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SUBJECT: Jefferson County In-Migration Trends

The City of Madras would like to know more about where people are moving to Central Oregon from. This memorandum provides that information for Jefferson County, as well as Deschutes and Crook Counties.

In-Migration to Jefferson County

In-migration is the process of people moving to one location, in this case Jefferson County, from another. In-migration is closely correlated with population and demographic changes, economic growth, housing, and related outcomes. Further, studying characteristics of the areas where people are moving from can help shed light on why they decided to migrate. Thus, examining trends in migration to an area over time is often relevant for business, community, and public leaders.

To study in-migration to Jefferson County, we use data from the IRS Statistics of Income Division (SOI). SOI data contain annual migration information in the U.S. available at the county and state level. The data are derived from address changes reported on individual income tax returns and makeup the largest county-level migration dataset available in the U.S. Although not without its limitations, the data are fairly well representative of the U.S. population. Using SOI data from 2017-2018 and 2018-2019, we explore in-migration patterns in Jefferson and neighboring counties.

Table 1 displays 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 in-migration counts for Jefferson County as well as the neighboring counties of Crook and Deschutes. For each county, the top counties (in terms of number of people who moved from that county) and associated migration counts are shown.

Overall, 770 people moved to Jefferson County between 2018 and 2019, about the same as the previous year. The vast majority of people that moved to Jefferson County migrated from somewhere else in Oregon. In fact, nearly half – 306 – came from neighboring Deschutes County. The other counties making up the “top” Jefferson in-migration counties include Crook, Multnomah, Clackamas, Marion, and Washington County – all of which are in Oregon. Less than a quarter – 179 – of people that moved to Jefferson County did so from outside Oregon.

The makeup of intra-state origin counties and proportion of origin counties from out of state is roughly comparable between Jefferson and Crook County: Nearly a third of movers to Crook County originated from Deschutes County and the majority of movers came from other counties in Oregon. In comparison, a significantly higher number of people, over 7,500, moved to Deschutes County in 2018-2019. Further, over half of movers to Deschutes County originated from a state besides Oregon.

Table 1: Top Counties for In-migration into Jefferson, Crook, and Deschutes County, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019

	Number of movers, 2017-2018		Number of movers, 2018-2019	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Jefferson County	753		770	
Deschutes County	246	33%	306	40%
Crook County	49	7%	44	6%
Multnomah County	39	5%	39	5%
Clackamas County	36	5%	37	5%
Marion County	39	5%	28	4%
Washington County	34	5%	28	4%
Crook County	987		992	
Deschutes County	329	33%	324	33%
Clackamas County	60	6%	62	6%
Multnomah County	37	4%	42	4%
Lane County	32	3%	39	4%
Jefferson County	49	5%	34	3%
Washington County	36	4%	30	3%
Marion County	37	4%	23	2%
Deschutes County	7585		7523	
Oregon				
Multnomah County	452	6%	487	6%
Washington County	310	4%	322	4%
Lane County	307	4%	314	4%
Clackamas County	298	4%	288	4%
Crook County	214	3%	239	3%
Marion County	186	2%	184	2%
Jefferson County	190	3%	181	2%
Washington State				
King County	246	3%	205	3%
Clark County	136	2%	109	1%
Pierce County	55	1%	58	1%
Spokane County	33	0.4%	34	0.5%
California				
Los Angeles County	175	2%	193	3%
San Diego County	167	2%	176	2%
Orange County	148	2%	127	2%
Santa Clara County	101	1%	90	1%
Alameda County	67	1%	81	1%
Riverside County	81	1%	80	1%
Arizona				
Maricopa County	120	2%	110	1%
Pima County	21	0.3%	29	0.4%

Figure 1: Top Counties for in-migration to Jefferson County, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019

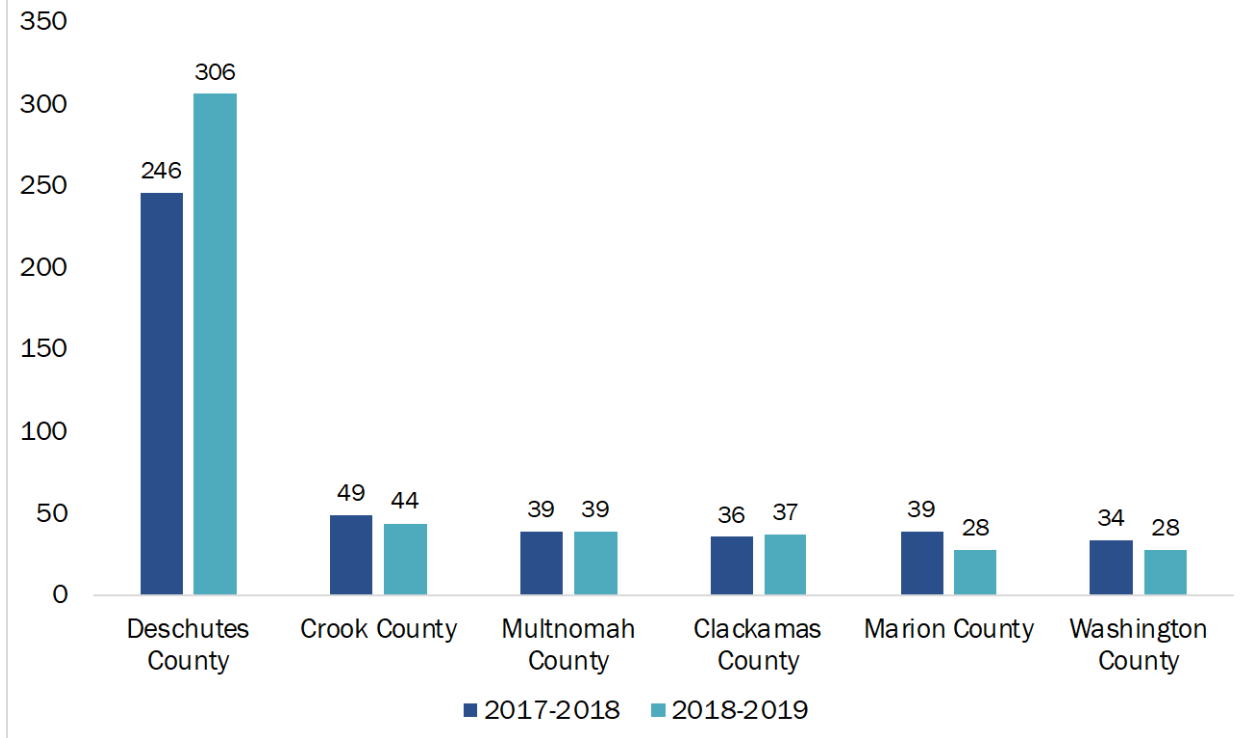


Figure 2: Top Counties for in-migration to Crook County, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019

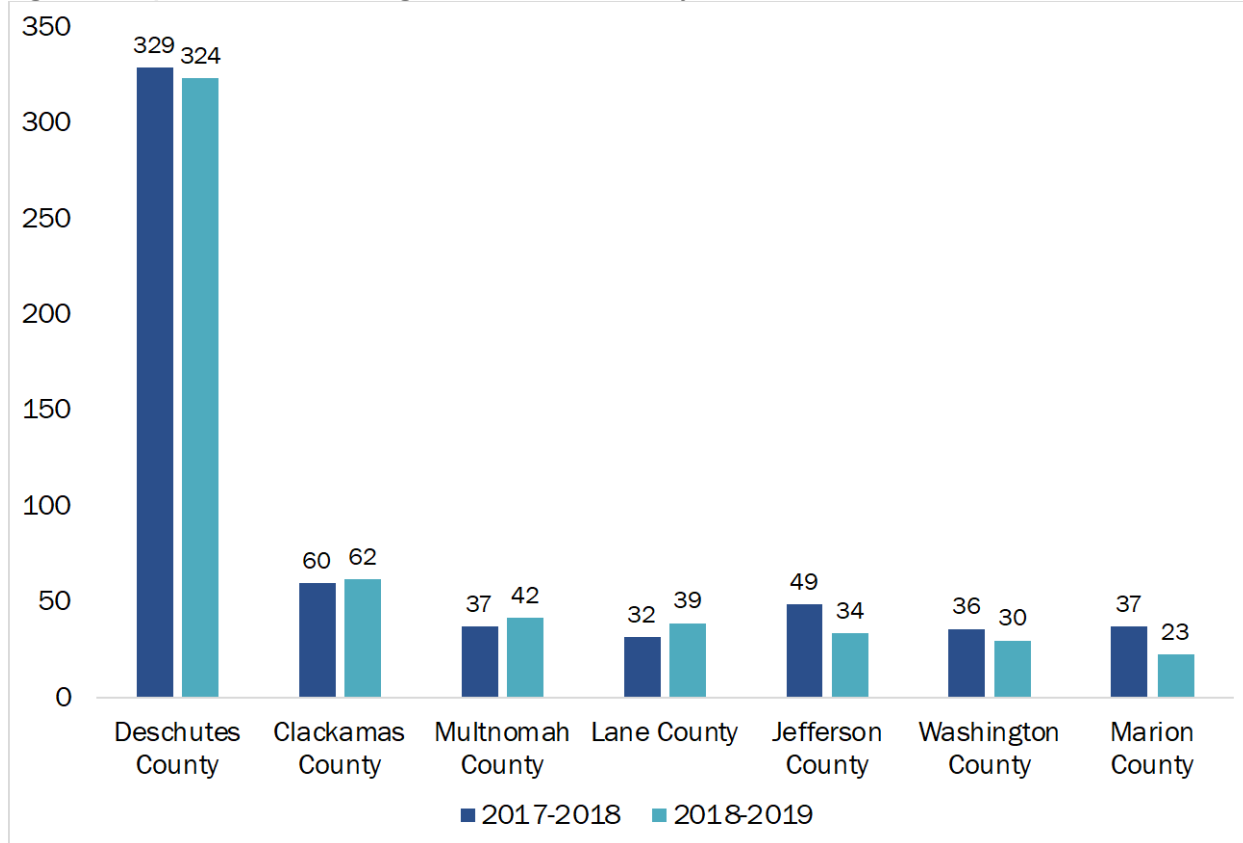


Figure 3: Top Counties for in-migration to Deschutes County, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019

