



Housing Growth and Vacancy 1990 - 2000

1990	Total Housing Units	Occupied Housing Units	Vacant Housing Units	Homeowner Vacancy Rate%	Rental Vacancy Rate %
Hood River County	7,569	6,425	1,144	1.50%	9.70%
Sherman County	900	784	116	1.90%	11.00%
Wasco County	10,476	8,607	1,869	1.90%	9.30%
Klickitat County	7,213	6,210	1,003	2.10%	6.50%
Skamania County	3,922	3,066	856	1.70%	7.90%
MCEDD Region	30,080	25,092	4,988		
Oregon	1,193,567	1,103,313	90,254	1.40%	5.30%
Washington	2,032,378	1,872,431	159,947	1.30%	5.80%
United States	102,263,678	91,947,410	10,316,268	2.10%	8.50%

2000	Total Housing Units	Occupied Housing Units	Vacant Housing Units	Homeowner Vacancy Rate%	Rental Vacancy Rate %
Hood River County	7,818	7,248	570	1.40%	3.70%
Sherman County	935	797	138	1.70%	8.60%
Wasco County	10,651	9,401	1,250	2.60%	7.20%
Klickitat County	8,633	7,473	1,160	2.60%	8.10%
Skamania County	4,576	3,755	821	2.20%	6.80%
MCEDD Region	32,613	28,674	3,939		
Oregon	1,452,709	1,333,723	118,986	2.30%	7.30%
Washington	2,451,075	2,271,398	179,677	1.80%	5.90%
United States	115,904,641	105,480,101	10,424,540	1.70%	6.80%

1990-2000 Percent Change	Total Housing Units	Occupied Housing Units	Vacant Housing Units	Homeowner Vacancy Rate%	Rental Vacancy Rate %
Hood River County	3.30%	12.80%	-50.20%	0.10%	6.00%
Sherman County	3.90%	1.70%	19.00%	0.20%	2.40%
Wasco County	1.70%	9.20%	-33.10%	-0.70%	2.10%
Klickitat County	19.70%	20.30%	15.70%	-0.50%	-1.60%
Skamania County	16.70%	22.50%	-4.10%	-0.50%	1.10%
MCEDD Region	8.40%	14.30%	-21.00%		
Oregon	21.70%	20.90%	31.80%	-0.90%	-2.00%
Washington	20.60%	21.30%	12.30%	-0.50%	-0.10%
United States	13.30%	14.70%	1.00%	0.40%	1.70%

Source: US Census Bureau

Overall, the housing stock of the Mid-Columbia region is older than either that of the US or Oregon and Washington. This is common for most rural areas. The slow housing growth during the 1990s is an indication of the economic struggles this region has faced. More troubling than slow housing growth, however, is the high number of homes that lack complete plumbing facilities. The MCEDD region is more than twice as likely to have a home that lacks these basic facilities. The situation is particularly acute in Skamania County, where the rate is over five-times that of the State Average.