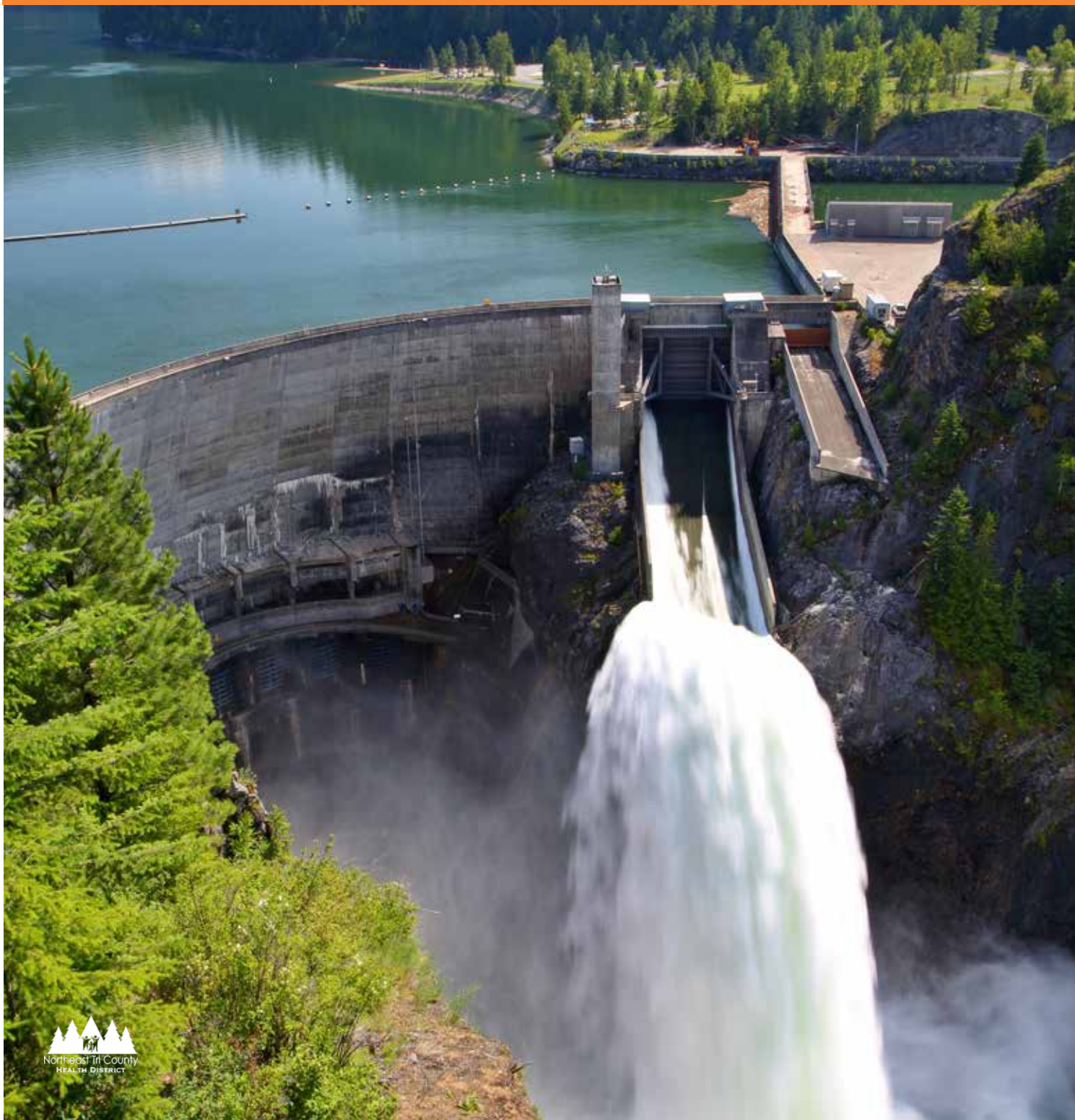
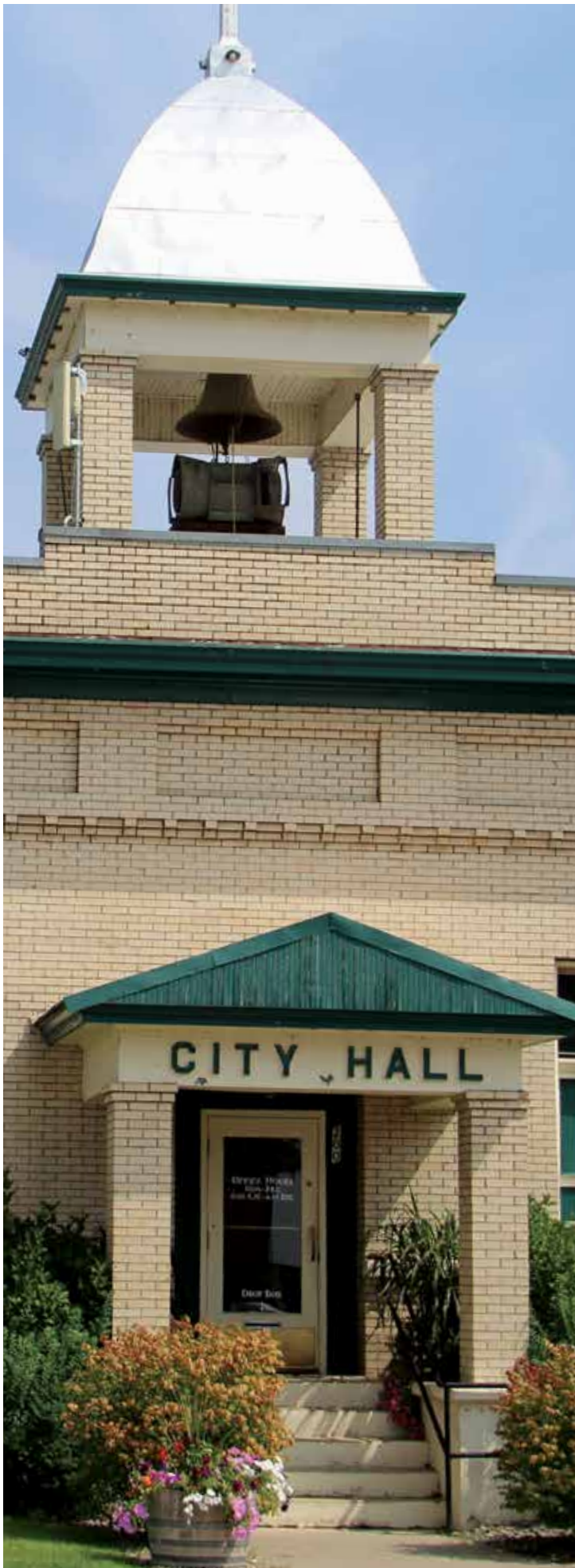


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POPULATION

Pend Oreille County is located in the northeast corner of Washington State bordering Canada to the north. In 2021, Pend Oreille County was the thirty-third most populous county in the state with 13,625 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 9.62 individuals per square mile. The Washington State density for all counties was 116.88 individuals per square mile.¹

In 2021, adults 20 to 34 made up the smallest proportion of Pend Oreille County’s population. Pend Oreille County had smaller proportions of adults ages 20-34 and higher proportions of seniors ages 65 years or older than Washington State.

Population by Age Group, 2021

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
0-19 years	21.1%	24.0%
20-34 years	10.9%	20.5%
35-64 years	38.6%	38.0%
65+ years	29.2%	17.3%

Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management – April 1, 2021 Official Population Estimates

According to 2021 data, Pend Oreille County was not racially diverse. Among county residents, 87.4% were white, 2.8% were American Indian/ Alaska Native, 5.1% were of two or more races, while all other groups made up less than 1% of the population. Hispanics comprised 3.5% of the population, far lower than the statewide population with 14.2% identifying as Hispanic. Hispanics are included in all race categories.

Population by Race Alone, 2021

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
White	87.4%	72.8%
Black or African American	0.5%	4.3%
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2.8%	1.9%
Asian	0.5%	9.9%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.9%
Two or more races	5.1%	10.2%

Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management – April 1, 2021 Official Population Estimates

Population 15 Years of Age and Older by Marital Status, 2016-2020

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
Total	13,476	100%
Married	6,355	47.2%
Widowed	689	5.1%
Divorced	1,416	10.5%
Separated	164	1.2%
Never married	2,938	21.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S1201

Population by Nativity and Citizenship Status, 2016-2020

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
U.S. citizen, born in the U.S.	13,014	95.8%
U.S. citizen, born in Puerto Rico or U.S. island areas	0	0.0%
U.S. citizen, born abroad of American parent(s)	74	0.5%
U.S. citizen by naturalization	343	2.5%
Not a U.S. citizen	157	1.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table B05001

Geographical Mobility in Past Year for Current Residence, 2016-2020

	Count	Percent
Same house 1 year ago	11,951	88.3%
Moved within same county	337	2.5%
Moved from different county within same state	597	4.4%
Moved from different state	643	4.8%
Moved from abroad	0	0.0%

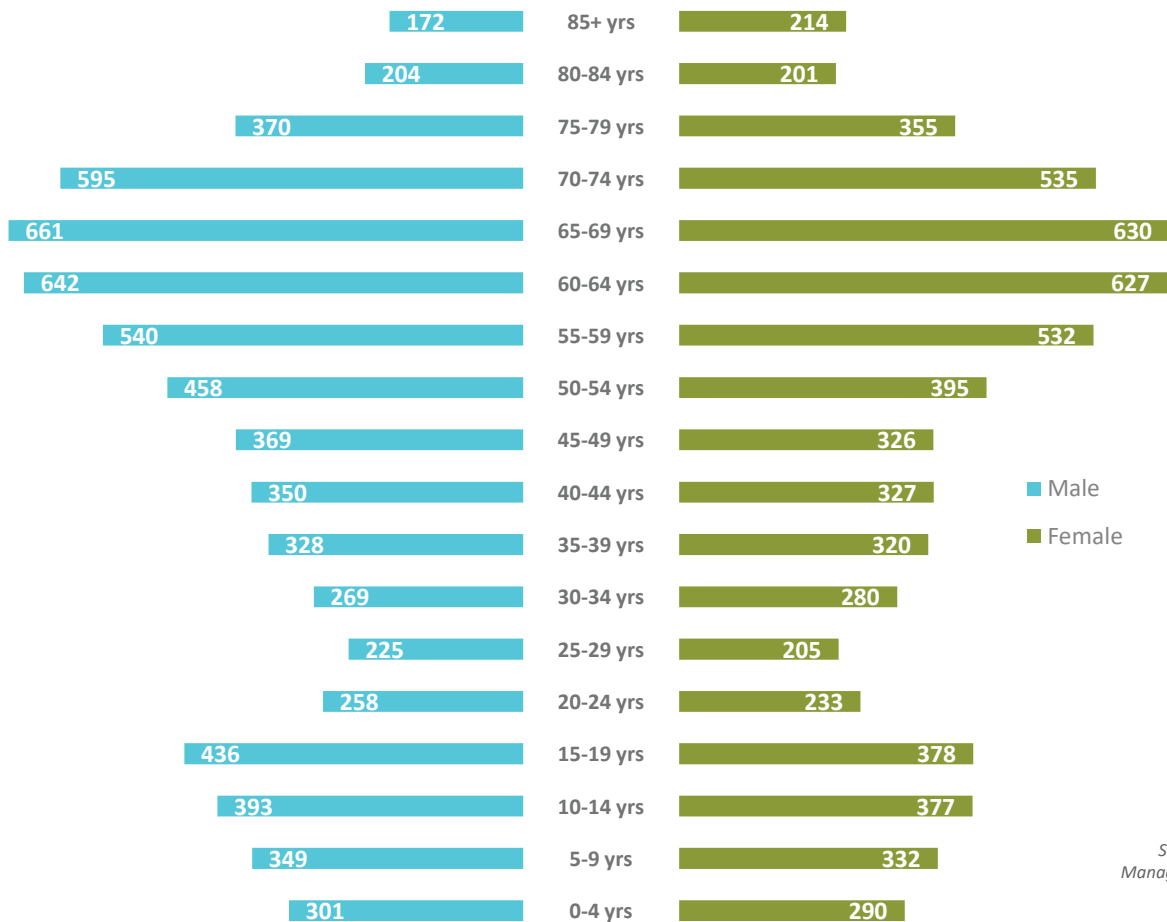
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table B07001

Language Spoken at Home by Ability 2016-2020

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
Total Population 5 years and over	10,176	100%
English only	9,889	97.2%
Language other than English	287	2.8%
Speak English less than "very well"	107	1.1%
Spanish	120	1.2%
Other Indo-European languages	101	1.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	62	0.6%
Other languages	4	0.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table DP02

Distribution of Population by Age and Sex, Pend Oreille County, 2021



Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management – April 1, 2021 Population Estimates

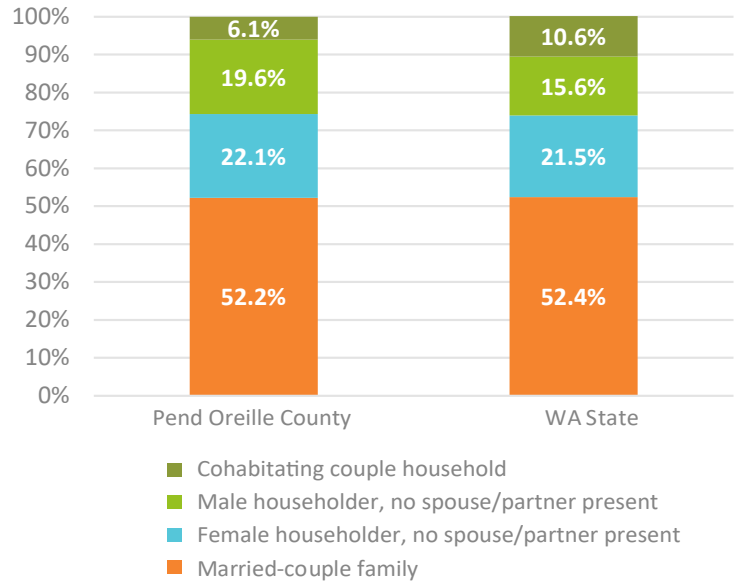
FAMILY STRUCTURE

Households by Type, Pend Oreille County, 2016-2020

Total Households	5,798	100%
Married-couple family	3,028	52.2%
Cohabiting couple household	353	6.1%
Male householder, no spouse/partner present	1,136	19.6%
Householder living alone	724	12.5%
65 years and over	261	4.5%
Female householder, no spouse/partner present	1,281	22.1%
Householder living alone	681	11.7%
65 years and over	350	6.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table DP02

Families with Children Younger than 18 Years of Age by Household Type, 2016-2020



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table DP02

EDUCATION

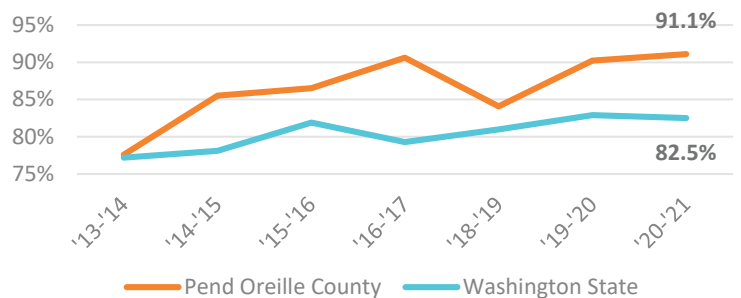
Educational Attainment among Adults 25 Years of Age or Older, 2016-2020

	Pend Oreille County		WA State
Population 25 years of age or older	10,071	100%	100%
Less than ninth grade	230	2.3%	3.5%
Ninth-12th grade, no diploma	708	7.0%	4.8%
High school graduate/ GED	3,267	32.4%	21.8%
Some college, no degree	2,638	26.2%	23.1%
Associate's degree	1,106	11.0%	10.1%
Bachelor's degree	1,354	13.4%	22.8%
Graduate or professional degree	768	7.6%	13.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S1501

Among students who began ninth grade, 91.1% graduated from high school on time during the 2020/2021 school year. Another 2.0% continued high school beyond the traditional graduation date. Statewide, 82.5% of students graduated on time. Since the 2013/2014 school year, Pend Oreille County has consistently performed better than Washington State.

On-Time High School Graduation Rate



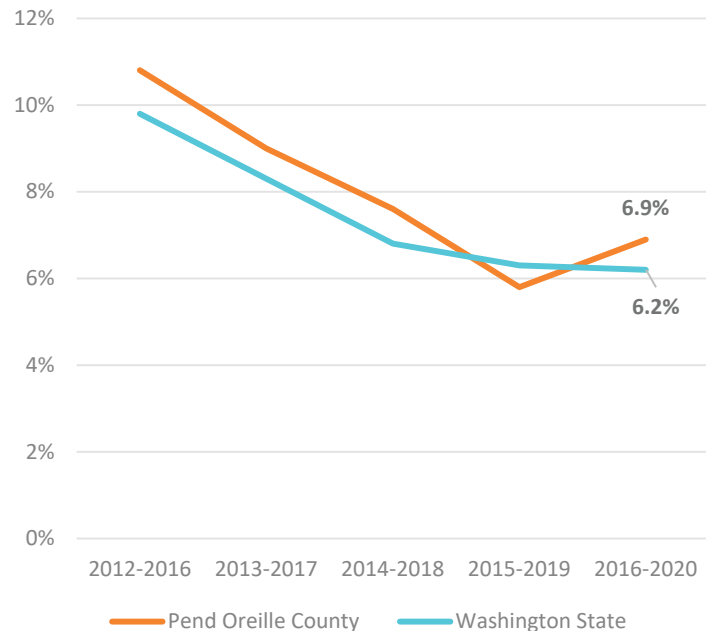
Source: Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction – Data and Reports, 2021

HEALTH INSURANCE AND DISABILITY

For the 2016-2020 American Community Survey (ACS) estimate period, approximately 6.9% of Pend Oreille County's population was uninsured. Those who were 19 to 64 years of age, female, 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 2016-2020 ACS estimate period, 18.9% 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, 41.6% 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, 2016-2020. Table S2701

Percent of Uninsured, 2016-2020

BY AGE

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
Under 19 years	7.9%	2.8%
19-64 years	9.3%	8.9%
65+ Years	1.1%	0.7%
Total	6.9%	6.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S2701

BY SEX

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
Male	6.5%	7.1%
Female	7.3%	5.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S2701

BY RACE

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
White	4.8%	5.1%
Black or African American	0.0%	7.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	23.4%	13.6%
Asian	24.6%	4.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	10.6%
Some other race	23.8%	22.6%
Two or more races	20.2%	6.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S2701

Percent of Population with a Disability by Age, 2016-2020

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
Under 5 years	8.3%	0.7%
5-17 years	7.6%	5.6%
18-34 years	9.6%	7.2%
35-64 years	19.2%	12.4%
65-74 years	27.6%	24.6%
75+ years	41.6%	50.2%
Total	18.9%	12.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. 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 2016-2020 and the Washington State Office of Financial Management from 2021.

The projected median household income in Pend Oreille County for 2021 was \$63,007, compared to \$81,998 statewide. The median household income has been increasing since 2017. For the 2016-2020 ACS estimate, approximately 14.2% of individuals in the county lived below 125% federal poverty level (FPL), and 28.4% lived below 200% FPL. The proportion of Pend Oreille County residents living in poverty (below 200% FPL) was higher than the statewide proportion (24.1%).

Median Household Income Estimates

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
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	\$42,391	\$65,500
2017	\$42,276	\$69,288
2018	\$43,299	\$72,297
2019	\$51,950	\$78,674
2020 Preliminary estimate	\$57,212	\$80,319
2021 Projection	\$63,007	\$81,998

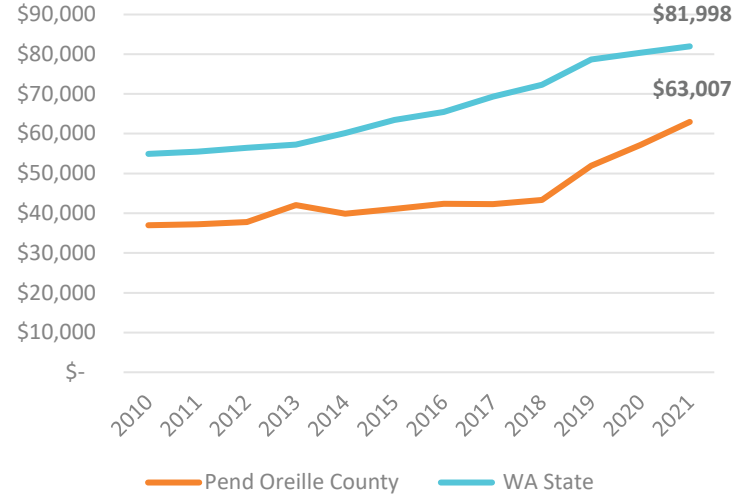
Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management – Median Household Estimates by County, April 2021

Families with Children Living at or Below 100% FPL, 2016-2020

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
All Families	5.5%	6.5%
Married-Couple Families	4.4%	3.3%
Single Mothers	15.8%	21.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S1702

Median Household Income Over Time



Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management – Median Household Estimates by County, April 2021

Individuals Living at or Below 100% FPL by Age Group, 2015-2019

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
<18	7.8%	12.6%
18-64 Years	12.9%	10.0%
65+ Years	4.8%	7.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S1701

Population Living at or Below Various FPL, 2016-2020

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
50% FPL	4.7%	4.7%
125% FPL	14.2%	13.4%
150% FPL	19.3%	16.7%
185% FPL	25.7%	21.8%
200% FPL	28.4%	24.1%
300% FPL	49.5%	39.3%

Disclaimer: Percentages do not add up to 100% because categories may overlap. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S1701

Individuals Within Race and Hispanic Ethnicity Categories Living at or Below 100% FPL, 2016-2020

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
White	9.9%	8.9%
Black or African American	0.0%	17.5%
American Indian and Alaskan Native	5.5%	22.0%
Asian	7.6%	9.2%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0.0%	12.6%
Some other race	14.9%	18.6%
Two or more races	8.8%	12.7%
Hispanic ethnicity	15.4%	16.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S1701



EMPLOYMENT

Of the estimated 5,135 individuals in the civilian labor force in Pend Oreille County in 2021, there were 4,744 individuals employed. The average unemployment rate in Pend Oreille in 2019 was 7.6%, compared to 5.2% in Washington State.²

Occupation of the Civilian-Employed Population 16 Years of Age or Older, 2016-2020

	Pend Oreille County	WA State
Total	5,016	100%
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	1,644	32.8%
Service occupations	876	17.5%
Sales and office occupations	824	16.4%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	844	16.8%
Production, transportation, and materials moving occupations	828	16.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S2401

Compared to Washington State, Pend Oreille County had a lower proportion of workers in sales and office and management, business, science, and art occupations. Pend Oreille County had a higher proportion of workers in natural resources, construction and maintenance and production, transportation, and materials moving occupations.

Industry of the Civilian-Employed Population 16 Years of Age or Older, 2016-2020

	Pend Oreille County		WA State
Total	5,016	100%	100%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	983	19.6%	21.6%
Construction	463	9.2%	7.0%
Retail trade	523	10.4%	11.6%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	483	9.6%	9.0%
Public administration	370	7.4%	5.0%
Manufacturing	500	10.0%	9.5%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	439	8.8%	13.6%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	379	7.6%	5.5%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	268	5.3%	5.3%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	323	6.4%	2.5%
Other services except public administration	155	3.1%	4.5%
Information	107	2.1%	2.2%
Wholesale trade	23	0.5%	2.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S2403

HOUSING

For the 2016 to 2020 American Community Survey (ACS) estimate period, there were an estimated 8,323 housing units in Pend Oreille County. Of those, 30.3% were vacant. The majority of occupied housing were owner-occupied (63.3%) while the remaining housing units (36.7%) were renter-occupied. The homeowner vacancy rate was 1.1%, while the rental vacancy rate was 6.7% 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, 1.0% of occupied housing lacked complete plumbing facilities and 1.7% lacked complete kitchen facilities. This is compared to only 0.4% of occupied housing in Washington State lacking complete plumbing facilities and 1.1% of occupied housing lacking complete kitchen facilities.³

In 2022 Quarter 1, the median price of homes in Pend Oreille County was \$296,400 compared to \$563,600 in Washington State. In 2021 Quarter 4, estimates were not available. Estimates of median home prices vary greatly in smaller

areas. The median price of home sales in Pend Oreille County varied between \$192,900 to \$317,100 between 2020 Quarter 1 and 2022 Quarter 1. Housing affordability slightly decreased in Pend Oreille County while slightly increasing in 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, 2016-2020

	Pend Oreille County		WA State
Total Housing Units	8,323	100%	100%
Built 2014 or later	153	1.8%	4.8%
Built 2010 to 2013	239	2.9%	3.6%
Built 2000 to 2009	1,438	17.3%	15.0%
Built 1990 to 1999	1,192	14.3%	16.7%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,025	12.3%	12.9%
Built 1970 to 1979	1,382	16.6%	15.5%
Built 1960 to 1969	639	7.7%	9.3%
Built 1950 to 1959	848	10.2%	7.3%
Built 1940 to 1949	403	4.8%	4.7%
Built 1939 or earlier	1,004	12.1%	10.0%

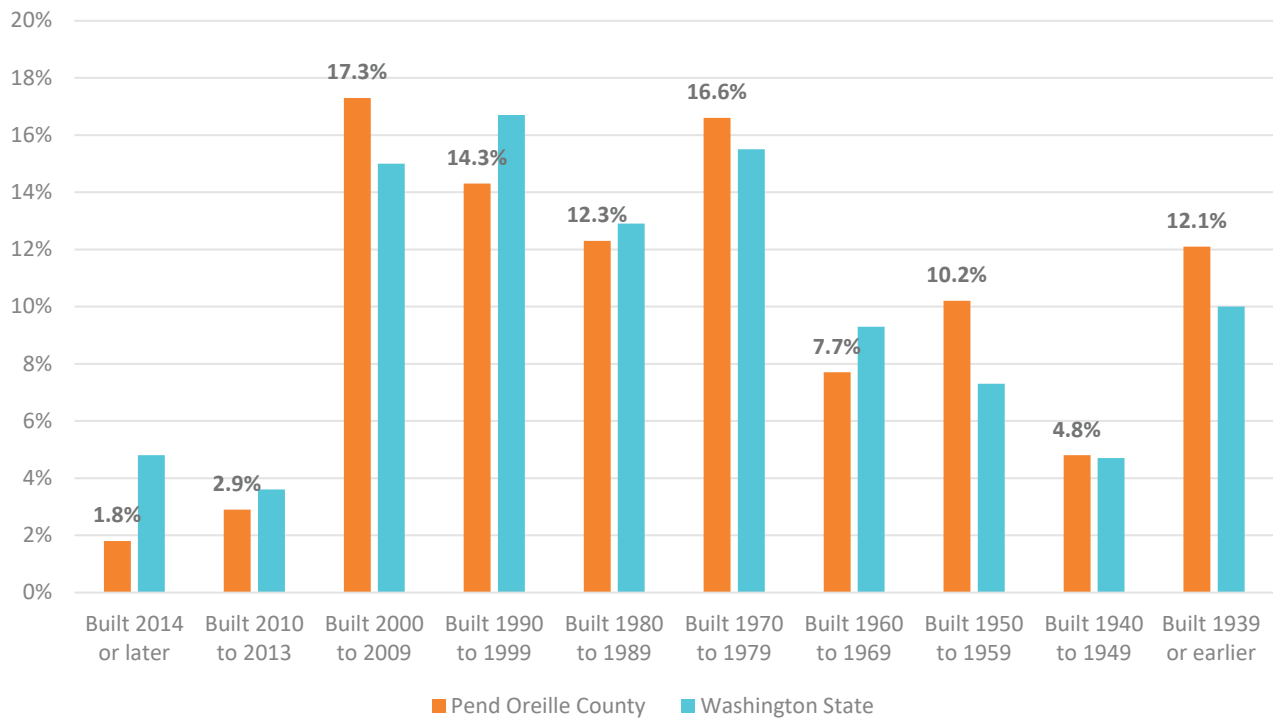
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table DP04

House Heating Fuel in Occupied Housing, 2016-2020

	Pend Oreille County		WA State
Total occupied housing units	5,798	100%	100%
Utility gas	115	2.0%	34.2%
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	142	2.4%	3.1%
Electricity	3,830	66.1%	56.2%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	16	0.3%	1.7%
Coal or coke	0	0.0%	0.0%
Wood	1,491	25.7%	3.9%
Solar energy	0	0.0%	0.1%
Other fuel	165	2.8%	0.5%
No fuel used	39	0.7%	0.5%

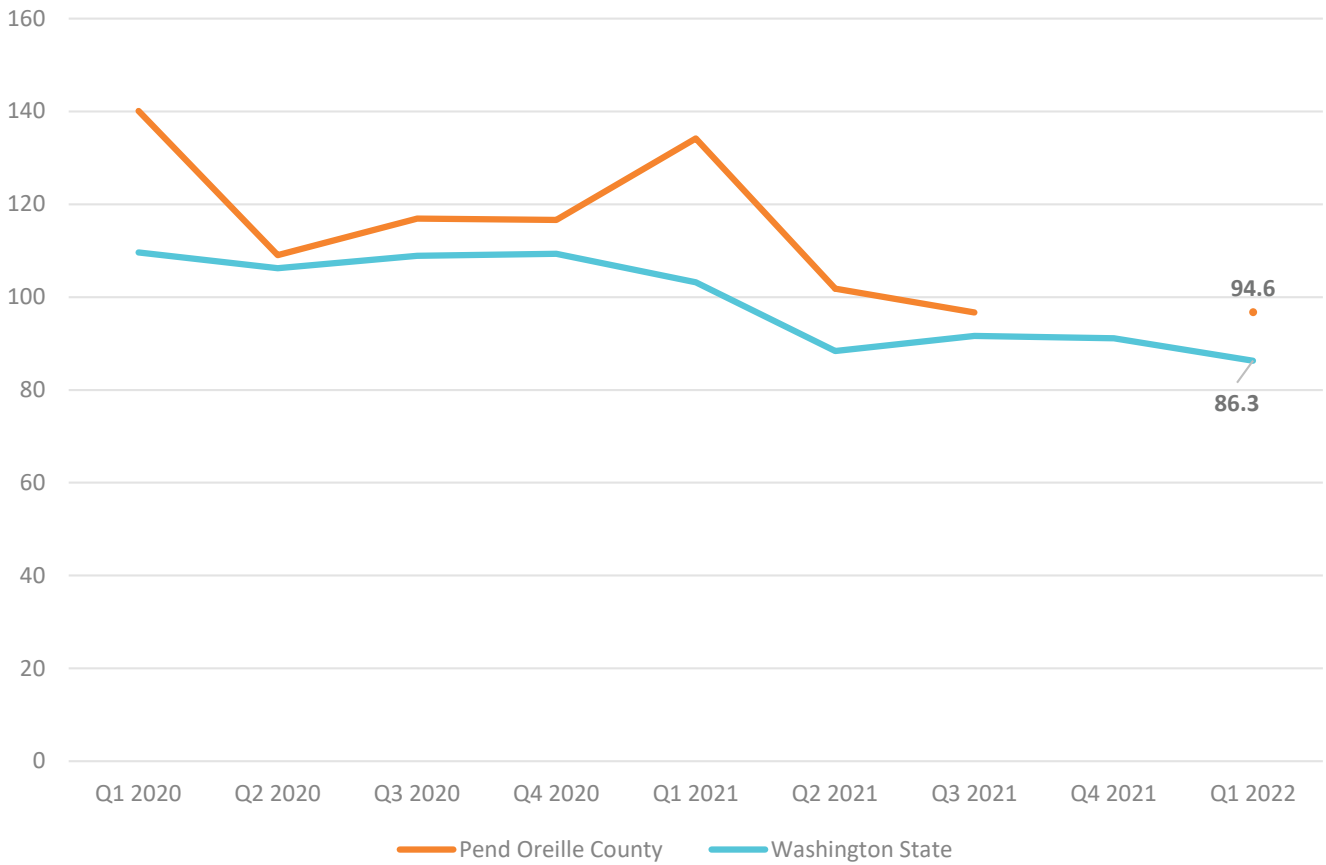
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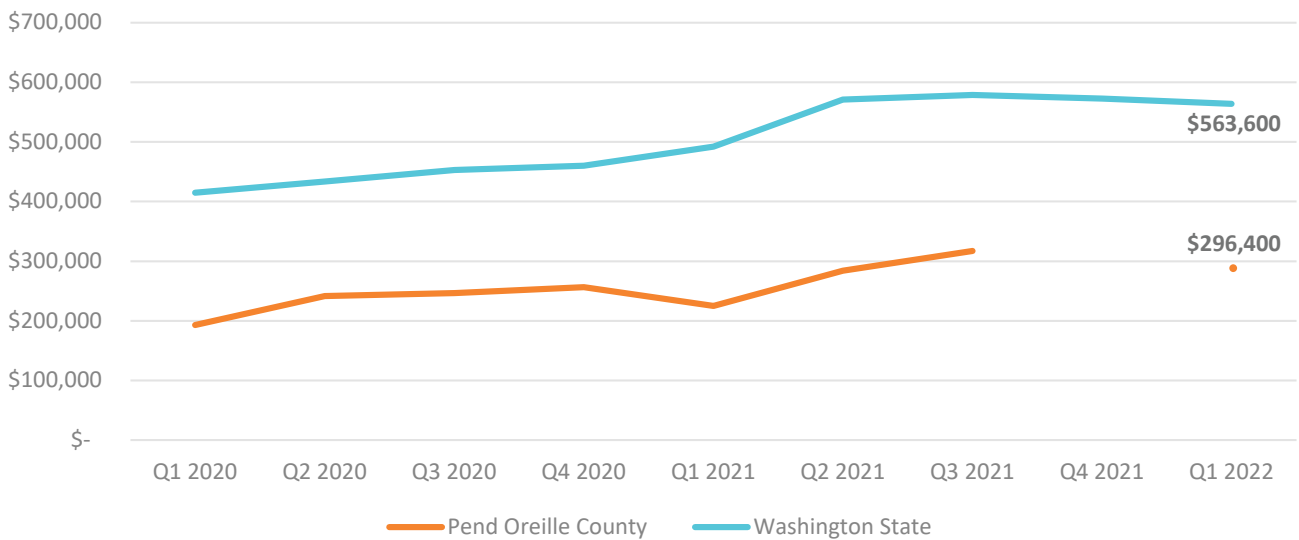
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Housing Affordability Index



Source: Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies, University of Washington. 2022 Q1
Disclaimer: Q4 2021 is missing data.

Median Home Prices



Source: Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies, University of Washington. 2022 Q1
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Endnotes

1. Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management – Estimates of April 1, 2021 Population Density and Land Area by County
2. Source: Washington State Employment Security Department: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, accessed August 10, 2022.
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4. Source: Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies, University of Washington. 2022 Q1



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