

Historical Public Safety Service Services (PSS) In JO CO, Oregon^{1 - 2}

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU³

Population 2012 Estimate³

Josephine County	82,930
State of Oregon	3,899,353

Persons under 18 Years, Percent, 2012

Josephine County	19.9%
State of Oregon	22.1%

Housing Units 2011

Josephine County	38,079
State of Oregon	1,684,193

Median Value of Owner-Occupied Housing Units, 2007-2011

Josephine County	\$242,600
State of Oregon	\$252,600

Per Capita Money Income in the past 12 Months (2011 Dollars), 2007-2011

Josephine County	\$21,535
State of Oregon	\$26,561

Median Household Income, 2007-2011

Josephine County	\$37,824
State of Oregon	\$49,850

Persons below Poverty Level, Percent, 2007-2011

Josephine County	18.8%
State of Oregon	14.8%

1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (HNA&HS). July 9, 2013. *Justice System Exploratory Committee*. Hugo, OR.
 2. Hugo Neighborhood Association. July 9, 2013. *All Voters & Votes Are Legitimate*. Hugo, OR.

Josephine County (JO CO) Citizens' 2013 Voting History

VOTERS - Registered OR Voters: 2007 - 2008⁴

Population	3.7 million (2007)
Eligible Voters	2.8 million (2008)
Registered Voters	2,151,268 - 76.8% of voting age people registered to vote (2008)

November 6, 2012 JO CO General Election⁵

Number Eligible	51,856
Ballots Returned	40,995
Percent Voting	79.1%

May 21, 2013 Special District Election: Josephine County, Oregon⁶

Eligible Voters	50,852
Ballots Returned	26,698
Percentage of Ballots Returned	52.5%

JOSEPHINE COUNTY TAX LEVIES The 2012 expiration of federal funding in JO CO, used mostly for public safety services, resulted in JO CO proposing two tax levies as solutions. They both failed.

1. **May 2012** JO CO-wide Measure 17 - 43, Criminal Justice System Operations Four Year Local Option Tax (i.e., \$1.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value), failed 57 - 43 percent.
2. **May 2013** JO CO-wide Measure 17 - 49, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Three Year Local Option Tax (i.e., \$1.48 per \$1,000 of assessed value), failed 51 - 49 percent.

3. U.S. Department of Commerce, US. Census Bureau. 2007 - 2012. *State & County Quick Facts*. (<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/41/41033.html>).
 4. OR Secretary of State. 2007 - 2008. *Registered Voters Oregon*. (http://oregonvotes.org/HAVA/elect_q_a/voter_reg/howmany_reg.html).

Population, Eligible Voters, & Registered Voters

THE GRANTS PASS DAILY COURIER: 2013⁷

According to *The Grants Pass Daily Courier* the Grants Pass precincts would have passed the 2013 tax 59 to 41 percent and the JO CO precincts would have turned down the tax 56 to 44 percent. Overall the voting citizens of JO CO were about half and half in supporting and opposing the measure. Two example of rural precincts in the Hugo region are *Merlin* and *Lucky Queen*. The Merlin Precinct had 58 percent against and Lucky Queen had 51 percent against (Merlin yes 209 / no 284; Lucky Queen yes 363 / no 383). Lucky Queen had the same percentages for and against as county-wide.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY CLERK 'S OFFICE

<http://www.co.josephine.or.us/SectionIndex.asp?SectionID=110>

Josephine County Precinct List

<http://www.co.josephine.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=1515>

Election/Precinct Maps

<http://www.co.josephine.or.us/Files/County.jpg>
 Today's geographic precinct boundaries have no relationship to communities.

Want more information? Contact the *Exploratory Committee*.

5. Oregon Secretary of State. 2012. Voter Registration and Participation by County November 6, 2012 General Election: Oregon.
 6. Oregon Secretary of State. *May 21, 2013 Special District Election, Unofficial Ballot Returns* (http://www.oregonvotes.gov/doc/may2013_unofficial_ballot_returns.pdf).
 7. The Grants Pass Daily News. June 6, 2013. *City Backed, County Opposed Safety Levy*. Front Page. Grants Pass, OR.

Exploratory Committee's Mission

Mission An independent Justice System and Public Safety Services Exploratory Committee (*Exploratory Committee*) to investigate the JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services (JS&PSS) issue was formed under the leadership of the Hugo Neighborhood Association and Historical Society (HNA&HS).

Big picture ideas for the exploratory effort include the following.

1. Identifying the JS&PSS issue.
2. Identifying the JS&PSS sub-issues for research and analysis.
3. Identifying a range in level of services
4. Identifying a range of costs for services.
5. Identifying revenues for services.

The ultimate goal is an adequate justice system and public safety services. Is it possible to have a higher level of service for a lower cost? The purpose of the *Exploratory Committee* is to gather information adequate enough to understand the JS&PSS issues. This includes educational outreach efforts.

The *Exploratory Committee's* purpose is limited to investigating and researching the JS&PSS issues. It will not make evaluations of right or wrong, nor make recommendations on how to vote.

The contents of this brochure are expressions of the opinions and beliefs of those that contribute based on their thoughts and experiences. Hopefully, their efforts will assist the public toward informed decision-making.

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VOTER RESPONSE TO 2013 MEASURE 17-49 JS&PSS PROPOSAL

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