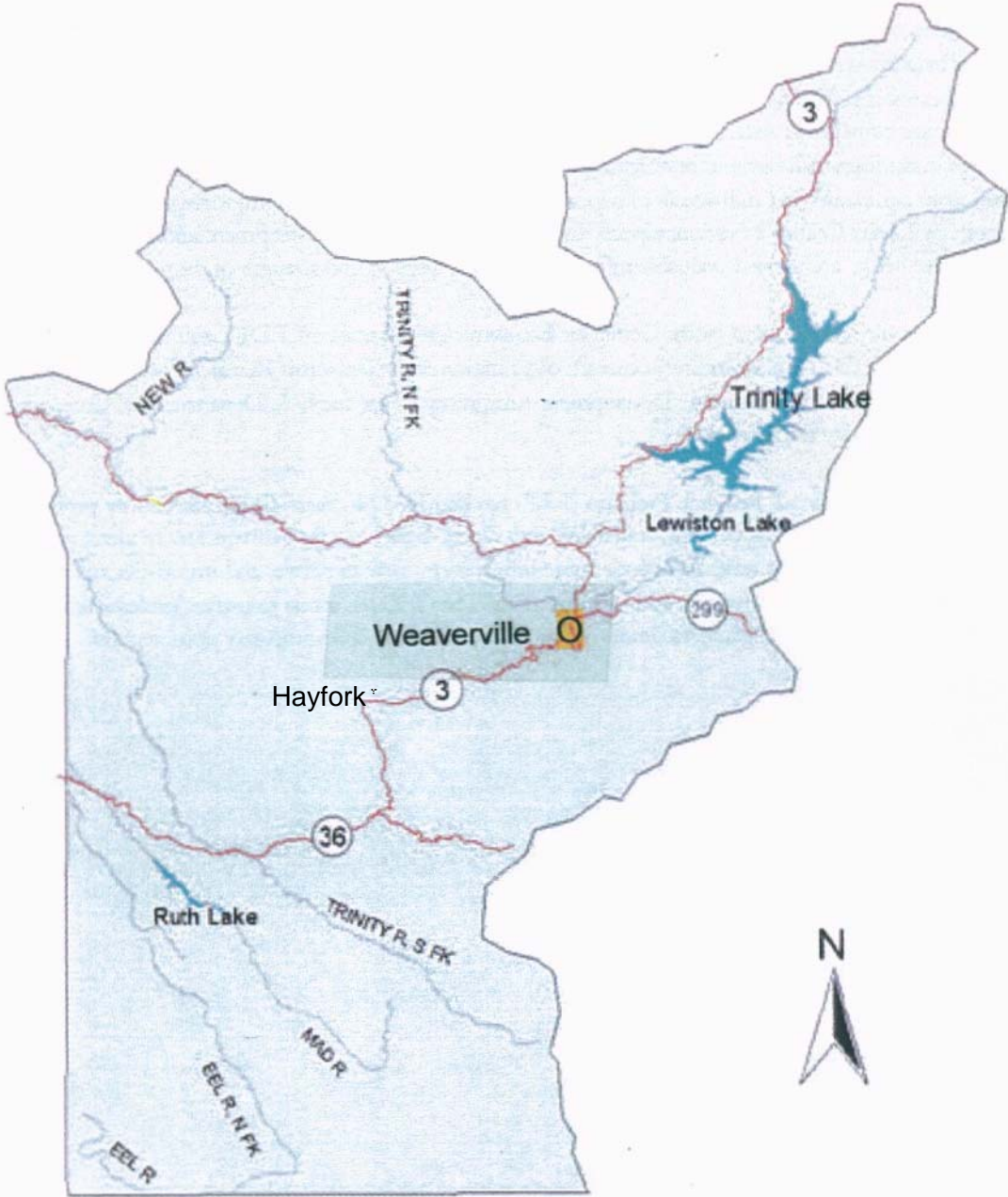


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With a population of 13,996, Trinity County is located in the lower regions of the Cascade Mountain Range, halfway between Redding in Shasta County and the Northern Redwood Coast. Trinity County consists of approximately 3,200 square miles of alpine splendor. Roughly the size of Vermont, it would cover an area the size of Texas if it were flattened!

Prior to the statehood of California, Trinity County was established in February, 1850. Originally, the county encompassed an area which is now divided into Humboldt, Del Norte and Trinity Counties. The county is comprised of hundreds of miles of Forest Service roads, trails, and old logging tracts which would provide excellent outdoor opportunities for hiking, mountain bike and motor touring.

Predominant features of the county's region include the Trinity River, Trinity Lake and the Trinity Alps. Some of the most breathtaking scenery and natural lakes can be found in the Trinity Alps Wilderness (named for its resemblance of the Swiss Alps). This 500,000-acre wilderness area includes 9,000 foot peaks, sawtooth ridges, alpine meadows, deep glacial canyons and more than 50 mountain lakes and streams making the Trinity Alps the second largest wilderness area in California and one of the largest in the United States.

In the northeastern region of the county is Trinity Lake, the third largest reservoir in California with 16,000 surface acres and 147 miles of shoreline which encircles the lake. Trinity Lake offers an abundance of still water enjoyment, including jet and water skiing, canoeing, kayaking, rafting, fishing and swimming.

Trinity County has been home to many different ethnic groups, including various Native American tribes. As evidence that the land coincided with their myths and beliefs, drawings on sides of rocks and caves can still be seen which were used for their worshipping rituals and sacred sites.

Long before the gold rush of 1849 and prior to its discovery at Sutter's Mill, it is said that gold was discovered in Trinity County. It was this gold rush which brought thousands of miners to the area thereby initiating the establishment of such towns as Weaverville and Lewiston. Located along Highway 299, Weaverville, with a population of 3,554 in the year 2000, serves as the seat for Trinity County. Offering a variety of services, Weaverville is the economic center of the county.

At one point in Weaverville's history, there were just as many Chinese in the region seeking the riches of gold as there were Euro-Americans. Thousands of Chinese settled in the area and quickly established their claims. With them they brought their lifestyles and soon started their own businesses. In 1852, the Chinese established a Taoist temple of worship which burned down in 1873 and

was rebuilt in 1875. To this day, the temple continues to be used as a place of worship. However, by 1865 with the attraction of gold fading, many Chinese either returned to China or moved on to work on the construction of the Central and Union Pacific Railways. By 1906, few Chinese descendants remained in Weaverville, however the signs of their presence still remain a part of this region.

Hayfork is the second largest town within the county which offers a variety of businesses, ranches and signs reminiscent of a frontier village.

DEMOGRAPHICS

- As of the year 2008, the total population was 13,996, with 4,071 aged 60+ and 1,359 aged 75+
- The population has seen a stable growth in the last decade
- The largest increase in 10 years occurred in the year 2003 at 2%
- 2% total growth rate since 1991
- Roughly 4.4 people per square mile

TARGETED POPULATIONS

- 75+ 33%
- Low Income 12%
- Minorities 5%

AGRICULTURE – Top Crops

- Cattle – Heifers, Steers, Milk Cows, Cull, Bulls, Calves
- Pasture – Range, Irrigated
- Grapes, White
- Fruit and Nut Crops
- Nursery Products
- Hay, Other

LABOR FORCE

- Total population employment rate in 2007 was 34%
- Total labor force in the year 2007 was 5,200 members
- Since 1997, the labor force has increased in the county an average of .12% annually
- Unemployment rate was lowest in 2006 at 6.3% while at its highest at 16.7% in 1992

- The unemployment rate for the year 2007 is 8.2%

INCOME

- Total personal income was \$325,337 in 2005, a 2.4% increase from the previous year
- The per capita income in 2005 was \$23,377 for the second year in a row, a 6% more than 2003
- In 2005, the county's median household income was \$27,711
- Poverty rate in 2005 was 16% in the county, compared to 13% statewide

HOUSING

- With the total number of housing units in the year 2007 at 8,416, per capita housing is 60%
- Between 1997 and 2007, total housing units increased an average of .5% per year, compared to an average annual rate of .7% statewide
- Fair market rent prices in the county have been increasing at a slower rate than the Northern California average, and yet increased 15% between 2007 and 2008

LOW INCOME

- 12% of the 60+ year old population is at 125% or below poverty level. This is comprised of:

94.8%	Non-Minority
0	African American
1.1%	American Indian/Alaskan Native
0	Asian
0	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
0	Other
0	Multi-race
4.1%	Hispanic/Latino

- The number of TANF (Temporary Aid to Needy Families) and CalWORKS (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids) recipients and the number of households receiving food stamps have been decreasing steadily since a peak in FY 1992
- In 2006, 19% of the population in the county was eligible for Medi-Cal programs/ whereas only 13% made use of the programs. The comparison statewide indicates 9% was eligible; and 7% made use of the programs.

- Medi-Cal expenditures are at their highest in FY 2006 at \$1,296,955
- The highest number of Medi-Cal eligible recipients are Non-minority making up 89% of the population served by the program

CLIMATE

- Average Maximum Temperature – high 90's
- Average Low Temperature – low 40's
- Average annual precipitation – ranges from 38" to 62"
- Average annual snowfall – ranges from 8" to 22"