

<b>Butte County</b>	1,639 sq.mi. 124 persons / sq.mi.	<b>Median Age: 35.8</b>
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<b>Snapshot</b>	<b>Workforce</b>
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Butte County is a rural county at the top end of the Central Valley stretching from the Sacramento River to the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the Sutter Buttes.

In 2000, the median age was 2.5 years older than the state of California. However, one of every 5 people was over 65 years of age and one in 44 was over 85--ranking high among counties for percent of elderly population. More than one in 4 adults was 65+ or disabled.

The unemployment rate was 7.0% (2001). There were projected to be 120 job openings in the region for RNs and an estimated 515 direct care nursing staff needed in facilities (2000). Average hourly wages (2001):

RN	HHA	Nurse Asst	IHSS	MSW	PT
\$23.15	\$8.11	\$8.86	\$6.95		\$36.15

<b>Medi-Cal</b>	<b>Housing</b>
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In Butte the number of people eligible for Medi-Cal was slightly higher than California--nearly one in every 5 people. One in every 53 persons in the county was 65+ and on Medi-Cal.

The median home price was not available (2001). Housing vacancy rates in 2000 were higher than statewide averages: homeowners at 2.1%; rentals at 5.2%.

Butte had significantly more households with individuals 65+ (25.8%) and 65+ living alone (11.1%) than California on average. Of those 65+, one in 2.5 was living alone (39.9%).

<b>Long Term Care: Special Programs</b>	<b>Transportation</b>
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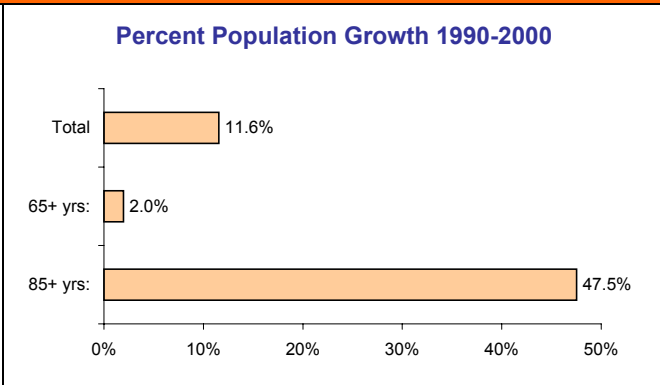
LTC Innovation Grants: Butte County Elder Services Coordinating Council; HOME medication program; and COIL InfoVan for outreach through AAA.

Reported transit services in the cities and county of Butte: 176,047 passengers using demand response vehicles; 21 vehicles operating during peak hours and 18 middays during the week; 14 on Saturdays and 11 on Sundays (FY 99-00).

<b>Population Growth</b> (increase since 1990): <b>11.6%</b>	<b>65+ yrs: 2.0%</b>	<b>85+ yrs: 47.5%</b>
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**Demographics**

Population	1990		2000		2010	
		%		%		%
	(US Census)		(US Census)		(DOF Projection)	
<b>Total Population</b>	182,120	100%	203,171	100%	258,630	100%
Over 60	39,764	22%	40,000	20%	60,633	23%
Disabled (21-64)	not available	not available	23,258	11%	not available	not available
Total 65+	31,436	17%	32,056	16%	45,467	18%
<b>Total Over 65 + Disabled (21-64)</b>	not available	not available	55,314	27%	not available	not available
Total 65-74	18,324	10%	15,207	7%	23,195	9%
Total 75-84	10,252	6%	12,630	6%	14,631	6%
Total 85+	2,860	2%	4,219	2%	7,641	3%



**Gender (2000) US Census**

	Total	65+	85+
Male	49.0%	6.7%	0.7%
Female	51.0%	9.1%	1.4%

**Ethnicity (2000) US Census**

	Total	65+
<b>Total</b>	100%	16%
White*	80%	14.99%
Black or African American*	1%	0.11%
Hispanic or Latino	11%	0.50%
Asian	3%	0.17%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.01%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.6%	0.11%
Some Other Race	0.2%	0.01%
Multi-Racial (two or more)	2.9%	0.23%

\*Not of Hispanic or Latino Origin

**Enrollment (2000)**

	Eligibles	% Tot Pop	Elig 65+	% 65+
Medi-Cal Recipients	38,775	18.2%	3,969	1.86%
SSI/SSP Recipients	9,067	4.3%	not available	not available
Dual Eligibles	6,702	3.1%	not available	not available

**Demographic Trends**

Butte County's population has grown at a slightly slower pace than California in the last decade. There was also a slower growth in those 65+; however, the growth in those 85+ was higher.

In 2000, Butte had less than 20% non-Whites while the state had 53% non-Whites. More than one of every 10 persons was Hispanic/Latino; one in 30 people was Asian; one in 34 persons was multi-racial; one in 62 was American Indian/Alaska Native; and one in 77 was Black/African American. Looking at ethnicity and age: one in 7 was 65+/White; one in 200 was 65+/Latino/Hispanic; and one in 435 was 65+/multi-racial.

The median household income was \$15,600 less than California's, with more people living below the poverty level--one in 5.

<b>Persons under Poverty Level: 19.8%</b>	<b>65+ yrs: 14.0%</b>	<b>Median Household Income: \$31,924</b>
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