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POPULATION

Pend Oreille County is located in the northeast corner of Washington State bordering Canada to the north. In 2018, Pend Oreille County was the thirty-third most populous county in the state with 13,540 individuals. This accounted for less than 1% of the state’s population. Most of the population lives in Unincorporated Pend Oreille, with only 16% living in the county’s largest city Newport. Of the 39 counties in Washington State, Pend Oreille County had the seventh lowest population density with a density of 9.67 individuals per square mile. The Washington State density for all counties was 111.77 individuals per square mile.¹

In 2017, adults 18 to 34 made up the smallest proportion of Pend Oreille County’s population. Pend Oreille County had smaller proportions of adults ages 18-34 and higher proportions of seniors ages 65 years or older than Washington State. Over the last decade, the proportion of the population younger than 18 years of age decreased approximately 4%. The proportion of the population aged 65 years or older increased approximately 8%.

Population by Age Group, 2017

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
0-17 years	18.9%	22.6%
18-34 years	15.1%	23.1%
35-64 years	40.1%	39%
65+ years	25.9%	15.3%

Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management – April 1 Official Population Estimates

According to 2017 data, Pend Oreille County was not racially diverse. Among county residents, 91.4% were white, 3.9% were American Indian/ Alaska Native, 3.4% were of two or more races, while all other groups made up less than 1% of the population. Hispanics comprised 3.4% of the population, far lower than the statewide population with 12.8% identifying as Hispanic. Hispanics are included in all race categories.

Population by Race Alone, 2017

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
White	91.4%	80%
Black or African American	0.6%	4%
American Indian Alaskan Native	3.9%	1.8%
Asian	0.7%	8.4%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.8%
Two or more races	3.4%	5%

Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management – April 1 Official Population Estimates

Population 15 Years of Age and Older by Marital Status, 2012-2016

	Pend Oreille County		WA State
Total	10,850	100%	5,929,275
Married	6,022	55.5%	50.6%
Widowed	835	7.7%	4.9%
Divorced	1,443	13.3%	12.1%
Separated	119	1.1%	1.6%
Never married	2,430	22.4%	30.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table S1201

Population by Nativity and Citizenship Status, 2012-2016

	Pend Oreille County		WA State
U.S. citizen, born in the U.S.	12,446	95.7%	84.7%
U.S. citizen, born in Puerto Rico or U.S. island areas	32	0.2%	0.4%
U.S. citizen, born abroad of American parent(s)	167	1.3%	1.4%
U.S. citizen by naturalization	186	1.4%	6.3%
Not a U.S. citizen	170	1.3%	7.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table B05001

Median Age by Geographical Mobility in Past Year for Current Residence in United States, 2012-2016

	Count	Percent	Median Age
Same house 1 year ago	11,185	86.7%	52.1
Moved within same county	651	5.0%	30.6
Moved from different county within same state	612	4.7%	27.4
Moved from different state	432	3.3%	40.5
Moved from abroad	18	0.1%	50.1

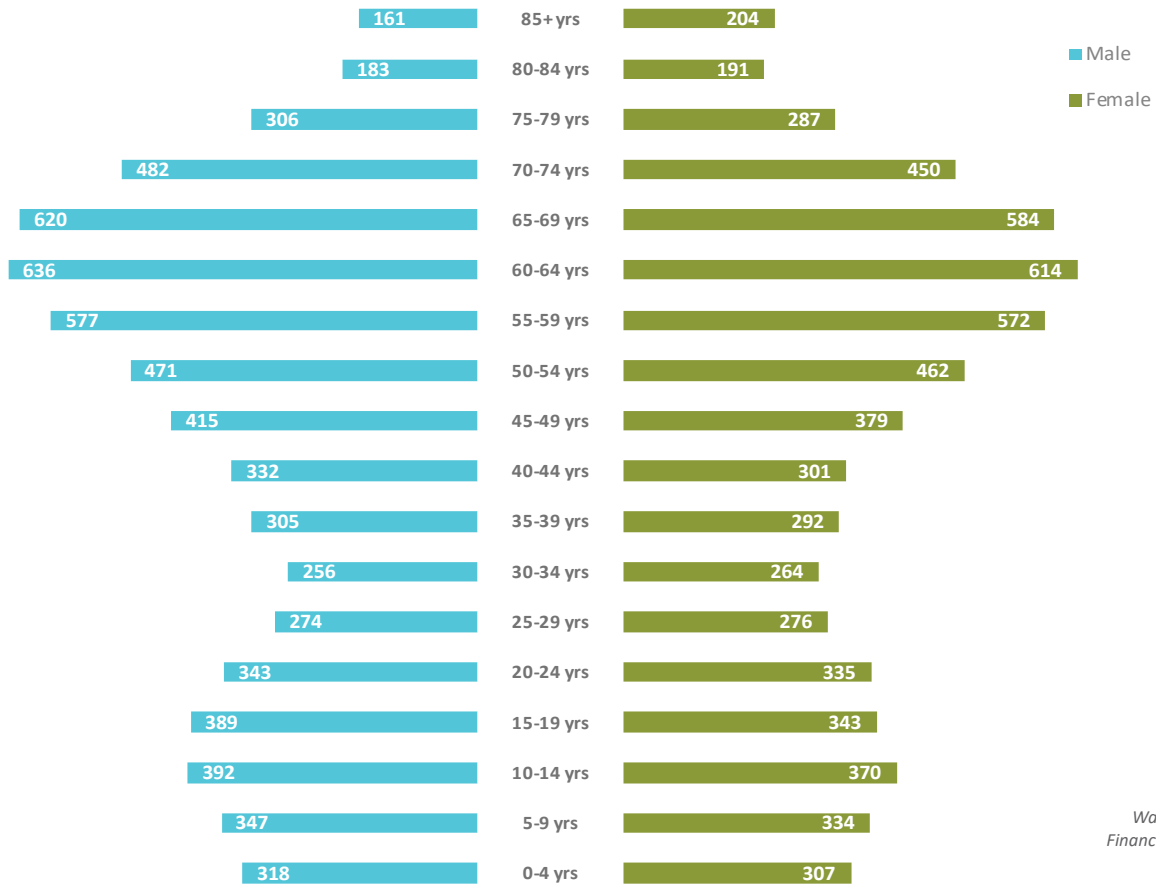
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table B07001

Language Spoken at Home by Ability 2012-2016

Total	12,385
Speak only English	12,019
Speak English less than "very well"	75
Spanish or Spanish Creole	139
Other Native North American languages	68
German	49
Other Slavic languages	24
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	23
Other Pacific Island languages	22
Italian	19
African languages	12
Polish	4
Serbo-Croatian	4
Laotian	2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table B16001

Distribution of Population by Age and Sex, Pend Oreille County, 2017



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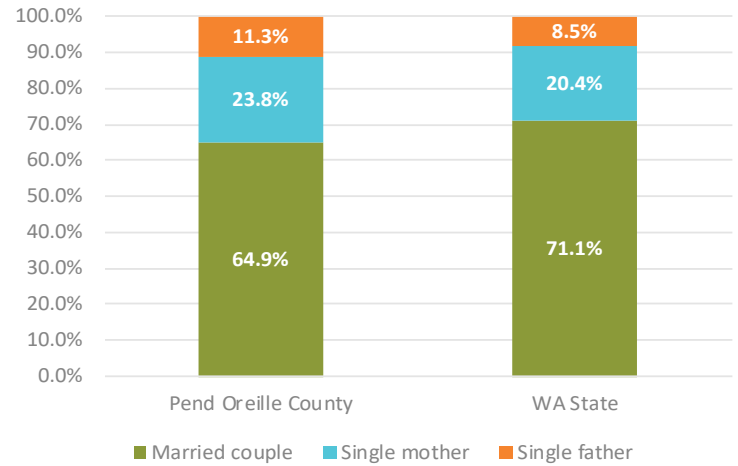
FAMILY STRUCTURE

Households by Type, Pend Oreille County, 2012-2016

Total Households	5,409	100%
Family households (families)	3,700	68.4%
Married-couple families	2,868	53.0%
Female householder, no husband present	565	10.4%
Male householder, no wife present	267	4.9%
Family households (with children under 18 years)	1,323	24.5%
Married-couple families	859	64.9%
Female householder, no husband present	315	23.8%
Male householder, no wife present	149	11.3%
Non-family households	1,709	31.6%
Householder living alone	1,428	83.6%
65 years and older	753	44.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table DP02

Families with Children Younger than 18 Years of Age by Household Type, 2012-2016



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table DP02

EDUCATION

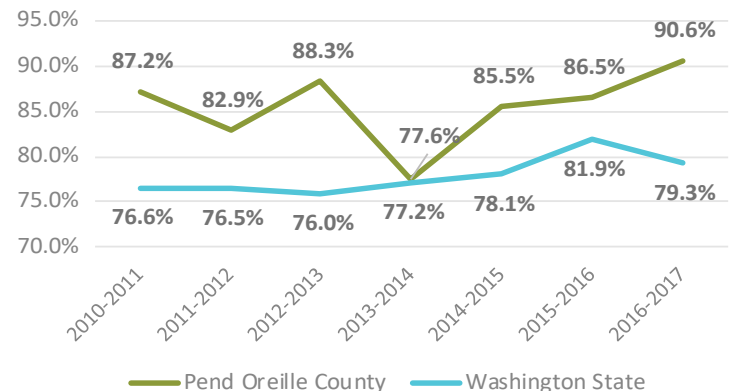
Educational Attainment among Adults 25 Years of Age or Older, 2012-2016

	Pend Oreille County		WA State
Population 25 years of age or older	9,574	100%	100%
Less than ninth grade	257	2.7%	3.9%
Ninth-12th grade, no diploma	774	8.1%	5.5%
High school graduate/ GED	2,925	30.6%	22.9%
Some college, no degree	2,712	28.3%	24.3%
Associate's degree	1,116	11.7%	9.8%
Bachelor's degree	1,258	13.1%	21.3%
Graduate or professional degree	532	5.6%	12.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table S1501

Among students who began ninth grade, 90.6% graduated from high school on time during the 2016/2017 school year. Another 2% continued high school beyond the traditional graduation date and completed high school in an extended period. Statewide, 79.3% of students graduated on time. Since the 2014/2015 school year, Pend Oreille County has consistently performed better than Washington State.

On-Time High School Graduation



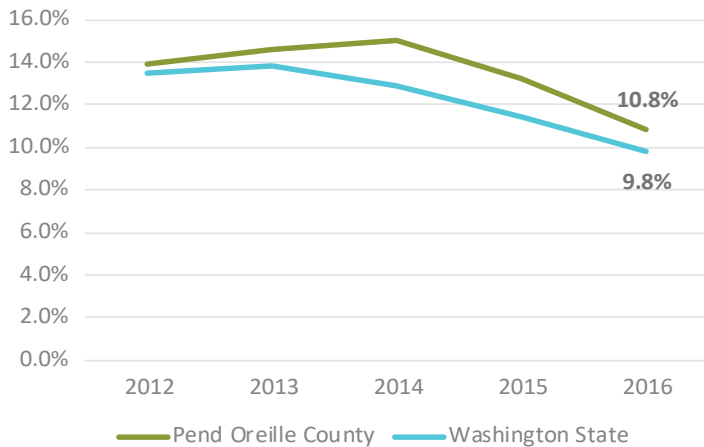
Source: Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction – Data and Reports 2018

HEALTH INSURANCE AND DISABILITY

For the 2012-2016 U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey estimate period, approximately 10.8% of Pend Oreille County's population was uninsured. The uninsured rate significantly decreased since 2009-2013, from 14.6% to 10.8%, likely reflecting the enactment of the Affordable Care Act. Those who were 18 to 34 years of age, male, and Asian alone had the highest proportion of being uninsured in their respective demographic categories. The uninsured rate in Pend Oreille County was higher than Washington State.

In Pend Oreille County for the 2012-2016 ACS estimate period, 21.7% of the population had a disability. Disability includes those with hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory, self-care, or independent living difficulties. Among those with a disability, 66.1% were 75 years of age or older. Overall, Pend Oreille County had higher disability rates than the state.

Uninsured Rate Over Time



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table S2701

Percent of Uninsured, 2012-2016

BY AGE

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
0-17 years	7.1%	4.3%
18-34 years	19.6%	18.2%
35-64 years	15%	11.3%
65+ years	1.4%	0.7%
Total	10.8%	9.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table S2701

BY SEX

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
Female	10.3%	8.7%
Male	11.4%	11%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table S2701

BY RACE

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
White	10.5%	8.7%
Black or African American	0.0%	11.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	15.9%	21.7%
Asian	49.4%	9.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	12.5%	15.9%
Some other race	18.8%	28.3%
Two or more races	8.5%	8.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table S2701

Percent of Population with a Disability by Age, 2012-2016

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
Under 5 years	0.0%	0.8%
5-17 years	5.5%	5.0%
18-34 years	13.2%	6.9%
35-64 years	19.9%	13.2%
65-74 years	34.8%	26.0%
75+ years	66.1%	51.6%
Total	21.7%	12.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table S1810

INCOME AND POVERTY

Estimates of median household income were based on the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey (ACS) estimates for 2006-2015 and census data from 2000. These model-based estimates may differ from other median household income data developed from the Washington State Office of Financial Management’s State Population Survey, Bureau of the Census estimates, or other sources.

The projected median household income in Pend Oreille County for 2017 was \$49,720, compared to \$68,550 statewide. The median household income has been increasing since 2014. For 2012 to 2016, approximately 26.2% of individuals in the county lived below 125% federal poverty level (FPL), and 42.1% lived below 200% FPL. The proportion of Pend Oreille County residents living in poverty (below 200% FPL) was significantly higher than the statewide proportion (29%).

Median Household Income Estimates

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
2006	36,737	53,522
2007	37,268	56,141
2008	37,680	57,858
2009	37,467	55,458
2010	37,005	54,888
2011	37,234	55,500
2012	37,755	56,444
2013	42,043	57,284
2014	39,886	60,153
2015	41,111	63,439
2016 Preliminary estimate	42,391	65,500
2017 Projection	49,720	68,550

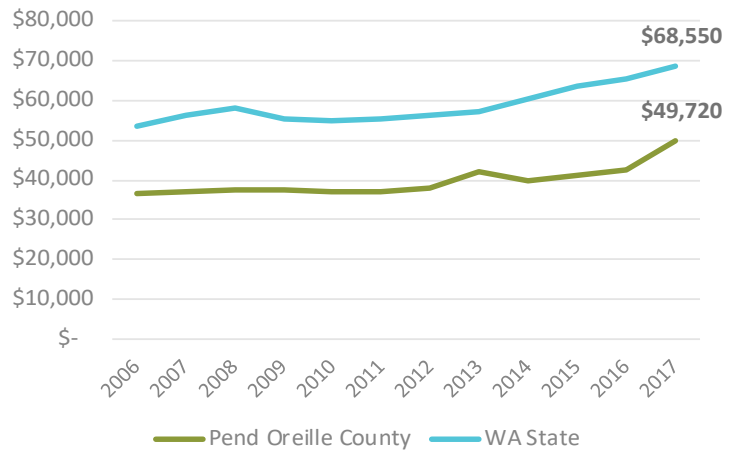
Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management – Median Household Estimates by County, October 2018

Families with Children Living at or Below 100% FPL, 2012-2016

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
All Families	23.8%	13.6%
Married Couple Families	16.8%	6.1%
Single Mothers	47.7%	35.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table S1702

Median Household Income Over Time



Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management – Median Household Estimates by County, October 2018

Individuals Living at or Below 100% FPL by Age Group, 2012-2016

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
<18	24.8%	16.5%
18-64 Years	21.5%	12.4%
65+ Years	11.4%	7.9%

Population Living at or below Various FPL, 2012-2016

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
50% FPL	10.4%	5.8%
125% FPL	26.2%	16.6%
150% FPL	33.1%	20.9%
185% FPL	39.1%	26.7%
200% FPL	42.1%	29.3%
300% FPL	62.8%	45.2%

Individuals Within Race and Hispanic Ethnicity Categories Living at or Below 100% FPL, 2012-2016

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
White	20.4%	11.3%
Black or African American	40.0%	24.1%
American Indian and Alaskan Native	12.3%	26.7%
Asian	21.5%	11.4%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	12.5%	18.1%
Some other race	12.5%	23.6%
Two or more races	9.3%	16.5%
Hispanic ethnicity	17.5%	22.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table S1701



EMPLOYMENT

Of the estimated 4,262 individuals 16 years of age or older in Pend Oreille County in 2017, there were 4,734 individuals (42.5%) working or actively seeking work. The average unemployment rate in Pend Oreille County in 2017 was 7.5%, compared to 4.8% in Washington State.²

Occupation of the Civilian-Employed Population 16 Years of Age or Older, 2012-2016

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
Total	4,262	100%
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	1,455	34.1%
Sales and office occupations	806	18.9%
Service occupations	740	17.4%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	651	15.3%
Production, transportation, and materials moving occupations	610	14.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table S2401

Compared to Washington State, Pend Oreille County had a higher proportion of workers in natural resources, construction and maintenance occupations. Pend Oreille County had a lower proportion of workers in sales and office occupations.

Industry of the Civilian-Employed Population 16 Years of Age or Older, 2012-2016

	Pend Oreille County		WA State
Total	4,262	100%	100%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	201	4.7%	21.4%
Construction	375	8.8%	2.7%
Manufacturing	328	7.7%	5.3%
Wholesale trade	76	1.8%	11.8%
Retail trade	433	10.2%	6.1%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	347	8.1%	4.7%
Information	82	1.9%	9.2%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	179	4.2%	10.5%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	266	6.2%	5.2%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	1,033	24.2%	12.5%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	456	10.7%	2.3%
Other services except public administration	122	2.9%	5.4%
Public administration	364	8.5%	5.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table S2403

HOUSING

For the 2012 to 2016 ACS estimate period, there were an estimated 8,018 housing units in Pend Oreille County. Of those, 32.5% were vacant. The majority of occupied housing were owner-occupied (76.9%) while the remaining housing units (23.1%) were renter-occupied. The homeowner vacancy rate was 3.5%, while the rental vacancy rate was 7.7% during this period.

The proportion of occupied housing lacking complete plumbing facilities and complete kitchen facilities was slightly higher in Pend Oreille County compared to Washington State. In Pend Oreille County, 1.5% of occupied housing lacked complete plumbing facilities and 1.1% lacked complete kitchen facilities. This is compared to only 0.4% of occupied housing in Washington State lacking complete plumbing facilities and 1% of occupied housing lacking complete kitchen facilities.³

In 2017, the median price of homes in Pend Oreille County was \$169,200 compared to \$348,900 in Washington State. Estimates of median home prices vary greatly in smaller areas. The median price of home sales in Pend

Oreille County varied between \$119,800 to \$169,200 between 2012 and 2017. Housing affordability slightly decreased in both Pend Oreille County and Washington State. Housing affordability was estimated based on the National Association of Realtors' Housing Affordability Index, defined as the ability of a middle-income family to carry the mortgage payments on a median price home. Housing was consistently more affordable in Pend Oreille County than Washington State.⁴



Year Housing Units were Built, 2012-2016

	Pend Oreille County		WA State
Total Housing Units	8,018	100%	100%
Built 2014 or later	0	0%	0.6%
Built 2010 to 2013	74	0.9%	2.5%
Built 2000 to 2009	1,098	13.7%	16.4%
Built 1990 to 1999	1,514	18.9%	17.3%
Built 1980 to 1989	927	11.6%	13.6%
Built 1970 to 1979	1,536	19.2%	16.5%
Built 1960 to 1969	619	7.7%	9.6%
Built 1950 to 1959	863	10.8%	7.9%
Built 1940 to 1949	385	4.8%	4.9%
Built 1939 or earlier	1,002	12.5%	10.6%

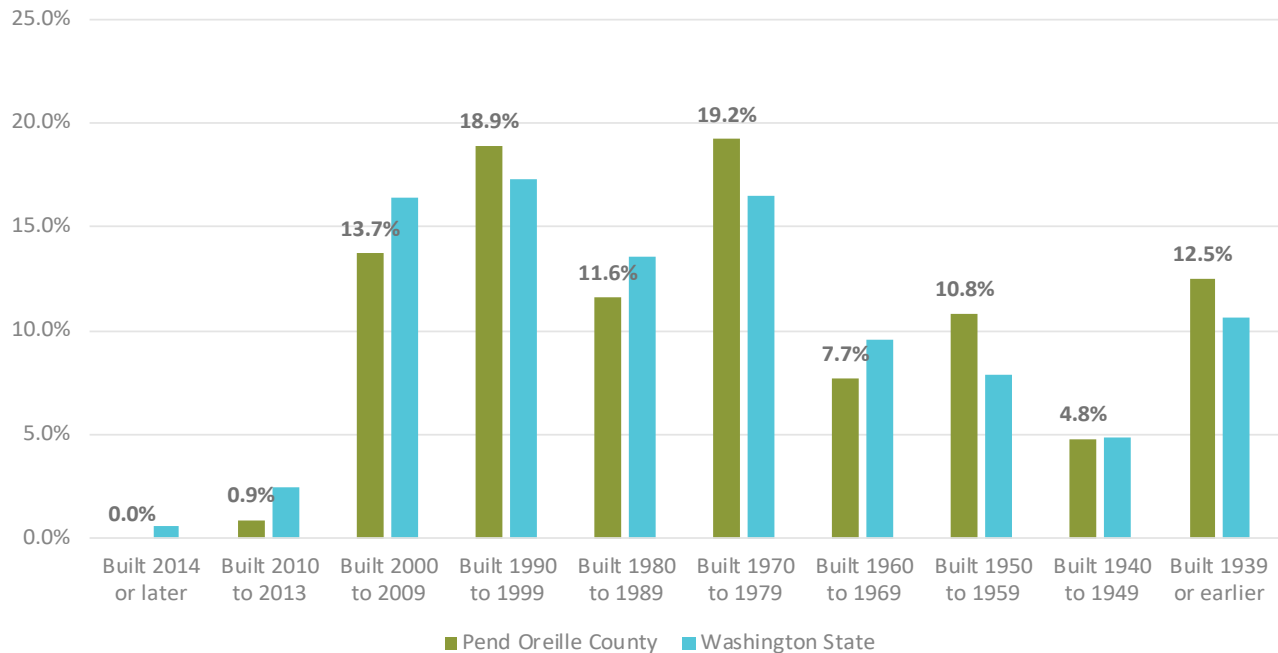
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table DP04

House Heating Fuel in Occupied Housing, 2012-2016

	Pend Oreille County		WA State
Total Housing Units	5,409	100%	100%
Electricity	3,746	69.3%	54.8%
Wood	1,385	25.6%	4.2%
Utility gas	167	3.1%	34.7%
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	66	1.2%	3%
Other fuel	34	0.6%	0.6%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	11	0.2%	2.1%
Coal or coke	0	0%	0%
Solar energy	0	0%	0%
No fuel used	0	0%	0.4%

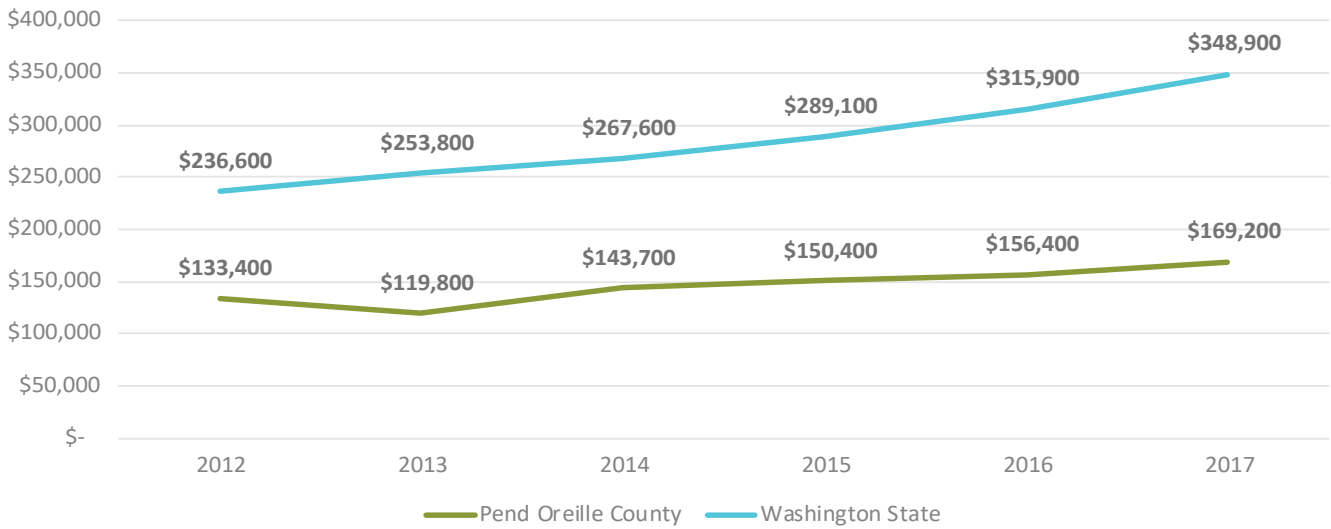
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table S2403

Age of Housing Stock, 2012-2016



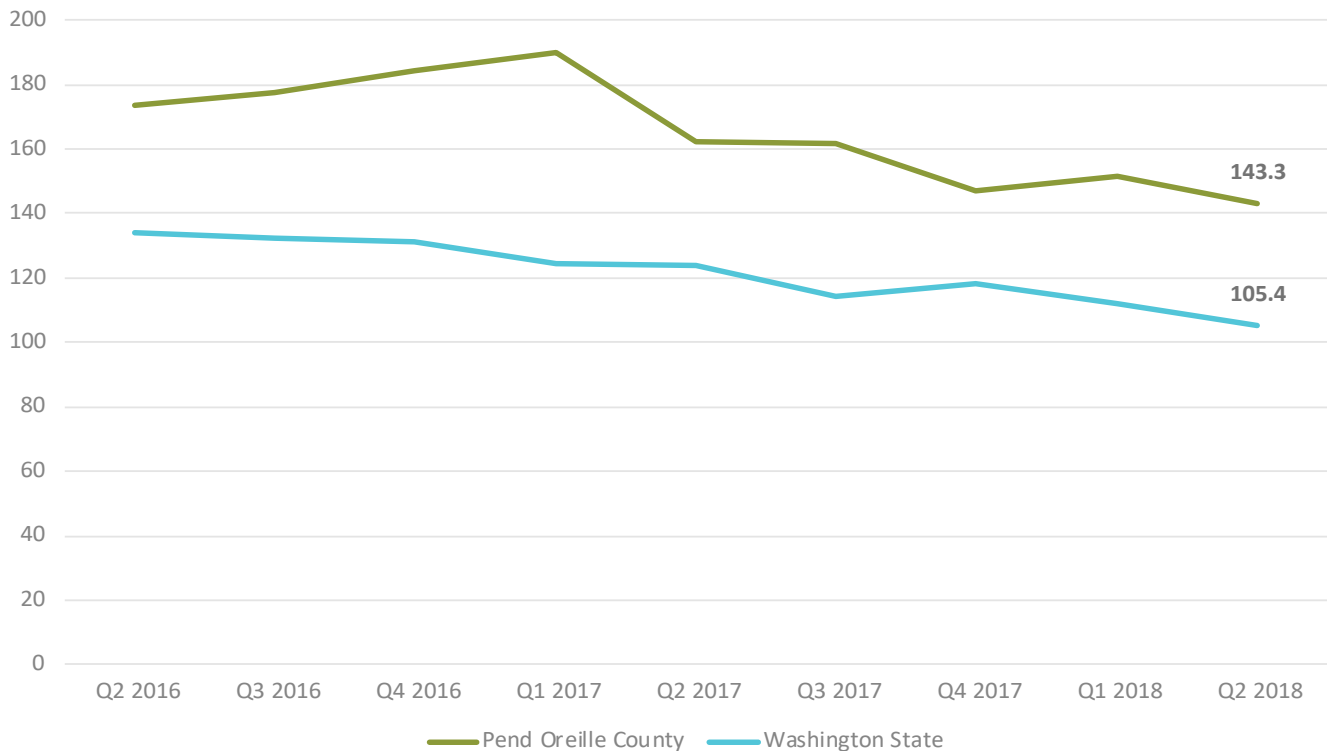
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Median Home Prices



Source: Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies, University of Washington. 2017 Q2

Housing Affordability Index



Source: Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies, University of Washington. 2017 Q2

Endnotes

- 1 Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management – Estimates of April 1 Population Density and Land Area by County
- 2 Source: Washington State Employment Security Department: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, accessed from the Northeast Washington Trends website, www.northeastwashingtontrends.ewu.edu
- 3 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Table DP04
- 4 Source: Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies, University of Washington. 2017 Q2



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