

Lassen County	4,557 sq.mi. 7 persons / sq.mi.	Median Age: 34.6
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Snapshot	Workforce
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Lassen County is set on the eastern slopes of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Northern California on the Nevada border--a land of forests, high desert, Lassen Vocanic Park and an agricultural valley.

In 2000, the median age was slightly more than 1 year older than California. One of every 11 people was over 65 years of age and one in 105 was over 85. Nearly one in 6 adults was 65+ or disabled.

The unemployment rate was 6.8% (2001). There were projected to be 60 job openings in the region for RNs and an estimated 42 direct care nursing staff needed in facilities (2000). Average hourly wages (2001):

RN	HHA	Nurse Asst	IHSS	MSW	PT
\$23.98	\$9.12	\$9.75	\$6.75	\$20.54	\$28.74

Medi-Cal	Housing
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Lassen had a lower percent of Medi-Cal eligibles (2000) than the state--one in every 9 people. One of every 83 persons 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 4.1%; rentals at 13.4%.

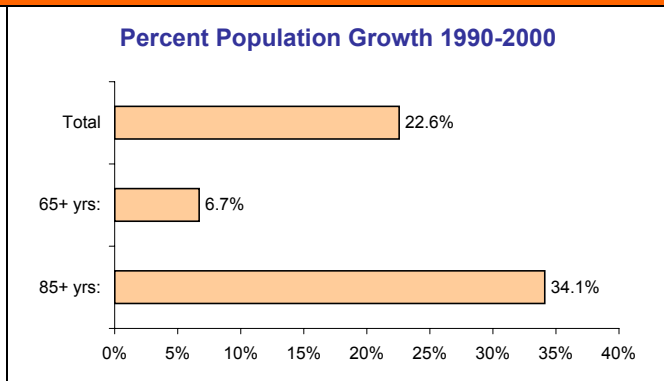
Lassen had more households with individuals 65+ (20.8%) and 65+ living alone (9.2%) than California on average. Of those 65 and older, one in 2.5 were living alone (40.5%).

Long Term Care: Special Programs	Transportation
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Reported transit services for people in the cities and county of Lassen: 18,589 passengers using special vehicles; 2 special vehicles operated peak hours and 2 operated middays during the week; none on Saturdays; and none on Sundays.

Population Growth (increase since 1990): 22.6%	65+ yrs: 6.7%	85+ yrs: 34.1%
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Demographics						
Population	1990	%	2000	%	2010	%
	(US Census)		(US Census)		(DOF Projection)	
Total Population	27,598	100%	33,828	100%	43,286	100%
Over 60	3,984	14%	4,083	12%	7,137	16%
Disabled (21-64)	not available	not available	2,964	9%	not available	not available
Total 65+	2,862	10%	3,054	9%	4,961	11%
Total Over 65 + Disabled (21-64)	not available	not available	6,018	18%	not available	not available
Total 65-74	1,806	7%	1,707	5%	2,536	6%
Total 75-84	839	3%	1,056	3%	1,646	4%
Total 85+	217	1%	291	1%	779	2%



Gender (2000) US Census	Total	65+	85+
Male	62.8%	4.2%	0.3%
Female	37.2%	4.8%	0.6%

Ethnicity (2000) US Census	Total	65+
Total	100%	9%
White*	71%	8.43%
Black or African American*	9%	0.13%
Hispanic or Latino	14%	0.35%
Asian	1%	0.02%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.4%	0.00%
American Indian or Alaska Native	2.8%	0.18%
Some Other Race	0.8%	0.03%
Multi-Racial (two or more)	2.0%	0.17%

*Not of Hispanic or Latino Origin

Enrollment (2000)	Eligibles	% Tot Pop	Elig 65+	% 65+
Medi-Cal Recipients	4,250	11.6%	452	1.23%
SSI/SSP Recipients	907	2.5%	not available	not available
Dual Eligibles	734	2.0%	not available	not available

Demographic Trends

Lassen County's population has grown at a faster pace than California in the last decade. However, the growth in both those 65+ and 85+ was slower.

In 2000, Lassen had 29% non-Whites and the state had 53% non-Whites. More than one of every 7 persons was Hispanic/Latino; one in 11 was Black/African American; one in 36 was American Indian/Alaska Native; and one in every 38 persons was multi-racial. Looking at age and ethnicity: one in 12 people was 65+/White and one in 286 was 65+/Hispanic/Latino.

The median household income was \$11,200 less than California's but both has about the same number of people living in poverty--one in 7.

Persons under Poverty Level: 14.0%	65+ yrs: 9.2%	Median Household Income: \$36,310
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