 in 1991<sup>5</sup> to 4,012 in 2010<sup>1</sup>, this growth was just below the 35% increase observed across the state overall.

### Change in ethnic composition <sup>1</sup>

- There was no significant change in the percentage of the population who identified as American Indian or Alaska Native on the reservation or on off-reservation trust land of Warm Springs. In 2000, 93.7% of the population was American Indian (alone or combined with other races) and in 2010, 93.6% of the population identified as American Indian.
- The size of the Latino population grew by about 31% between 2000 and 2010, from 6.4% to 8.4%, and most of these individuals racially identified as American Indian
  - The growth in the percentage of American Indians in Warm Springs who also identify as Latino has translated into a declining percentage of non-Latino American Indians over time
- In 2000 and 2010, Warm Springs had a lower representation of Latinos than the state, and in 2010 was about four percentage points lower than the state (Latinos were 12% of Oregon population in 2010)

### Age <sup>3</sup>

- The reservation population is substantially younger (median age in 2010 was 26) than Oregonians overall (median age 39).
- The community is aging at about the same pace as the state.

## Employment & Labor

### Unemployment <sup>4,5</sup>

- Since 1991, Warm Springs has had consistently higher unemployment than Oregon (by between 13 and 18 percentage points)
- Unemployment has increased sizably since 1991 from about 19% in 1991 to about 29% in the 2009-13 period. This increase was actually more modest than the increase Oregon experienced between 1990 and 2009-13; between these two time periods the state nearly doubled its unemployment rate from 6% to 11%.

### Sources of income <sup>4</sup>

- The majority of households (about 80%) get income from wages and salaries, which is higher than the state percentage (about 73%)

- About 24% of households get income from Social Security (about on par with the state percentage), followed by 9% that get income from retirement (below the state percentage), and about 9% that receive income from public assistance programs (higher than the state percentage)

Industries employing regional residents: <sup>4</sup>

- Between 1990 and the 2009-2013 period, the industry in which the highest proportion of Reservation residents worked shifted from Manufacturing to the Education, Health, and Social Services industry.
  - Note: Education, Health, and Social Service industry employment includes work in the public and private sectors
- The decline in Manufacturing employment from 1990 to the 2009-2013 period on the reservation was dramatic; going from about 23% to about 9% of employed residents. This decline was more dramatic than the decline Oregon overall experienced in Manufacturing.
  - Note: Manufacturing includes wood processing and lumber production, which would occur at Warm Springs Forest Products
- In the 2009-13 period, about 55% of reservation resident workers were employed in the top three industries of 1) Education, Health, & Social Services, 2) Public Administration, and 3) Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, and Accommodation/Food Services (i.e., Kah-Nee-Tah and Indian Head Casino).

Commuting patterns: <sup>4</sup>

- Since 1990, there has not been much change in resident commuters' travel times to work in this region
- The vast majority (about 70%) of commuters travel fewer than 20 minutes to work

## Striking Statistics (areas where Reservation stands out from Oregon)

### Challenges

- Higher than average poverty rates among the whole population and among children <sup>4</sup>
- Below average percentage of adults with a 4-year degree or more education <sup>4</sup>

### Sources

Data come from a variety of sources, as reported on the Rural Communities Explorer (<http://oe.oregonexplorer.info/rural/CommunitiesReporter/>), including:

<sup>1</sup> US Census Bureau, Decennial Census

<sup>2</sup> Population Research Center, Portland State University

<sup>3</sup> US Census Bureau, American Community Survey & Decennial Census

<sup>4</sup> US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

<sup>5</sup> American Indian Population & Labor Force Reports, Bureau of Indian Affairs, US Department of the Interior

***Please note that data from these sources for the tribal population do suffer from undercount, and should be used only as estimates of population characteristics on the Warm Springs Reservation.***