

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE

TRIBAL STATISTICS

Consultants Northwest, Inc., of McMinnville, Oregon issued a Socio-Economic Assessment of the Tribe in November 1982. The following information is drawn from that report.

<u>Grand Ronde Indians</u>		<u>Oregon Population</u>
1,143	Total Population	2,633,105
23%	Urban Residents	60%
77%	Rural Residents	40%
28.7 years	Median Age	30.2 years
3.37	Average Family Size	3.10
\$10,700	Median Family Income	\$21,066 (1981)
\$ 3,440	Per Capita Income	\$ 9,991 (1981)
68%	Families Below Poverty Level	8.1%
49%	Labor Force in Relation to Total Population	48%
37.6%	Unemployment Rate	11.3%
52%	Completed High School	75%
18%	Attended College	20%
1%	Earned College Degree	17%
65%	Homeowners	65%
35%	Renters	35%

EFFECTS OF TERMINATION

The 1954 Western Oregon Termination Act ended the federal government's trust relationship with the Grand Ronde Indians. Tribal members were impoverished with the loss of treaty-guaranteed health, welfare and education benefits. Many were forced to leave their traditional homes to find work elsewhere. Their tribal ties were all but severed and family lands were lost.

BENEFITS OF RESTORATION

1. Federal benefits and services. These are available to individual tribal members and the tribe as a whole. Examples of benefits for individuals include health benefits administered by the Indian Health Service and funding to educate elementary, secondary, and college students.

Examples of possible tribal programs include schools, vocational training programs, land acquisition programs, alcoholism units, housing programs, and tribal enterprises.

2. Tribal economic self-sufficiency. The tribe currently owns 6.2 acres. The restoration bill requires the Secretary of Interior, in consultation with the tribe, to develop a plan for a reservation within two years after the bill's enactment.

The tribe has also obtained grants from the Native American Administration, private foundations, and church groups to develop managerial and governmental skills as well as economic development pilot projects.