

Total Population **858,875**

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50,425

Veterans

5.9% of total population

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18,298

Veteran Dependents Number of estimated dependents under 18

Number of estimated dependents under 18 years old who rely on the financial support of the veteran in their household.

2,185
Military Members
0.3% of total population

0.3% of total populationActive Duty and Selected Reserve 2019

Veteran Population by Gender

Gender	District	State	National
Male	91.3%	91.1%	91.0%
Female	8.7%	8.9%	9.0%

Congressional District 1 has **318,127** total households, **48,713** or **15.3%** of those are veteran households.

2,300

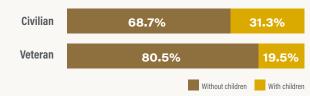
Military Dependents

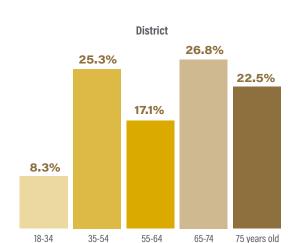
Number of spouses, children under 18, and others who rely on service member for more than half of their financial support (based on DEERS enrollment of Active Duty and Selected Reserve in 2018).

Disability

Civilians	11.1%	
Veterans	28.0%	

Households and Children

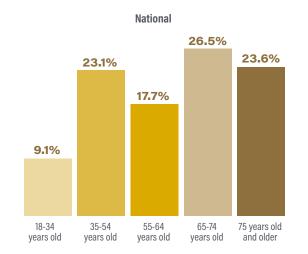




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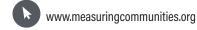
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Veteran Population by Age State 29.3% 25.0% 20.5% 17.1% 8.0% 18-34 35-54 55-64 65-74 75 years old years old years old years old years old and older



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Oregon Congressional District 1 Health and Well-Being

Poverty, Insurance Coverage and Unemployment

	District	State	National
Civilian Poverty Rate	8.9%	11.4%	11.8%
Veteran Poverty Rate	5.5%	7.7%	6.7%
Child Poverty Rate (18 and younger)	11.3%	15.7%	18.0%
Veteran Uninsured	2.9%	2.8%	3.2%
Unemployment (Feb. 2020)	3.1%	3.3%	3.5%
Unemployment (May 2020)	12.7%	14.2%	13.3%

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Households on SNAP benefits

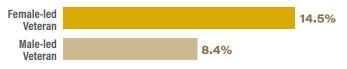


Low income civilian population living a mile or more from a

supermarket

Food Desert

Households with Food Insecurity and Access



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The standard definition of a food desert is defined as a low-income census tract with a substantial share of residents with low levels of access to retail outlets selling healthy and affordable foods. Low-access areas have at least 500 persons and/or at least 33 percent of the population lives more than one mile from a supermarket or large grocery store. Residents with a lack of access to adequate food sources have been shown to have poorer health outcomes. Living in a food desert creates a health disparity among residents that impacts quality-of-life and overall health.

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Rural-Urban Continuum

According to the Rural Urban Continuun, Clatsop County in Congressional District 1 is defiend as rural.

Codes are determined on a 1 to 9 scale, 1 being the least rural and 9 being the most rural. Rural areas often have a higher poverty rate when comparing to their urban counterparts. Poverty in rural areas may contribute to poor housing conditions and health among residents.

Digital Divide Index Range

District State

12.15-23.11 12.15-48.9

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According to the Purdue Center for Regional Development, a digital divide score of 30 and above presents significant socioeconomic, broadband infrastructure, and adoption challenges that may limit motivation, skills, and usage of technology.

AARP Livability Index Range

District State **49-56 40-57**

In Congressional District 1, Clatsop County has a livability score that is below average. This indicates that this county has scored lower on one or more of the measures that are used to assess community livability. The AARP Livability Index takes a holistic approach measuring housing, neighborhood, transportation, environment, health, engagement, and opportunity. Each metric is scored on a measure of 0 to 100, 0 being the lowest and 100 being the highest. Because health is deeply related to quality of life, higher livability scores are associated with healthier communities due to an increased access to health-related resources and quality healthcare.

According to the AARP Livability Index, an average community livability score is 50, an above-average score is over 50, and a below-average score is below 50.



Total Population **841,022**

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66,091

Veterans

7.9% of total population

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19,207 Veteran Dependents

Number of estimated dependents under 18 years old who rely on the financial support of the veteran in their household.

3,209
Military Members
0.4% of total population

Active Duty and Selected Reserve 2019

Veteran Population by Gender

Gender	District	State	National
Male	92.2%	91.1%	91.0%
Female	7.8%	8.9%	9.0%

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Congressional District 2 has **320,306** total households, **62,310** or **19.5%** of those are veteran households.

3,636

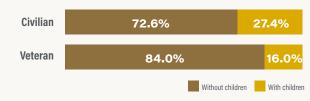
Military Dependents

Number of spouses, children under 18, and others who rely on service member for more than half of their financial support (based on DEERS enrollment of Active Duty and Selected Reserve in 2018).

Disability

Civilians	16.2%	
Veterans	30.0%	

Households and Children

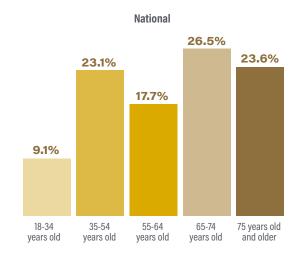


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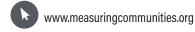
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Oregon Congressional District 2 Health and Well-Being

Poverty, Insurance Coverage and Unemployment

	District	State	National
Civilian Poverty Rate	13%	11.4%	11.8%
Veteran Poverty Rate	8.3%	7.7%	6.7%
Child Poverty Rate (18 and younger)	20%	15.7%	18.0%
Veteran Uninsured	3.1%	2.8%	3.2%
Unemployment (Feb. 2020)	4.9%	3.3%	3.5%
Unemployment (May 2020)	14.1%	14.2%	13.3%

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Households on SNAP benefits



Food Desert

	Percentage	Number
Low income civilian population living a mile or more from a supermarket	24.8%	193,639

Households with Food Insecurity and Access



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Rural-Urban Continuum

According to the Rural Urban Continuun, the counties of Baker, Crook, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, and Wheeler in Congressional District 2 are defined as rural.

Codes are determined on a 1 to 9 scale, 1 being the least rural and 9 being the most rural. Rural areas often have a higher poverty rate when comparing to their urban counterparts. Poverty in rural areas may contribute to poor housing conditions and health among residents.

Digital Divide Index Range

District State

16.21-48.9 12.15-48.9

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AARP Livability Index Range

District State 40-57 40-56

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41,833

Veterans

4.9% of total population

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12,242

Veteran Dependents

Number of estimated dependents under 18 years old who rely on the financial support of the veteran in their household.

1,764 **Military Members**

0.2% of total population Active Duty and Selected Reserve 2019

Veteran Population by Gender

Gender	District	State	National
Male	89.1%	91.1%	91.0%
Female	10.9%	8.9%	9.0%

Congressional District 3 has 325,697 total households, 38,277 or 11.8% of those are veteran households.

1,837

Military Dependents

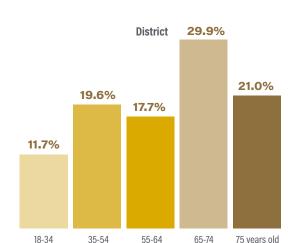
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Disability

Civilians		11.5%	
	Veterans	20.3%	

Households and Children

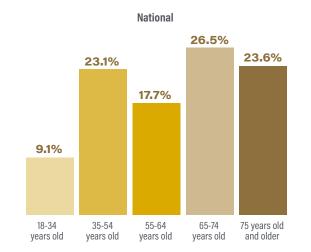




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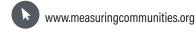
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Oregon Congressional District 3 Health and Well-Being

Poverty, Insurance Coverage and Unemployment

	District	State	National
Civilian Poverty Rate	11.6%	11.4%	11.8%
Veteran Poverty Rate	8%	7.7%	6.7%
Child Poverty Rate (18 and younger)	12.6%	15.7%	18.0%
Veteran Uninsured	2.5%	2.8%	3.2%
Unemployment (Feb. 2020)	3.2%	3.3%	3.5%
Unemployment (May 2020)	15.1%	14.2%	13.3%

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Households on SNAP benefits



Food Desert

	Percentage	Number
Low income civilian population living a mile or more from a supermarket	9.5%	75,711

Households with Food Insecurity and Access



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Rural-Urban Continuum

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Digital Divide Index Range

District State

12.15-16.59 12.15-48.9

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AARP Livability Index Range

District State

56-57 40-57

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Total Population **820,504**

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70,170

Veterans

8.6% of total population

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19,034
Veteran Dependents

Number of estimated dependents under 18 years old who rely on the financial support of the veteran in their household.

2,056
Military Members
0.3% of total population

Active Duty and Selected Reserve 2019

Veteran Population by Gender

Gender	District	State	National
Male	91.1%	91.1%	91.0%
Female	8.9%	8.9%	9.0%

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Congressional District 4 has **323,696** total households, **64,572** or **19.9%** of those are veteran households.

1,935

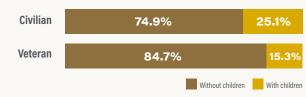
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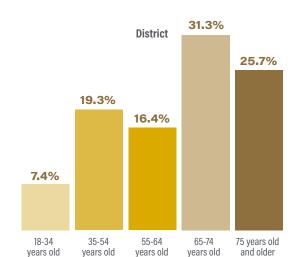
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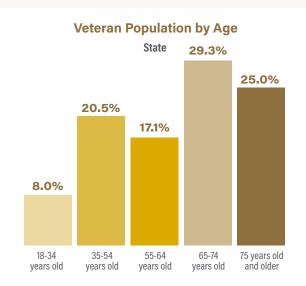
Disability

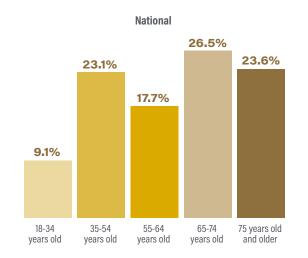
Civilians	17.2%	
Veterans	29,6%	

Households and Children

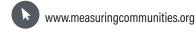








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Oregon Congressional District 4 Health and Well-Being

Poverty, Insurance Coverage and Unemployment

	District	State	National
Civilian Poverty Rate	13.8%	11.4%	11.8%
Veteran Poverty Rate	9.2%	7.7%	6.7%
Child Poverty Rate (18 and younger)	21.3%	15.7%	18.0%
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Households on SNAP benefits



Food Desert

	Percentage	Number	
Low income civilian population living a mile or more from a supermarket	20.4%	157,734	

Households with Food Insecurity and Access



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Digital Divide Index Range

District State

19.42-30.47 12,15-48,9

In Congressional District 4, areas of concern include Curry County. The digital divide index is a value ranging from 0 to 100, 100 indicating the highest digital divide. A higher digital divide score is associated with limited broadband infrastructure, digital literacy, and exposure to technology benefits. In areas with higher digital divide scores, individuals may face barriers that limit their ability to obtain health information, stay informed, access online education, or secure employment options.

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AARP Livability Index Range

District State 40-57 43-56

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Total Population **844,220**

The Military Family Research Institute (MFRI) at Purdue University collaborated with a Purdue University Masters of Public Health student intern to provide a public health-focused snapshot of the veteran, military and civilian population within each congressional district. Data was collected from multiple sources including MFRI's Measuring Communities online data portal. The provided data will help inform district leaders of the characteristics, health and accessibility of constituents residing in their districts and support legislative initiatives.

To view congressional districts, visit www.govtrack.us/congress/members/map

55,918

Veterans

6.6% of total population

According to the Census Bureau, "veterans are men and women who have served (even for a short time), but are not currently serving, on active duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or the Coast Guard, or who served in the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II. People who served in the National Guard or Reserves are classified as veterans only if they were ever called or ordered to active duty, not counting the 4-6 months for initial training or yearly summer camps."

17,916 Veteran Dependents

Number of estimated dependents under 18 years old who rely on the financial support of the veteran in their household.

2,631 Military Members 0.3% of total population

Active Duty and Selected Reserve 2019

Veteran Population by Gender

Gender	District	State	National	
Male	90.9%	91.1%	91.0%	
Female	9.1%	8.9%	9.0%	

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Congressional District 5 has **304,008** total households, **52,719** or **17.3%** of those are veteran households.

3,120

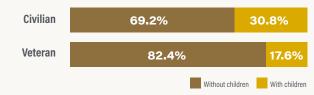
Military Dependents

Number of spouses, children under 18, and others who rely on service member for more than half of their financial support (based on DEERS enrollment of Active Duty and Selected Reserve in 2018).

Disability

Civilians		14.3%	
	Veterans	22.8%	

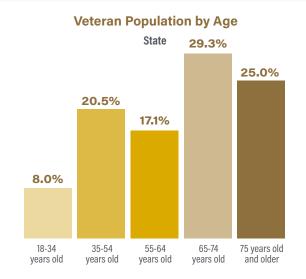
Households and Children

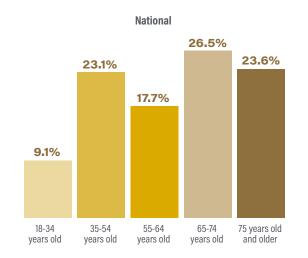


7.9% District 28.5% 26.7% 17.4% 7.9% 18-34 35-54 55-64 65-74 75 years old

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Oregon Congressional District 5 Health and Well-Being

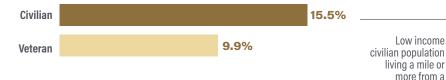
Poverty, Insurance Coverage and Unemployment

	District	State	National
Civilian Poverty Rate	9.7%	11.4%	11.8%
Veteran Poverty Rate	6.6%	7.7%	6.7%
Child Poverty Rate (18 and younger)	14.5%	15.7%	18.0%
Veteran Uninsured	2.9%	2.8%	3.2%
Unemployment (Feb. 2020)	3.7%	3.3%	3.5%
Unemployment (May 2020)	13.3%	14.2%	13.3%

Those uninsured face greater barriers to care. In light of COVID-19, those living in poverty and whom are uninsured may be at a greater risk of exposure and complications from the virus.

Due to COVID-19 and the nature of the virus, unemployment rates have sharply increased between February and May of 2020. These rates may continue to be impacted over the coming months, and should be further monitored throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Households on SNAP benefits



Percentage Number

16.3%

supermarket

Food Desert

128,670

Households with Food Insecurity and Access



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budget of needy families so they can purchase healthy foods and move towards self-sufficiency.

The standard definition of a food desert is defined as a low-income census tract with a substantial share of residents with low levels of access to retail outlets selling healthy and affordable foods. Low-access areas have at least 500 persons and/or at least 33 percent of the population lives more than one mile from a supermarket or large grocery store. Residents with a lack of access to adequate food sources have been shown to have poorer health outcomes. Living in a food desert creates a health disparity among residents that impacts quality-of-life and overall health.

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Rural-Urban Continuum

According to the Rural Urban Continuum, the counties of Lincoln and Tillamook in Congressional District 5 are defined as rural.

Codes are determined on a 1 to 9 scale, 1 being the least rural and 9 being the most rural. Rural areas often have a higher poverty rate when comparing to their urban counterparts. Poverty in rural areas may contribute to poor housing conditions and health among residents.

Digital Divide Index Range

District State

12.15-31.02 12.15-48.9

In Congressional District 5, areas of concern include Lincoln County. The digital divide index is a value ranging from 0 to 100, 100 indicating the highest digital divide. A higher digital divide score is associated with limited broadband infrastructure, digital literacy, and exposure to technology benefits. In areas with higher digital divide scores, individuals may face barriers that limit their ability to obtain health information, stay informed, access online education, or secure employment options.

According to the Purdue Center for Regional Development, a digital divide score of 30 and above presents significant socioeconomic, broadband infrastructure, and adoption challenges that may limit motivation, skills, and usage of technology.

AARP Livability Index Range

District State

47-57 40-57

In Congressional District 5, Tillamook County has a livability score that is below average. This indicates that this county has scored lower on one or more of the measures that are used to assess community livability. The AARP Livability Index takes a holistic approach measuring housing, neighborhood, transportation, environment, health, engagement, and opportunity. Each metric is scored on a measure of 0 to 100, 0 being the lowest and 100 being the highest. Because health is deeply related to quality of life, higher livability scores are associated with healthier communities due to an increased access to health-related resources and quality healthcare.

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