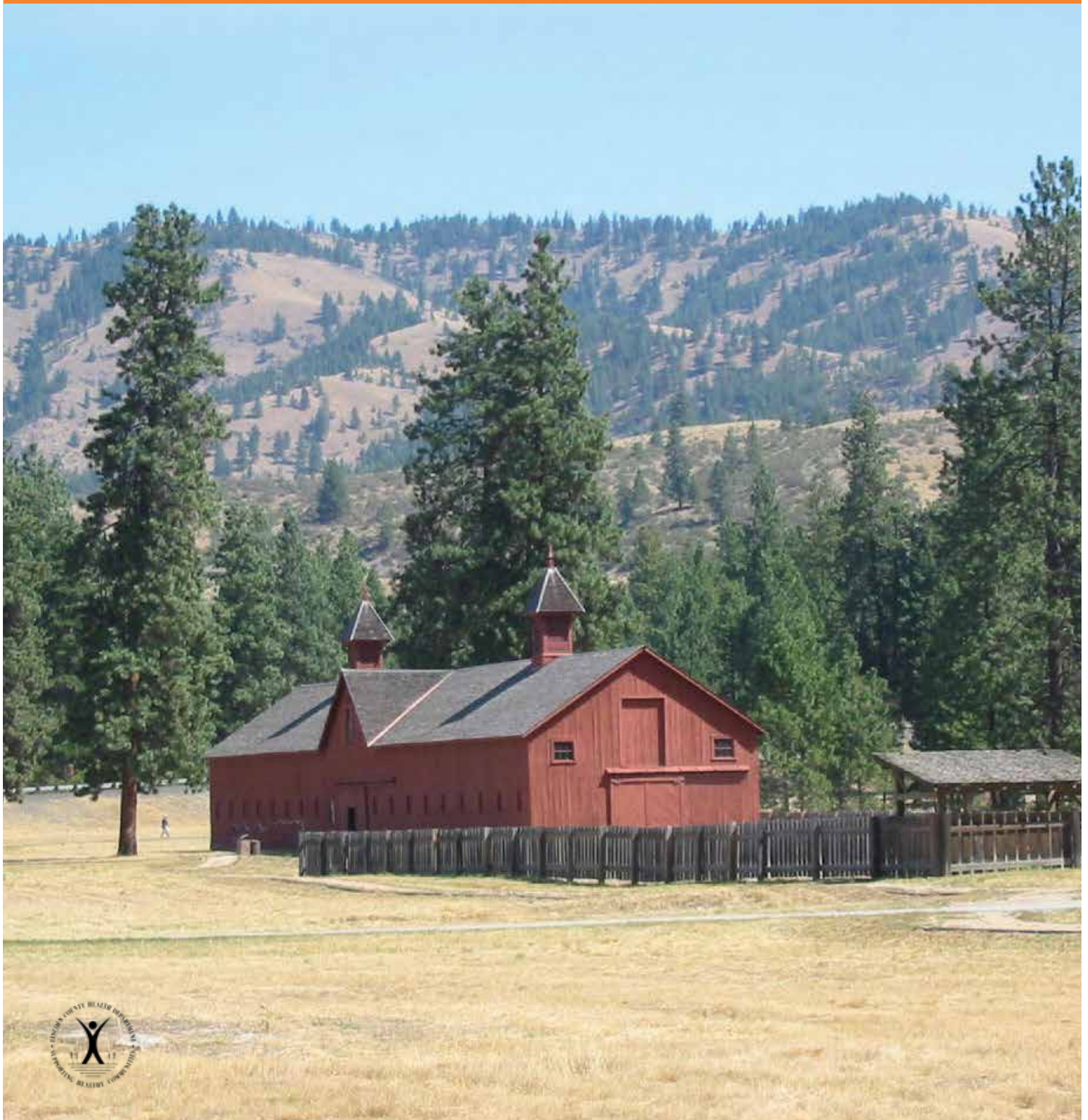


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POPULATION

Lincoln County is located in the central portion of eastern Washington State. In 2021, Lincoln County was the thirty-fourth most populous county in the state with 11,050 individuals. This accounted for less than 1% of the state's population. The population is split almost evenly with 51% living in incorporated Lincoln and the other 49% living in the unincorporated county, with the town of Davenport making up the most populous area (15%). Of the 39 counties in Washington State, Lincoln County had the fourth lowest population density with a density of 4.72 individuals per square mile. The Washington State density for all counties was 116.88 individuals per square mile.¹

In 2021, adults ages 20-34 made up the smallest proportion of Lincoln County's population. Lincoln 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

	Lincoln County	WA State
0-19 years	23.1%	24.0%
20-34 years	11.8%	20.5%
35-64 years	34.6%	38.0%
65+ years	30.2%	17.3%

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

According to 2021 data, Lincoln County was not racially diverse. Among county residents, 88.0% were white, 5.1% were of two or more races, 1.9% were American Indian/Alaska Native, while all other groups made up less than 1% of the population. Hispanics comprised 4% 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

	Lincoln County	WA State
White	88.0%	72.8%
Black or African American	0.2%	4.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.9%	1.9%
Asian	0.7%	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

	Lincoln County	WA State
Total	8,877	100%
Married	5,751	64.8%
Widowed	619	7.0%
Divorced	812	9.1%
Separated	106	1.2%
Never Married	1,589	17.9%

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

Population by Nativity and Citizenship Status, 2016-2020

	Lincoln County	WA State
U.S. citizen, born in the U.S.	10,448	97.4%
U.S. citizen, born in Puerto Rico or U.S. island areas	3	0.0%
U.S. citizen, born abroad of American parent(s)	96	0.9%
U.S. citizen by naturalization	100	0.9%
Not a U.S. citizen	85	0.8%

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	9,495	89.2%
Moved within same county	519	4.9%
Moved from different county within same state	424	4.0%
Moved from different state	149	1.4%
Moved from abroad	61	0.6%

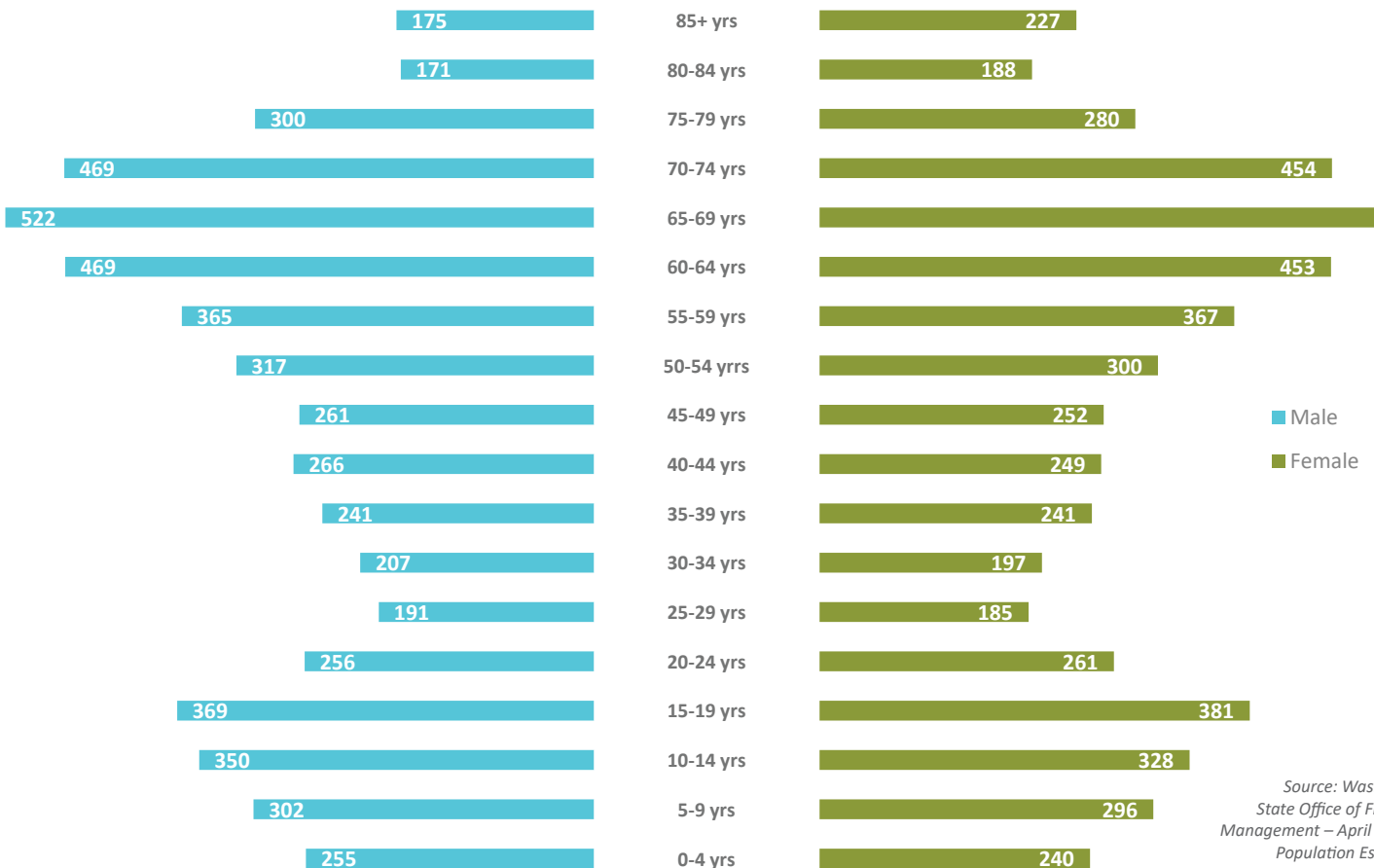
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table B07001

Language Spoken at Home by Ability 2016-2020

	Lincoln 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, Lincoln County, 2021



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

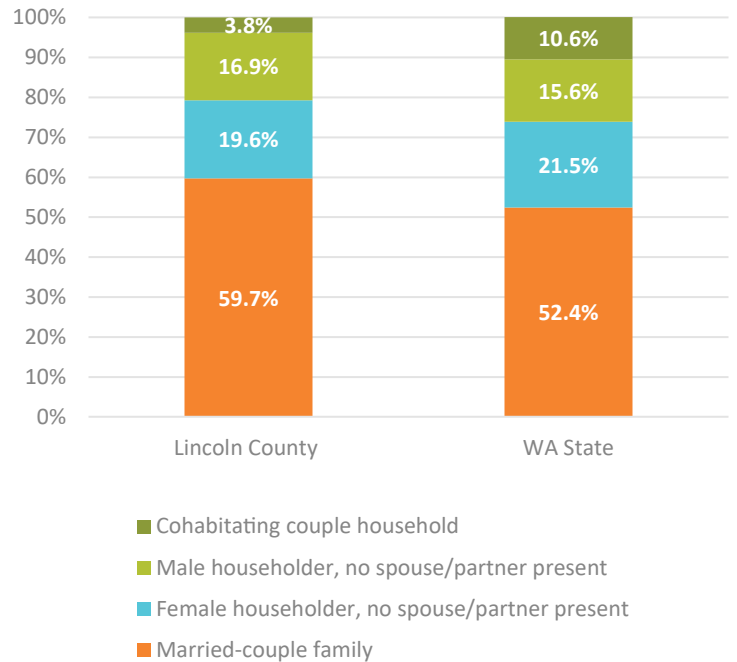
FAMILY STRUCTURE

Households by Type, Lincoln County, 2016-2020

Total Households	4,628	100%
Married-couple family	2,764	59.7%
Cohabiting couple household	174	3.8%
Male householder, no spouse/partner present	783	16.9%
Householder living alone	593	12.8%
65 years and over	241	5.2%
Female householder, no spouse/partner present	907	19.6%
Householder living alone	635	13.7%
65 years and over	378	8.2%

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

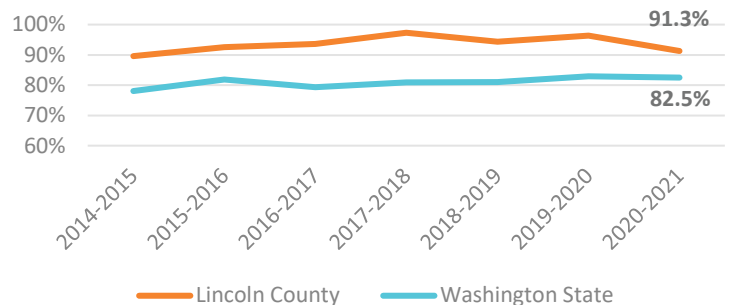
Educational Attainment among Adults 25 Years of Age or Older, 2016-2020

	Lincoln County	WA State
Population 25 years of age or older	7,761	100%
Less than ninth grade	151	1.9%
Ninth-12th grade, no diploma	398	5.1%
High school graduate/ GED	2,106	27.1%
Some college, no degree	2,260	29.1%
Associate's degree	875	11.3%
Bachelor's degree	1,308	16.9%
Graduate or professional degree	663	8.5%

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

Among students who began ninth grade, 91.3% graduated from high school on time during the 2020/2021 school year. Statewide, 82.5% of students graduated on time. Since the 2014/2015 school year, Lincoln County has had higher on-time graduation rates than Washington.

On-Time High School Graduation Rate



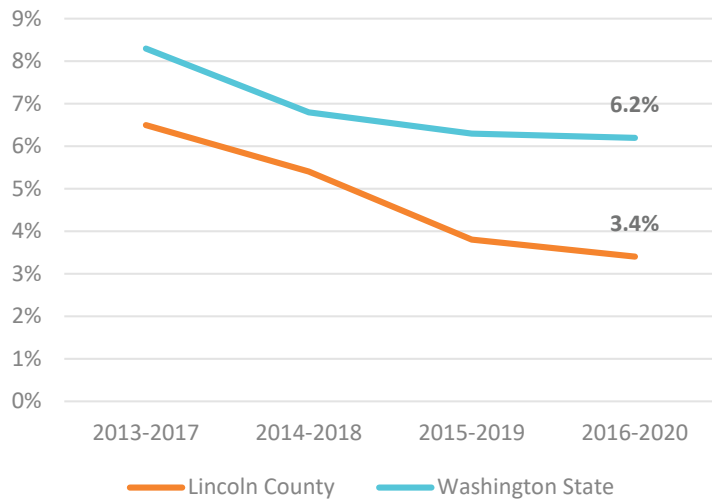
Source: Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction – Data and Reports, 2021

HEALTH INSURANCE AND DISABILITY

For the 2016-2020 American Community Survey (ACS) estimate period, approximately 3.4% of Lincoln County's population was uninsured. Those who were 19 to 64 years of age, male, and Black or African American had the highest proportion of being uninsured in their respective demographic categories. The uninsured rate in Lincoln County was lower than Washington State.

In Lincoln 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, 58.6% were 75 years of age or older. Overall, Lincoln 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

	Lincoln County	WA State
Under 19 years	3.4%	2.8%
19-64 years	5.1%	8.9%
65+ Years	0.1%	0.7%
Total	3.4%	6.2%

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

BY SEX

	Lincoln County	WA State
Male	4.0%	7.1%
Female	2.9%	5.3%

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

BY RACE

	Lincoln County	WA State
White	3.2%	5.1%
Black or African American	22.4%	7.6%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	14.7%	13.6%
Asian	1.8%	4.8%
Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	0.0%	10.6%
Some other race	0.0%	22.6%
Two or more races	3.6%	6.1%

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

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

	Lincoln County	WA State
Under 5 years	0.0%	0.7%
5-17 years	3.8%	5.6%
18-34 years	9.7%	7.2%
35-64 years	17.2%	12.4%
65-74 years	28.6%	24.6%
75 years+	58.6%	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 Lincoln County for 2021 was \$61,819, compared to \$81,998 statewide. The median household income has been increasing since 2018. For 2016 to 2020, approximately 15.2% of individuals in the county lived below 125% federal poverty level (FPL), and 27.8% lived below 200% FPL. The proportion of Lincoln County residents living in poverty (below 200% FPL) was higher than the statewide proportion (24.1%).

Median Household Income Estimates

	Lincoln County	WA State
2010	\$43,632	\$54,888
2011	\$43,936	\$55,500
2012	\$45,690	\$56,444
2013	\$46,956	\$57,284
2014	\$48,976	\$60,153
2015	\$49,276	\$63,439
2016	\$51,019	\$65,500
2017	\$50,657	\$69,288
2018	\$50,489	\$72,297
2019	\$60,849	\$78,674
2020 Preliminary estimate	\$61,332	\$80,319
2021 Projection	\$61,819	\$81,998

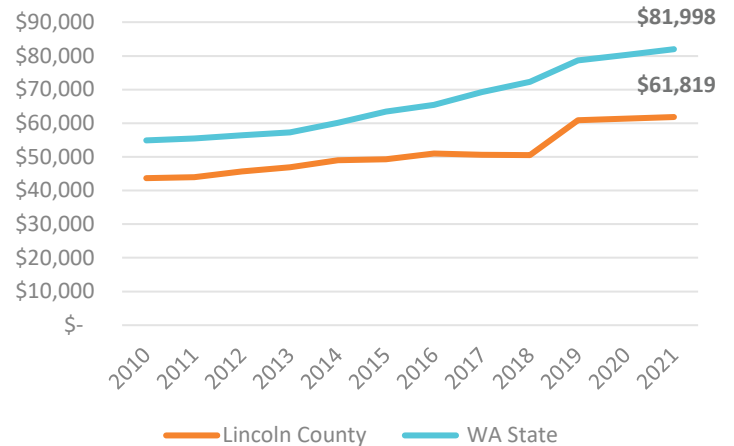
Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management – Median Household Estimates by County, April 2021

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

	Lincoln County	WA State
All Families	6.9%	6.5%
Married-Couple Families	5.7%	3.3%
Single Mothers	17.0%	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, 2016-2020

	Lincoln County	WA State
<18	21.2%	12.6%
18-64 Years	10.9%	10.0%
65+ Years	5.4%	7.5%

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

Population Living at or Below Various FPL, 2016-2020

	Lincoln County	WA State
50% FPL	4.1%	4.7%
125% FPL	15.2%	13.4%
150% FPL	20.3%	16.7%
185% FPL	25.5%	21.8%
200% FPL	27.8%	24.1%
300% FPL	52.4%	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

	Lincoln County	WA State
White	12.1%	8.9%
Black or African American	28.6%	17.5%
American Indian and Alaskan Native	0.5%	22.0%
Asian	0.0%	9.2%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0.0%	12.6%
Some other race	1.2%	18.6%
Two or more races	8.2%	12.7%
Hispanic ethnicity	8.7%	16.9%

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



EMPLOYMENT

Of the estimated 4,729 individuals in the civilian labor force in Lincoln County in 2021, there were 4,500 individuals employed. The average unemployment rate in Lincoln in 2021 was 4.8%, compared to 5.2% in Washington State.²

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

	Lincoln County		WA State
Total	4,428	100%	100%
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	1,943	43.9%	42.7%
Service occupations	683	15.4%	16.5%
Sales and office occupations	781	17.6%	19.5%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	609	13.8%	9.4%
Production, transportation, and materials moving occupations	412	9.3%	11.9%

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

Compared to Washington State, Lincoln County had a higher proportion of workers in natural resources, construction, maintenance occupations. Lincoln County had a lower proportion of workers in, production, transportation and material moving occupations, and sales and office occupations.

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

	Lincoln County		WA State
Total	4,428	100%	100%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	1,018	23.0%	21.6%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	765	17.3%	2.5%
Construction	476	10.7%	7.0%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	278	6.3%	9.0%
Retail trade	378	8.5%	11.6%
Public administration	349	7.9%	5.0%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	298	6.7%	5.5%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	321	7.2%	13.6%
Other services except public administration	188	4.2%	4.5%
Wholesale trade	106	2.4%	2.7%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	123	2.8%	5.3%
Manufacturing	91	2.1%	9.5%
Information	37	0.8%	2.2%

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 6,094 housing units in Lincoln County. The majority of occupied housing were owner-occupied (77.8%) while the remaining housing units (22.2%) were renter-occupied. The homeowner vacancy rate was 2.4%, while the rental vacancy rate was 5.4% during this period.

The proportion of occupied housing lacking complete plumbing facilities was the same in Lincoln County compared to Washington State. In Lincoln County, 0.4% of occupied housing lacked complete plumbing facilities and 0.3% lacked complete kitchen facilities. This is compared to 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 Lincoln County was \$241,700 compared to \$563,600 in Washington State. Estimates of median home prices vary greatly in smaller areas. The median price of home sales in Lincoln County varied between \$140,800 to \$258,300 between

2020 and 2022. Housing affordability decreased in Lincoln County and 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 Lincoln County than Washington State.⁴



Year Housing Units were Built, 2016-2020

	Lincoln County		WA State
Total Housing Units	6,094	100%	100%
Built 2014 or later	71	1.2%	4.8%
Built 2010 to 2013	105	1.7%	3.6%
Built 2000 to 2009	850	13.9%	15.0%
Built 1990 to 1999	916	15.0%	16.7%
Built 1980 to 1989	455	7.5%	12.9%
Built 1970 to 1979	782	12.8%	15.5%
Built 1960 to 1969	451	7.4%	9.3%
Built 1950 to 1959	529	8.7%	7.3%
Built 1940 to 1949	399	6.5%	4.7%
Built 1939 or earlier	1,536	25.2%	10.0%

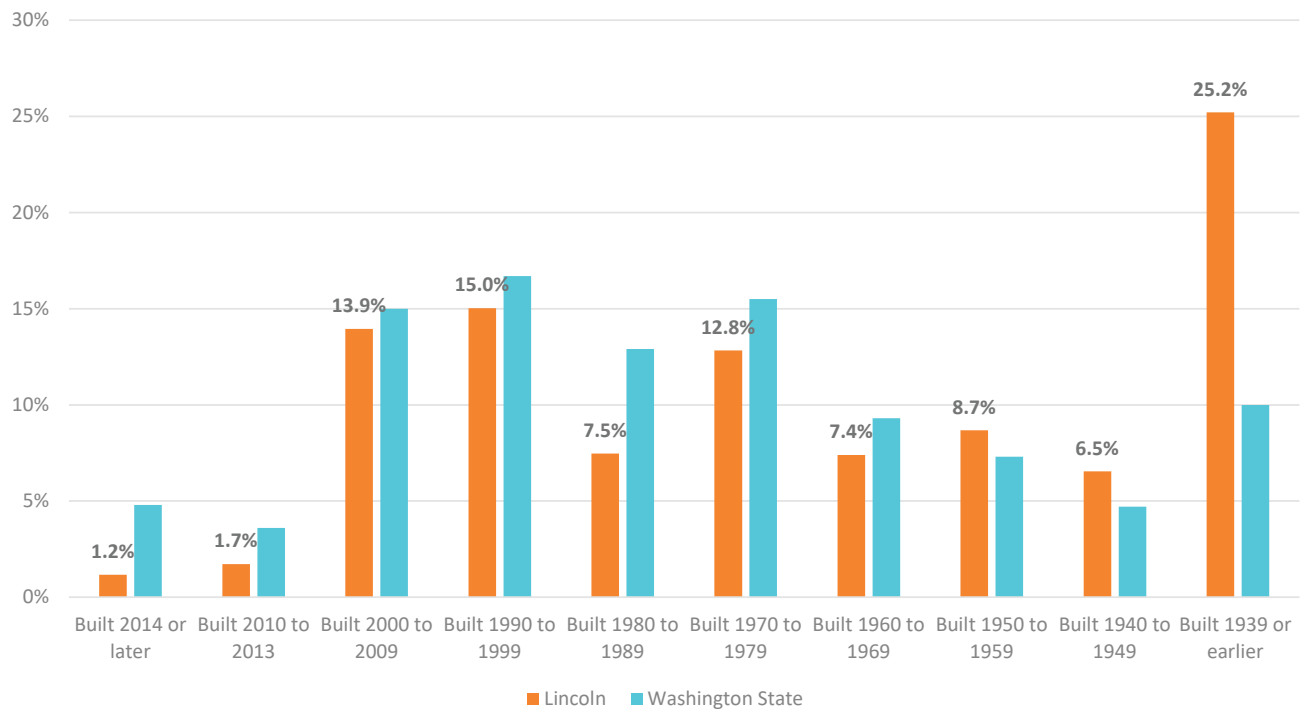
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table DP04

House Heating Fuel in Occupied Housing, 2016-2020

	Lincoln County		WA State
Total occupied housing units	4,628	100%	100%
Utility gas	1,214	26.2%	34.2%
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	258	5.6%	3.1%
Electricity	2,348	50.7%	56.2%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	217	4.7%	1.7%
Coal or coke	0	0.0%	0.0%
Wood	521	11.3%	3.9%
Solar energy	0	0.0%	0.1%
Other fuel	58	1.3%	0.5%
No fuel used	12	0.3%	0.5%

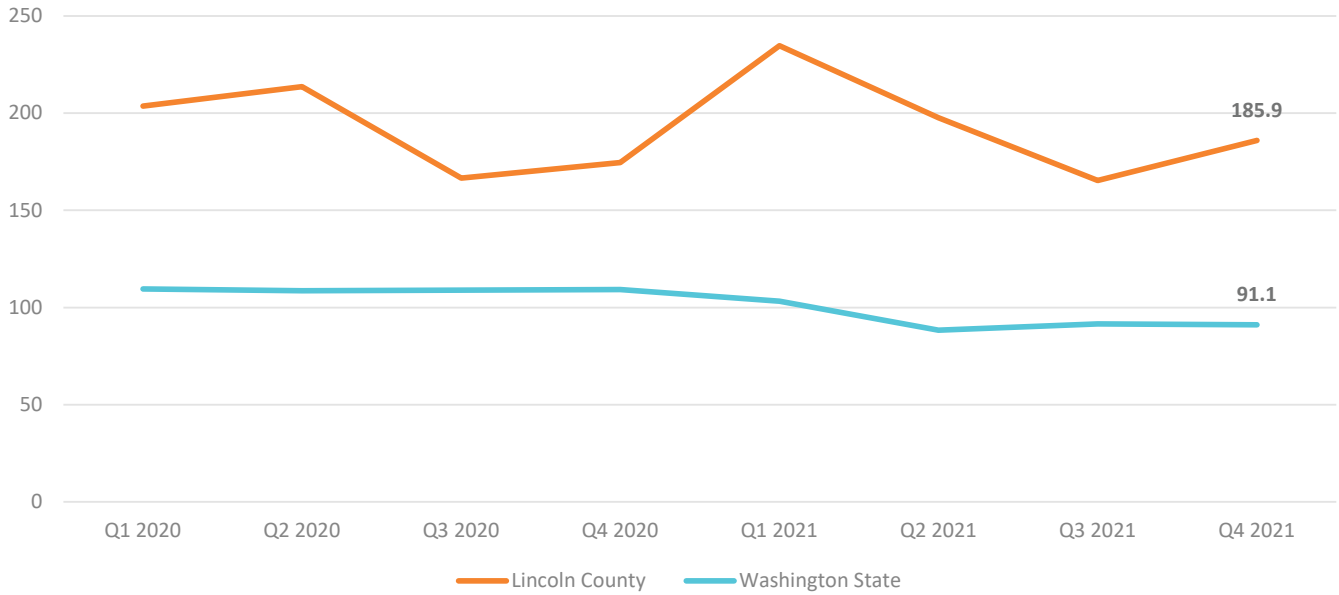
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Age of Housing Stock



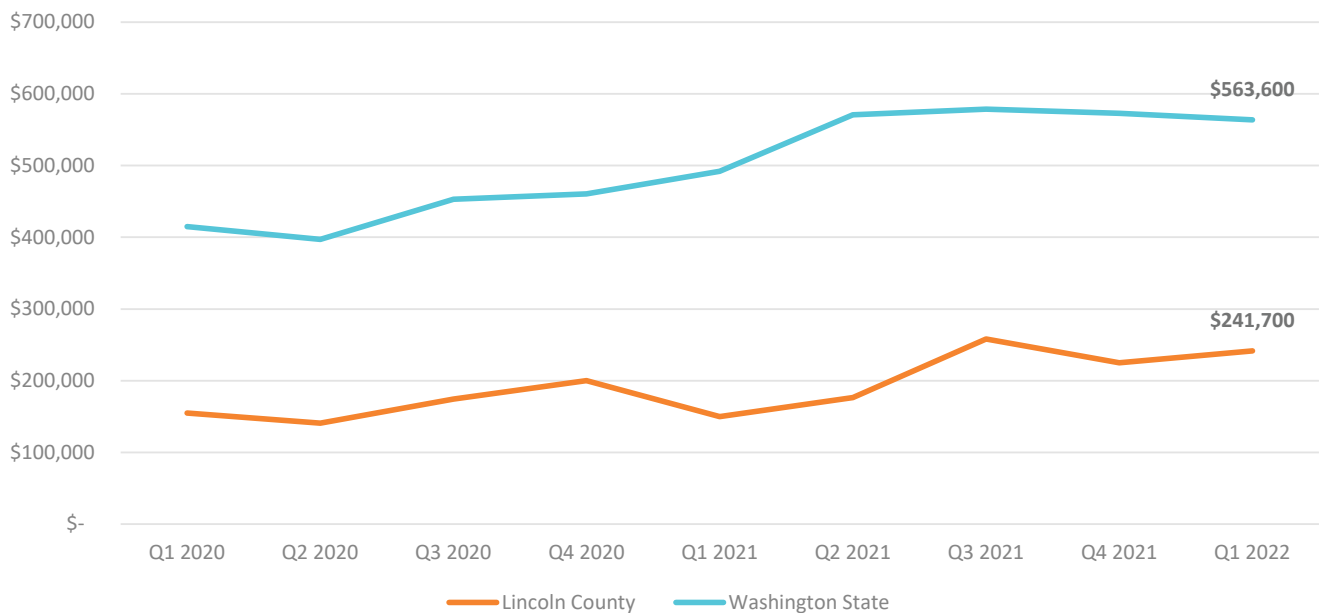
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Housing Affordability Index



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

Median Home Prices



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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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