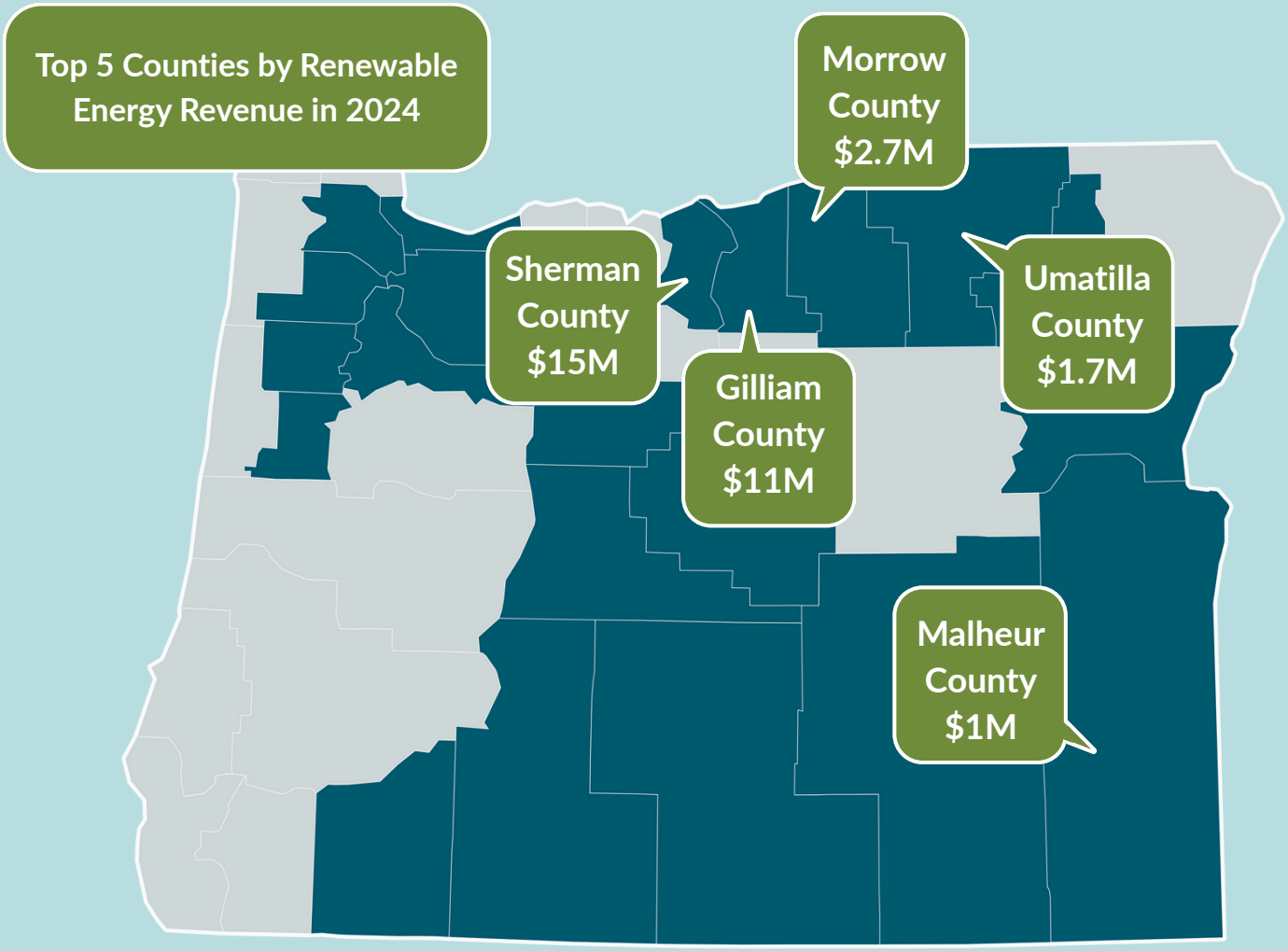
Economic Benefits of Renewable Energy in Oregon

Across Oregon, wind and solar projects are a powerful economic engine. Counties are using renewable energy (utility-scale wind and solar) revenues to strengthen budgets, support residents, and invest in lasting community prosperity.



- *Counties with renewable energy projects in 2024*
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Oregon Counties with **renewable energy projects** earned **$39,471,634** in 2024 in tax revenue.

As of 2024, Oregon has **51 utility-scale solar** and **48 utility-scale wind projects** across **18 counties**.

Sherman county made **$15,601,732** in 2024 from just **12 wind and solar projects – 15% of their 2024 budget.**

Community Growth Through Renewable Energy in Oregon's Counties

Sherman County Residents Paid By Renewable Energy

Since 2009, Sherman County has shared revenues from its wind and solar projects with its residents – totaling over one million dollars to date. Most recently in 2024, the county provided nearly $600 per household in support derived entirely from renewable energy production.

Sheep and Solar: The Dream Team in Gilliam County

Fifth-generation rancher Cameron Krebs has discovered that solar energy and sheep ranching make the perfect match. In 2023, he partnered with renewable energy developer Avangrid to graze his flock at the Pachwáywit Fields solar farm. Sheep are ideal for vegetation management: they can graze under and around solar panels where machines can't reach, keeping the land healthy and the equipment safe.

Instead of competing with agriculture, solar projects are helping Krebs sustain and even strengthen his family business. His sheep continue to supply wool to Pendleton Woolen Mills, a relationship his family has maintained for more than a century.

Through this partnership, Avangrid, Krebs, and Pendleton are creating a circular economy rooted in renewable energy. One that supports local agriculture, clean power, and Oregon's heritage industries all at once.

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