

Oregon Progress Board		STATE BENCHMARKS: WASCO 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 Rural Ave	
#6 Job growth	1998	13.6	27.3	n/a	n/a	↑	20	16	8.1	
#14 Per capita income	1997	82%	81%	100%	(-) 19%	↓	14	94%	75%	
#15 Average annual wage	1998	\$20,615	\$21,863	\$26,304	(-) \$4,441	↑	25	\$26,678	\$21,304	
#18 Unemployment	1998	6.9	7.8	5.0	(-) 2.8	↓	22	5.5	8.3	
#21 Ready to learn*	1997	n/a	42%	65%	(-) 23%	n/a	33	58% ¹	n/a ¹	
#22 Dropout rate**	1998	5.8%	8.3%	5.0%	(-) 3.3%	↓	29	6.9% ²	6% ²	
#23a 8th grade reading*	1999	49%	48%	63%	(-) 15%	↓	29	55% ²	52% ²	
#23b 8th grade math*	1999	38%	43%	59%	(-) 16%	↑	28	51% ²	46% ²	
#24a 3rd grade reading*	1999	74%	78%	82%	(-) 4%	↑	27	79% ²	77% ²	
#24b 3rd grade math*	1999	53%	62%	73%	(-) 11%	↑	30	67% ²	63% ²	
#26 Baccalaureate degrees***	1990	14%	15%	33%	(-) 18%	↑	18	23% ³	13% ³	
#27 High School/GED***	1990	75%	77%	94%	(-) 17%	↑	20	81% ³	76% ³	
#33 Participating registered voters	1998	78%	63%	n/a	n/a	↓	12	71% ⁴	71% ⁴	
#43 Teen pregnancy	1998	22.5	16.8	15.0	(-) 1.8	↑	17	18.4	17.9	
#44 Prenatal care	1997	69%	82%	90%	(-) 8%	↑	15	79%	75%	
#45 Infant mortality	1997	6.6	6.8	6.0	(-) 0.8	↓	27	6.4	7.1	
#47 HIV Early diagnosis	1997	n/a	0%	85%	85%	↑	30	75% ²	74% ²	
#49 Premature mortality	1997	70.8	59.9	57.4	(-) 2.5	↑	12	60.2	70.4	
#52 Available childcare slots	1998	5	13	21	(-) 8	↑	27	19 ³	18 ³	
#53a 8th grade alcohol use	1998	n/a	22%	26%	4%	n/a	7	29% ¹	28% ¹	
#53b 8th grade illicit drug use	1998	n/a	24%	15%	(-) 9%	n/a	35	18% ¹	18% ¹	
#53c 8th grade tobacco use	1998	n/a	27%	15%	(-) 12%	n/a	28	22% ¹	24% ¹	
#54 Child Abuse	1998	15	30	9.0	(-) 21	↓	33	10.8	16.2	
#56a Pregnant alcohol use	1997	5%	1%	2%	1%	↑	8	2%	3%	
#56b Pregnant tobacco use	1997	23%	23%	15%	(-) 8%	↔	20	18%	22%	
#57 Poverty	1995	13.1%	13.7%	11.0%	(-) 2.7%	↓	14	12.8%	16.0%	
#61 Independent seniors	1997	95.3%	96.5%	98.0%	(-) 1.5%	↑	32	97.5%	97.3%	
#64 Overall reported crime	1998	148.5	181.7	133.6	(-) 48.1	↓	29	145.4	136.4	
#64a Behavioral crime	1998	60.1	85	n/a	n/a	↓	28	48.5	55.7	
#64b Crimes against persons	1998	16.3	15	n/a	n/a	↑	25	16.1	14.6	
#64c Property crime	1998	72.1	81.6	n/a	n/a	↓	30	80.8	66.2	
#65 Total juvenile arrests	1998	69.1	100.7	46.5	(-) 54.2	↓	35	57.4	69.4	
#65a Behavioral crime arrests	1998	40.7	68.1	n/a	n/a	↓	35	31.4	40.6	
#65b Crimes against persons arrests	1998	5.1	5.9	n/a	n/a	↓	29	5.5	5.8	
#65c Property crime arrests	1998	23.3	26	n/a	n/a	↓	33	20.4	23	
#77 Owner occupied housing***	1990	68%	65%	68%	(-) 3%	↓	24	63% ³	67% ³	
#78a Cost burdened renters	1990	n/a	65%	70%	5%	n/a	13	71% ¹	69% ¹	
#78b Cost burdened owners	1990	n/a	28%	38%	10%	n/a	4	38% ¹	n/a ¹	
#87 Solid Waste	1998	1,483	1,606	1,506	(-) 100	↓	24	1,578	1,488	
↑ 15 Improving Trends				↓ 17 Worsening Trends				↔ 1 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. ³ = 10 year average.