

# Comparator Review

# Comparator Format: 2001

- Benchmarks were allotted one page per benchmark. This allowed for more detailed narrative

Social Support

For 2005-2010 benchmark targets. See Appendix A.

Benchmark **54**

**Key Benchmark**  
**HEALTH INSURANCE**  
*Percentage of Oregonians without health insurance.*

Grade **B-**

### More Oregonians are Insured

**Contributes Goal 2, Safe, Caring and Engaged Communities**  
Health insurance is critical because the cost of health care is so high that few can afford it without the benefits of shared risk. Those with full time jobs are more likely to have health insurance through employer-offered benefits packages. Those without jobs or in jobs which do not offer such benefits (many part-time, temporary, low wage, and contracted positions) must purchase their own health insurance, qualify for public assistance, or go without. Purchasing health insurance out-of-pocket is prohibitively expensive. For many who must go without, taxpayers frequently pay for costly critical care. This can be prevented with access to less expensive, primary health care.

**Aiming to Cut Ininsured by 43%**  
This target aims to reduce the percentage of Oregonians who do not have health insurance from 16% in the base year (1990) to 9% in 2000.

**Oregon Health Plan Has Positive Effect**  
Data from the Oregon Population Survey shows that Oregon's uninsured population comprised 18% of the population in 1992. In 1994 Oregon, launched its unique Oregon Health Plan (OHP), which brought an additional 300,000 poverty-level families—who otherwise would have gone without—into Medicaid. Since that time, the percent uninsured has markedly decreased to a 2000 low of 10%, just one percentage point shy of the target.

**PERCENT WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE**

	1997	1998	1999
OR	13.3	14.3	14.6
WA	11.4	12.3	15.8
U.S.	16.1	16.3	15.5

Source: US Census Bureau, Current Population Survey.

**How Oregon Compares**  
The percentage of Oregonians without health insurance has been lower than the U.S. since 1997. Oregon had a lower percentage without health insurance than Washington in 1999. (These numbers are different than the benchmark data series in the chart above because they are from a totally different, national survey.)

**Percentage of Oregonians without Health Insurance**

Source: Oregon Population Survey

**What Needs to be Done**  
The pressure of health care costs, especially those related to prescription drugs, are currently forcing many managed care providers to cease providing services to OHP. The percentage of OHP enrollees covered by managed care has already dropped from 85% in 1998 to 65% in October 2000.\* Ex-OHP enrollees must now search among limited numbers of doctors willing to accept Medicaid's low rate of pay. Meeting the needs of poor people will require the collaboration of private doctors, hospitals and commercial insurers. A portion of middle income Oregonians are also without health insurance—those who are in hourly, contract, part-time or full-time positions that do not provide health benefits. Efforts to insure these individuals are also critical to this benchmark. In his 2001-2003 proposed budget, Governor Kitzhaber proposes a substantial increase in reimbursement rates, a concerted effort to reduce the cost of administrative requirements, and an examination of how the state can assume more risk—particularly in the area of prescription drugs. Legislation will be introduced to challenge restrictive federal policies that prevent Oregon from creatively using federal funds to expand health care coverage and access.\*\*

**Relevant State Agencies:** Adult and Family Services Division, [www.afs.hr.state.or.us](http://www.afs.hr.state.or.us); Department of Business and Consumer Services, [www.cbs.state.or.us](http://www.cbs.state.or.us); Health Division, [www.ohd.hr.state.or.us](http://www.ohd.hr.state.or.us); Insurance Pool Governing Board, [www.ipgb.state.or.us](http://www.ipgb.state.or.us); Medical Assistance Program, [www.omap.hr.state.or.us](http://www.omap.hr.state.or.us); Office of Oregon Health Plan Policy and Research, [www.ohppr.state.or.us](http://www.ohppr.state.or.us). (See the Oregon Progress Board website for other key players and stakeholders.)

**See Also:** [www.hcfa.gov](http://www.hcfa.gov), [www.medecon.de/hec.htm](http://www.medecon.de/hec.htm)

\* "Subsidized health care at risk." *The Oregonian*, November 30, 2000.  
\*\* State of Oregon, 2001-03 Budget in Brief- Successful Children, Sustainable Communities.

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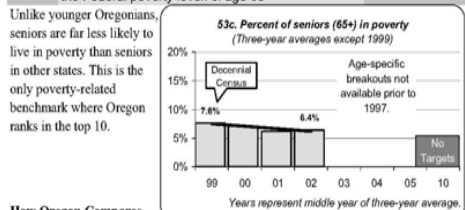
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# Comparator Display in 2005

- Space was limited to four benchmarks per page in 2003 and 2005. This severely limited space available for comparator data.

## Chapter 3. Engaged, Caring and Safe Communities

**53c Poverty - Age 65+** Making Progress? **No Finding**

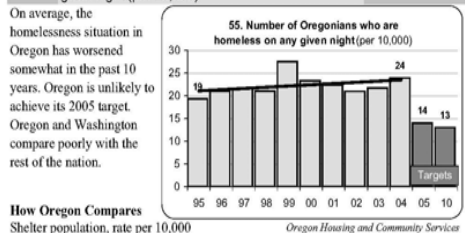


**How Oregon Compares**  
Ages 65+ in poverty, 3-year average, 2001-03

State	Pct	Rank
OR	6.4%	4th
WA	8.4%	16th
U.S.	10.3%	

U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey

**55 Homelessness** Making Progress? **No**



**How Oregon Compares**  
Shelter population, rate per 10,000

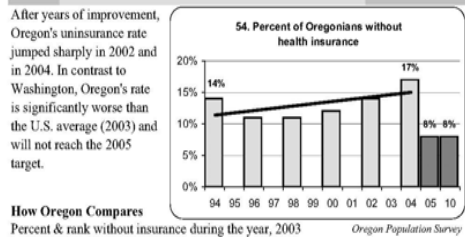
State	1990	Rank	2000	Rank
OR	9.51	46th	10.59	45th
WA	7.75	43rd	11.07	46th
U.S.	6.35		6.86	

U.S. Census Bureau, Emergency and Transitional Shelter Population: 2000

Assessment of progress is partially based on a computer-generated trend line (3 yrs min). See Appendix C for state agency partners' performance measures by benchmark.

## Social Support Benchmarks #39-60

**54 Health Insurance** Making Progress? **No**

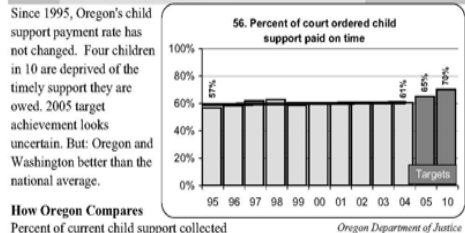


**How Oregon Compares**  
Percent & rank without insurance during the year, 2003

State	Pct	Rank
OR	17.2%	37th
WA	15.5%	31st
U.S.	15.6%	

U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey

**56 Child Support Payments** Making Progress? **No, but**



**How Oregon Compares**  
Percent of current child support collected

State	1999	2001	2003	Rank (2003)
OR	58.9%	59.6%	59.9%	20th
WA	57.7%	61.9%	62.3%	11th
U.S.	52.7%	55.9%	57.8%	

Some data and source as benchmark

2005 Benchmark Performance Report  
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# Current Comparator Display

## BENCHMARKS.OREGON.GOV

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### 53b. Tobacco Abstinence During Pregnancy

Grades are based on whether data met or are trending toward the target. Possible grades for individual benchmarks:

- **Yes** = met or on track to meet the target
- **Yes, but** = close, met or on track but with concerns
- **No, but** = did not meet or off track but with signs of progress
- **No** = did not meet or off track

The following terms describe why data and/or targets are missing for some of the benchmarks:

- **No targets** - Progress Board decided no targets should be established for the benchmark.
- **Target TBD** - Target to be developed because benchmark is new or revised and lacks enough data to set targets.
- **Data NYA** - Data not yet available or not yet adequate to assess progress because 1) the benchmark is new or revised and lacks enough new data to assess progress, and 2) the data are difficult to obtain, have insufficient sensitivity to change over time, or long periods of time exist between data points.

### Oregon Benchmark #53b, Tobacco Abstinence During Pregnancy

Percent of pregnant women who report not using: b. tobacco

Updated 9/26/2008

Module 1: OREGON'S PROGRESS

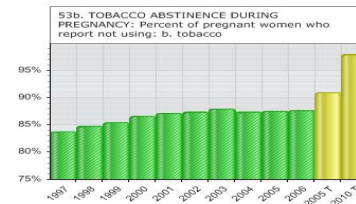
## 53b. TOBACCO ABSTINENCE DURING PREGNANCY

Making Progress? **No**

**Why this answer** The increase in the proportion of women abstaining from using tobacco during pregnancy appeared to plateau in 2000. It is unlikely that Oregon will reach the 2010 target of 98 percent without a sustained, comprehensive, statewide tobacco prevention program. Oregon had such a program in place from 1997 through early 2003. However, funding for this program was substantially reduced in 2003 and was not returned to previous levels until 2007.

1997	83.8%
1998	84.8%
1999	85.5%
2000	86.7%
2001	87.2%
2002	87.4%
2003	88.0%
2004	87.4%
2005	87.6%
2006	87.7%
2005 TARGET	91.0%
2010 TARGET	98.0%

Better  
↑  
↓  
Worse



Oregon Department of Human Services

### How Oregon Compares

%: Percent of pregnant women who report not using cigarettes

	OR %	US %
1995	82%	86%
2000	87%	88%
2001	87%	88%
2002	87%	89%
2003	88%	89%
2004	88%	90%

US: National Center for Health Statistics

### County Data

- [All-county map for this benchmark](#) - Updated November 2008
- [All-county data table for this benchmark](#) - Updated November 2008
- [Generate an all-benchmark report for your county](#) - Updated November 2008
- [Downloadable customized county slideshows](#) - 2008 update released in November
- [County benchmark awards](#) - Awards were released in November 2007

Module 2: PARTNERS AND MORE

## 53b. TOBACCO ABSTINENCE DURING PREGNANCY

**State** [Check out what Oregon government is doing](#)

**Partners** [Check out what others are doing](#) and/or [add a program / how to](#)

**Documents** [Check out benchmark-related documents](#) and/or [add a document / how to](#)

Module 3: ABOUT THE BENCHMARK

## 53b. TOBACCO ABSTINENCE DURING PREGNANCY

<http://benchmarks.oregon.gov/Quan/BMRreporting/Default.aspx>

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<b>What it measures</b>	The number of pregnant women who report that they do not use tobacco during pregnancy divided by the total number of respondents
<b>Why it is important</b>	Contributes to Oregon Shines Goal 2, Engaged, Caring and Safe Communities (Social Support)
<b>About the targets</b>	Target(s) set by Oregon Progress Board.
<b>Data sources</b>	
Benchmark	Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Services, Center for Health Statistics, Oregon Vital Statistics Annual Report. <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/dhs/ph/chs/data/vol1.shtml">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/dhs/ph/chs/data/vol1.shtml</a>
Comparator	US data source: National Center for Health Statistics; Health, United States, 2006. With Chartbook on Trends in the Health of Americans; Hyattsville, MD: 2006. Oregon comparator data come from same source as benchmark. <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/hsu/hsu06.pdf">http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/hsu/hsu06.pdf</a>
County Data	Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Services, Center for Health Statistics, Oregon Vital Statistics County Data Book. Population estimates used in the benchmark calculation come from the Population Research Center, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University. <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/dhs/ph/chs/data/cdb.shtml">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/dhs/ph/chs/data/cdb.shtml</a>
<b>FAQs</b>	If you have a question about this benchmark, <a href="#">contact us</a> .

# Proposed Improvements

1. Additional Narratives
2. Disclaimer
3. Consistent Linkages

# Improvement 1 – Add Additional Narrative

## **An example of additional narrative by the Vancouver BC Progress Board:**

### **North American Comparison**

- In North America, BC earned the 23rd rank for real GDP per capita growth in 2007, down from 9th in 2006.
- As with the provincial comparison, BC's rank was more consistent for the level of real GDP per capita. It ranked 48th out of 61 sub-national jurisdictions in Canada and the United States in 2007 and has moved between 49th and 52nd since 1998. BC sits roughly \$35,000 below second place Delaware and \$8,000 above last place Prince Edward Island.

# Improvement 2 – Add A Disclaimer

## Example of a Website Disclaimer

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# Improvement 3 – Consistent Links

URLs should connect directly to data source

Example:

- Comparator
- US Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplements  
<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/hlthin05/hi05t10.pdf>