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Main Points

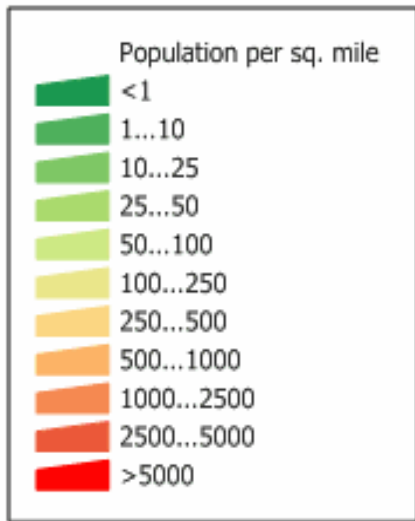
- After giving away planning authority to local jurisdictions, the State has been attempting to reassert its statewide interests in an environment that permits the scale for planning to be limited.
- Planning in Oregon is evidence of a continuum of effort, not a single initiative or moment in time.
- Oregon's program is a reflection of the links there between landscape, politics, economy, and geography.
- Oregon's contribution is a demonstration of the necessity of real and accountable relationships between local, regional, and state scales of interest and concern: multiple scales can coexist, successfully, and even, on occasion, work together.



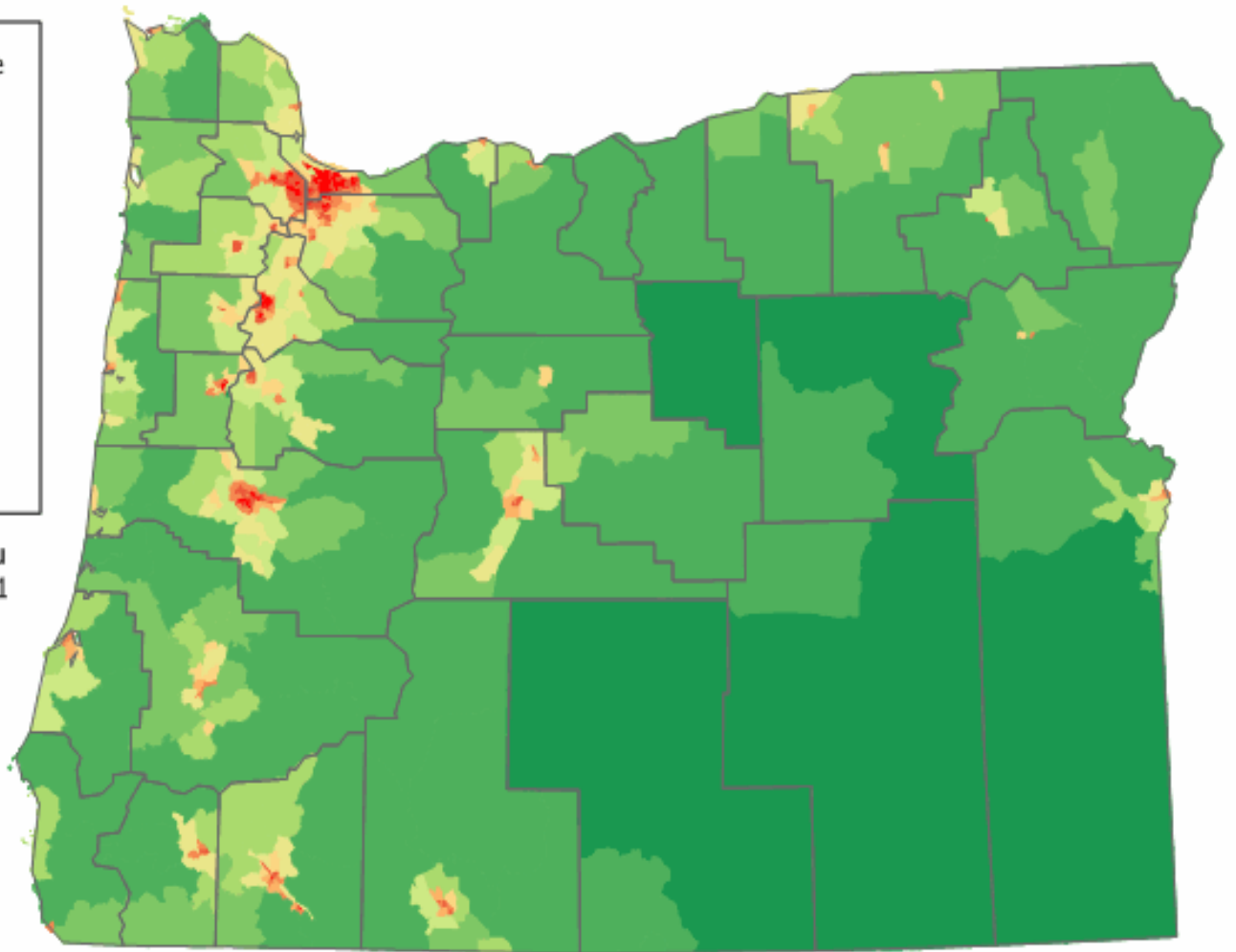




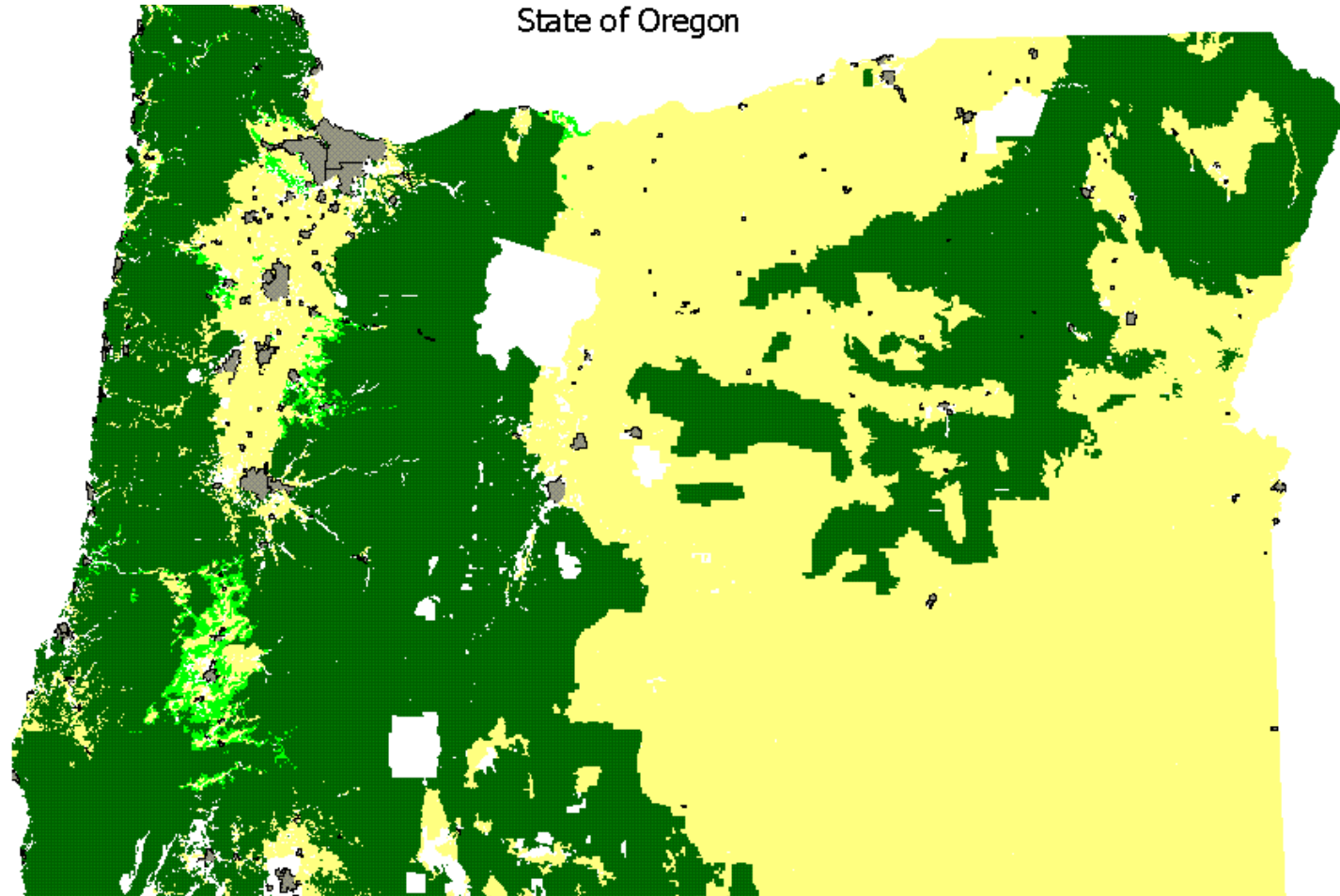




Source: U. S. Census Bureau
Census 2000 Summary File 1
population by census tract.



State of Oregon



- Farm
- Farm/Forest
- Forest
- Urban
- Other

Portland, Oregon



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**REGIONAL INTERESTS
IN THE
UNITED STATES**

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Oregon Land Use Planning

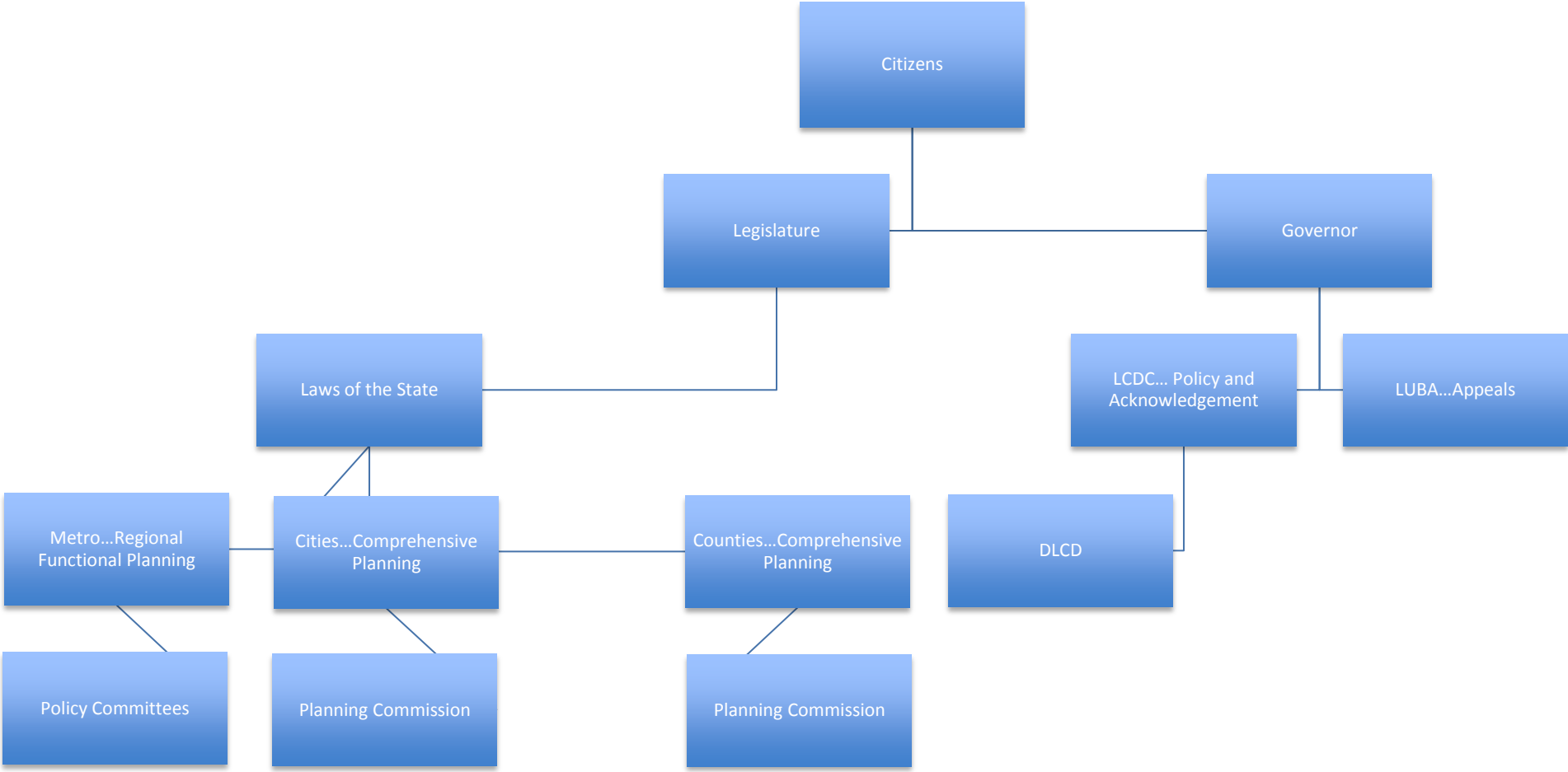
- ❖ **Legislature adopts pioneering 1973 statewide planning program (Senate Bill 100) to limit sprawl and protect forests and farms**
- ❖ **Legislation requires local plans to meet statewide goals; NO STATE PLAN!... creates LCDC**
- ❖ **Urbanization now focused inside urban growth boundaries**



Oregon Land Use Planning Goals

- Process Goals: Citizen Involvement, Planning
- Development Goals: Recreation, Economy, Housing, Public Facilities and Services, Transportation, Urbanization
- Conservation Goals: Agricultural Land, Forest Land, Open Space/Scenic/Historic Resources, Air/Water/Land Quality, Natural Hazards, Energy, Willamette River Greenway
- Coastal Goals

Institutional Relationships



Lessons Learned

- Planning Matters.
- Things Take Time.
- Controversy Never Ends.
- Winning means being able to Collaborate and Compromise.
- The Landscape Keeps Us Honest.
- Many Issues Remain.

Thanks!

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