

Oregon Progress Board		STATE BENCHMARKS: POLK COUNTY								5/1/00
Benchmark*	Most Recent Reporting Year	Earliest Year Raw Score	Latest Year Raw Score	Year 2000 State Target	Distance From Target (-)Below	Trends Improving Worsening	County Rank	5 Year ¹ State Ave	5 Year ¹ Urban Ave	
#6 Job growth	1998	11.9	12.9	n/a	n/a	↑	12	16	17.6	
#14 Per capita income	1997	77%	77%	100%	(-) 23%	↔	18	94%	98%	
#15 Average annual wage	1998	\$19,809	\$22,144	\$26,304	(-) \$4,160	↑	22	\$26,678	\$27,668	
#18 Unemployment	1998	5.5	5.5	5.0	(-) 0.5	↔	8	5.5	4.9	
#21 Ready to learn*	1997	n/a	50%	65%	(-) 15%	n/a	29	58% ¹	n/a ¹	
#22 Dropout rate**	1998	6.5%	5.6%	5.0%	(-) 0.6	↑	20	6.9% ²	6% ²	
#23a 8th grade reading*	1999	56%	57%	63%	(-) 6%	↑	13	55% ²	52% ²	
#23b 8th grade math*	1999	49%	48%	59%	(-) 11%	↓	16	51% ²	46% ²	
#24a 3rd grade reading*	1999	81%	75%	82%	(-) 7%	↓	27	79% ²	77% ²	
#24b 3rd grade math*	1999	67%	74%	73%	1%	↑	12	67% ²	63% ²	
#26 Baccalaureate degrees***	1990	20%	21%	33%	(-) 12%	↑	6	23% ³	13% ³	
#27 High School/GED***	1990	74%	80%	94%	(-) 14%	↑	11	81% ³	76% ³	
#33 Participating registered voters	1998	76%	62%	n/a	n/a	↓	12	71% ⁴	71% ⁴	
#43 Teen pregnancy	1998	14.3	12.0	15.0	3.0	↑	11	18.4	18.6	
#44 Prenatal care	1997	78%	86%	90%	(-) 4%	↑	4	79%	81%	
#45 Infant mortality	1997	7.4	5.7	6.0	0.3	↑	13	6.4	6.2	
#47 HIV Early diagnosis	1997	0%	100%	85%	15%	↑	1	75% ²	74% ²	
#49 Premature mortality	1997	52.2	48.7	57.4	8.7	↑	6	60.2	57.5	
#52 Available childcare slots	1998	11	24	21	3	↑	14	19 ³	18 ³	
#53a 8th grade alcohol use	1998	n/a	22%	26%	4%	n/a	8	29% ¹	24% ¹	
#53b 8th grade illicit drug use	1998	n/a	18%	15%	(-) 3%	n/a	20	18% ¹	18% ¹	
#53c 8th grade tobacco use	1998	n/a	25%	15%	(-) 10%	n/a	23	22% ¹	19% ¹	
#54 Child Abuse	1998	8.6	10.5	9.0	(-) 1.5	↓	4	10.8	9.4	
#56a Pregnant alcohol use	1997	4%	2%	2%	0%	↑	8	2%	2%	
#56b Pregnant tobacco use	1997	19%	17%	15%	(-) 2%	↑	9	18%	17%	
#57 Poverty	1995	13.1%	11.9%	11.0%	(-) 0.9%	↑	11	12.8%	11.9%	
#61 Independent seniors	1997	96.6%	97.3%	98.0%	(-) .7%	↑	22	97.5%	97.7%	
#64 Overall reported crime	1998	101.4	145.0	133.6	(-) 11.4	↓	28	145.4	147.8	
#64a Behavioral crime	1998	52.1	73.9	n/a	n/a	↓	33	48.5	46.6	
#64b Crimes against persons	1998	12.7	10.6	n/a	n/a	↑	21	16.1	16.5	
#64c Property crime	1998	36.6	60.5	n/a	n/a	↓	21	80.8	84.8	
#65 Total juvenile arrests	1998	47.2	56.7	46.5	(-) 10.2	↓	23	57.4	54.2	
#65a Behavioral crime arrests	1998	22.5	38.2	n/a	n/a	↓	22	31.4	28.9	
#65b Crimes against persons arrests	1998	7.1	4.5	n/a	n/a	↑	34	5.5	5.5	
#65c Property crime arrests	1998	17.6	14	n/a	n/a	↑	23	20.4	19.8	
#77 Owner occupied housing***	1990	68%	66%	68%	(-) 2%	↓	18	63% ³	67% ³	
#78a Cost burdened renters	1990	n/a	70%	70%	0%	n/a	20	71% ¹	69% ¹	
#78b Cost burdened owners	1990	n/a	37%	38%	1%	n/a	21	38% ¹	n/a ¹	
#87 Solid Waste	1998	718	1,262	1,506	244	↓	7	1,578	1,598	
			↑ 20 Improving Trends		↓ 11 Worsening Trends			↔ 2 No Change		

*Base year is 1990 unless noted. * = 1997. ** = 1996. *** = 1980.

¹Averages are based on five years unless noted. ¹ = Single year data point. ² = 3 year average. ³ = 4 year average. ⁴ = 6 year average. ⁵ = 10 year average.