

Major Findings

During this decade, Polk County's poverty rate and the total number of people in poverty decreased, while the population continued to grow. In 2007, the poverty rate was 9.3 percent.

Unemployment in the county reached 5.1 percent in 2007, higher than in 2000 and slightly lower than the state average. The number jobs in the local economy grew by 1.9 percent in 2007, adding 343 new positions. Jobs were lost in industry sectors with average annual pay of \$25,892 to \$32,991. The economic sectors that added positions have higher pay, averaging \$32,221 to \$37,192.

	Polk County	Oregon	United States	
2007	Number in Poverty	6,847	474,189	38,052,247
	Percent in Poverty	9.3%	12.9%	13.0%
2000-2007	Percent change in Number in Poverty	-1.4%	22.0%	12.2%
	Percent change in Population	20.7%	9.5%	7.2%
	Number of additional people in Poverty	- 96	+ 85,449	+ 4,152,435
	Number of additional Population	+ 12,885	+ 326,056	+ 20,199,253

OHCS analyzed costs and wages in Polk County and found that a single mother with a young child needed an annual income of \$26,064 to pay for her basic living needs. This was almost twice the official poverty level. To make that annual income, she would need a job paying \$12.53 an hour. Fortunately, many jobs in Polk County pay that amount or close to it. Nursing aides and retail clerks averaged \$12.32 and secretaries averaged more than \$14.50.

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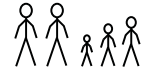
Affordable Housing Units by Census Block Group



Polk County

Basic Family Budget, an Alternative to the Federal Poverty Threshold

2007 Polk County's
Basic Family Budget



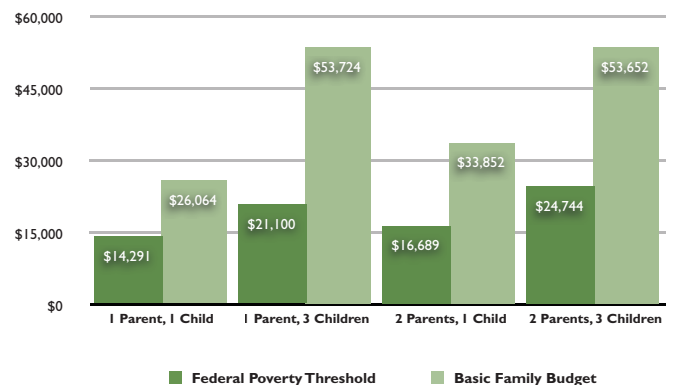
Householder(s)	1 Parent	1 Parent	2 Parents	2 Parents
Children	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old
Housing	\$634	\$921	\$634	\$921
Food	\$316	\$615	\$512	\$774
Child Care	\$499	\$1,256	\$499	\$1,256
Transportation	\$298	\$298	\$404	\$404
Healthcare	\$230	\$295	\$325	\$393
Other Necessities	\$295	\$476	\$355	\$525
Taxes	-\$100	\$616	\$92	\$198
Monthly Total	\$2,172	\$4,477	\$2,821	\$4,471
Annual Total	\$26,064	\$53,724	\$33,852	\$53,652
Hourly Wage needed for Basic Family Budget	\$12.53	\$25.83	\$8.14	\$12.90
Federal Poverty Threshold (FPT)	\$14,291	\$21,100	\$16,689	\$24,744
Percent of Basic Family Budget	54.8%	39.3%	49.3%	46.1%

Low-Income Needs

Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency identified the following needs of the low-income population of Polk County:

- Housing, especially for people experiencing homeless
- Nutrition and food insecurity
- Child care and early childhood education
- Substance abuse
- Energy conservation and assistance with energy costs
- Living-wage jobs
- Information and referral
- Runaway and Homeless Youth









Basic Family Budget vs. Federal Poverty Threshold



Population and Economy

Polk County Employment	2007 Number of Positions	2006-2007 Change in Number of Positions	2007 Percent Gain in Positions	2007 Average Pay Per Position
Industries with the Largest Number of Employees, 2007				
Local Government	3,923	198	5%	\$34,568
Manufacturing	2,977	-173	-5%	\$31,433
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,099	62	3%	\$28,858
Greatest Increase in the Number of Positions				
Professional & Business Services	767	259	51%	\$32,221
Local Government	3,923	198	5%	\$34,568
Construction	1,014	136	15%	\$37,192
Greatest Decrease in the Number of Positions				
Education & Health Services	2,071	-226	-10%	\$25,892
Manufacturing	2,977	-173	-5%	\$31,433
State Government	1,356	-64	-5%	\$32,991

Population Change Since 2000

	2000-2007 % Growth	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
OREGON	 9.0%	3,436,750	3,471,700	3,504,700	3,541,500	3,582,600	3,631,440	3,690,505	3,745,455
POLK	 7.7%	62,700	63,600	63,450	64,000	64,950	65,670	66,670	67,505
Dallas	 20.0%	12,550	12,650	12,850	13,270	13,500	14,040	14,585	15,065
Falls City	 -0.5%	970	980	960	960	960	980	965	965
Independence	 30.0%	6,080	6,400	6,580	6,850	7,170	7,515	7,715	7,905
Monmouth	 20.0%	7,780	7,910	8,110	8,080	8,590	8,795	9,125	9,335
Salem (part)*	 24.8%	17,995	18,400	18,860	19,530	19,810	20,725	21,585	22,460
Willamina (part)*	 0.7%	715	710	710	710	710	710	720	720
Unincorporated	 -36.2%	17,325	17,260	16,090	15,310	14,920	12,905	11,975	11,055

Polk County

2007 Community Action Agency Activities

Housing

facilitated the development of a comprehensive plan to address homelessness, involving over 20 partners

Child care and early childhood education

expanded Head Start to serve an additional 206 children

Great Beginnings Quality Child Care Initiative worked with Chemeketa Community College to provide higher level licensed provider training

child care mental health providers serve children with high needs through Great Beginnings

Friend, Family Neighbor Initiative provided home visiting, training, and consultation to unlicensed caregivers

increased USDA-approved child care providers by 83 in the three county area (Marion, Polk and Yamhill)

Substance abuse

the Drug Free Workplace "Partners in Prevention" increased membership by 45 new employers

Energy conservation and assistance with energy costs

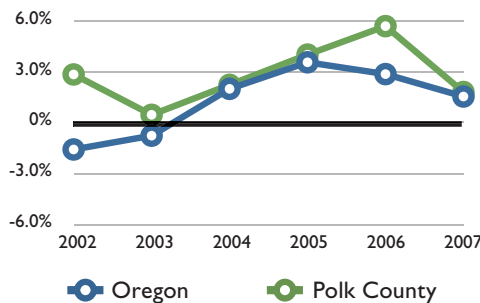
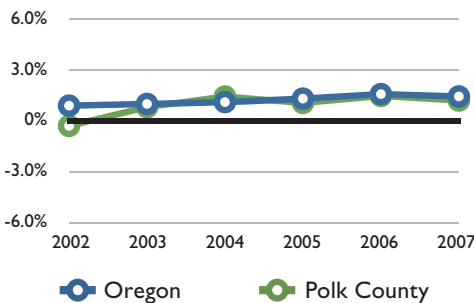
weatherized 166 homes

provided bill payment assistance to prevent shut-off or restored services to 8,183 homes

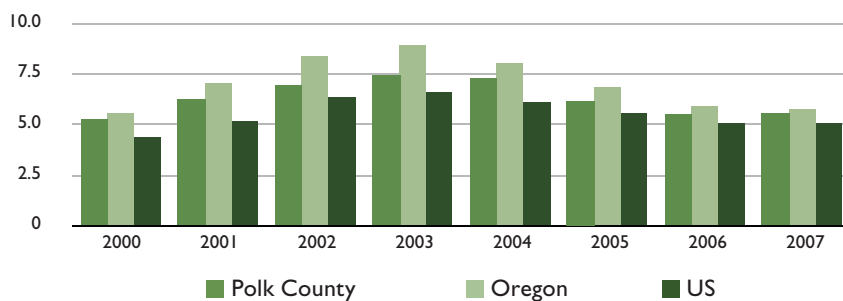
provided energy education to 305 households

added Energy Education and Conservation Competency to combine case management with resources and referral and education opportunities for low income households to lower their energy burdens and served 45 families

Population Change vs. Employment Change Since 2001



Unemployment Rates



Birth Rates

2002-2005, average Birth Rate per 1,000

Polk County

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State of Oregon

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2002-2005, average Teenage Birth Rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19

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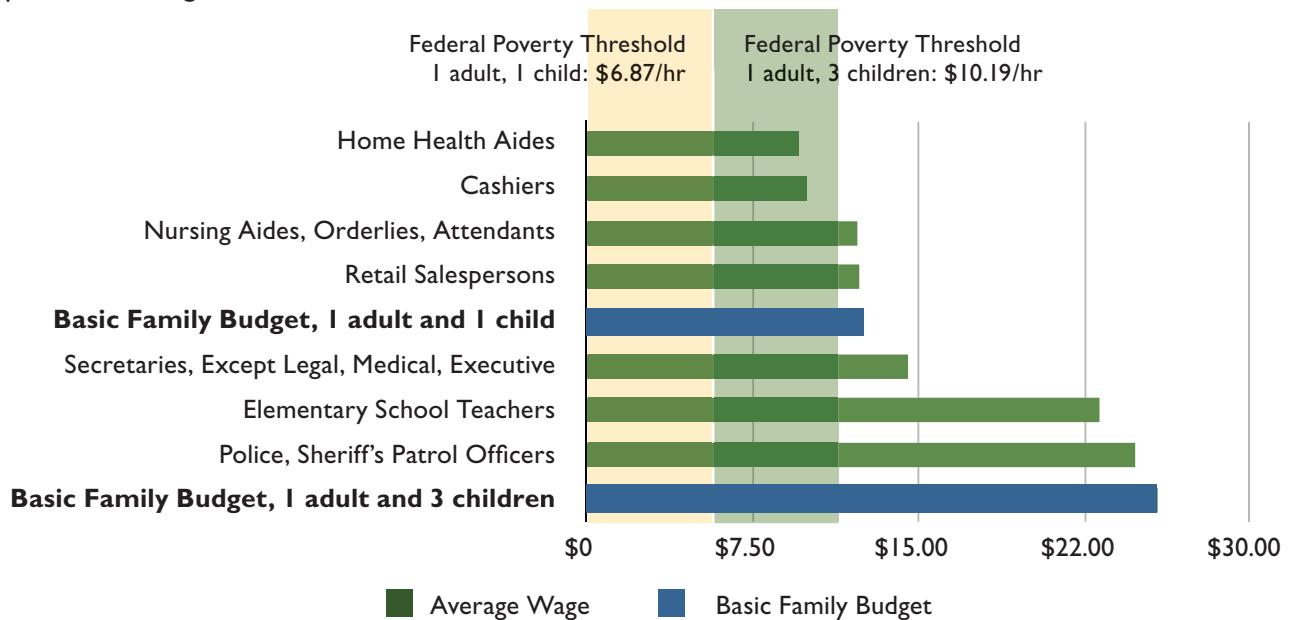
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State of Oregon

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Average Hourly Wages 2007

Occupational Earnings



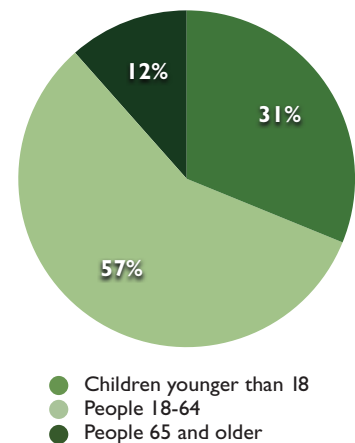
Poverty Population Characteristics

Poverty Rates by Age & Disability Status - 2007	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	9%	-	-
Children younger than 18	13%	31%	22%
People 18-64	9%	57%	62%
People 65 and older	7%	12%	16%
People with a disability	10%	20%	17%

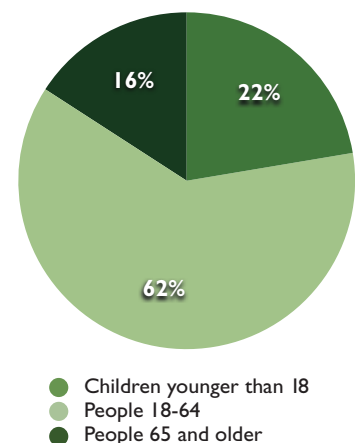
Poverty Rates by Family - 2005-2007 avg.	% in Poverty	% of Families in Poverty	% of all Families
All Families	9%	-	-
Families with children under 18	15%	67%	41%
Single women with children under 18	37%	44%	11%

Poverty Rates by Race/Ethnicity - 2005-2007 avg.	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	14%	-	-
White	12%	79%	87%
Black	--	--	0%
American Indian	40%	6%	2%
Asian	--	--	2%
Pacific Islander	--	--	0%
Other	19%	8%	6%
2 or more races	13%	3%	4%
Hispanic origin	24%	19%	11%

Poverty by Age – 2007



Population by Age – 2007



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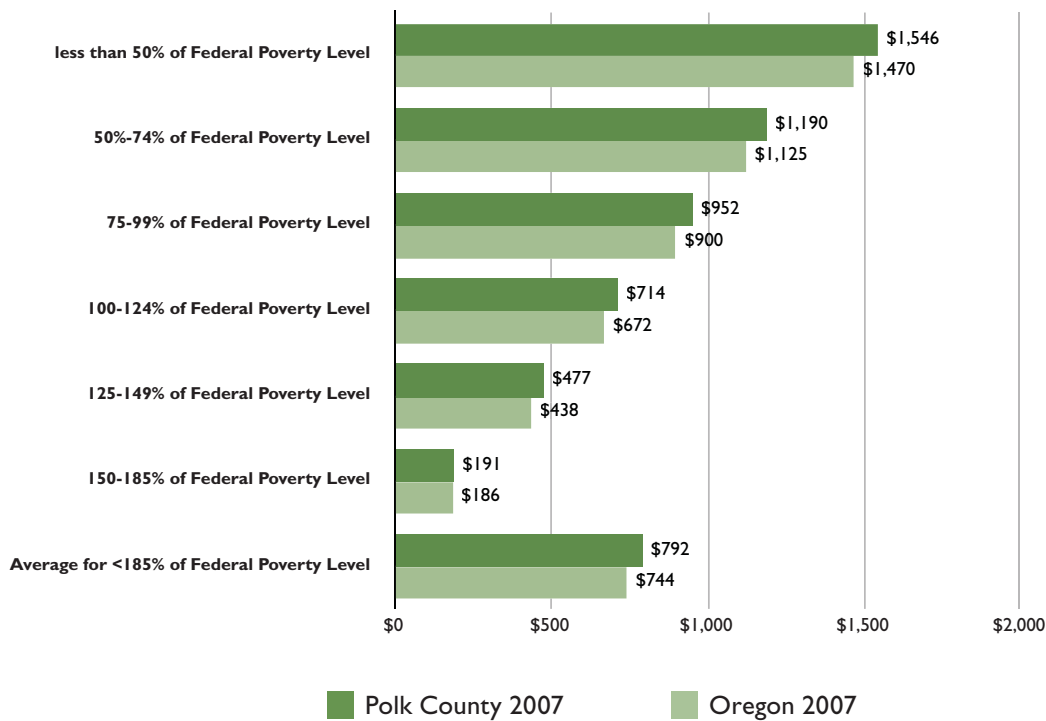
2007 Household Income

	Polk County	Oregon	United States
Median Household Income	\$45,939	\$48,730	\$50,740
Owner Median Household Income	\$55,729	\$61,690	\$63,059
Renter Median Household Income	\$26,711	\$30,186	\$30,915
Total Households	26,459	1,471,965	112,377,977
Renters percent income spent on housing	31%	29%	30%
Owners percent income spent on housing	23%	23%	22%
Extremely Low Income (30% of Median Household Income)	\$13,782	\$14,619	\$15,222
Households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	3,091	179,761	14,253,915
Burdened households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	2,555	149,621	11,355,585
% Burdened	83%	83%	80%
Very Low Income (50% of Median Household Income)	\$22,970	\$24,365	\$25,370
Households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	2,277	139,492	10,880,250
Burdened households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	1,650	96,863	7,043,215
% Burdened	72%	69%	65%
Low Income (80% of Median Household Income)	\$36,751	\$38,984	\$40,592
Households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	4,179	238,001	17,456,318
Burdened households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	2,247	122,962	8,364,889
% Burdened	54%	52%	48%
Workforce (120% of Median Household Income)	\$55,127	\$58,476	\$60,888
Households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	5,587	263,859	19,191,149
Burdened households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	1,980	85,103	5,823,144
% Burdened	35%	32%	30%

Note: Burden is defined as spending more than 30 percent of household income on gross housing costs (includes utilities).

Energy

Individual Household Energy Shortfall



Health Indicators

2006 Percent of Population without Health Insurance (by Region)

Polk County	State of Oregon
17%	16%

2007 Number of Primary Care Providers per 100,000

Polk County	State of Oregon
56	112

2006 Percentage of 2 year olds who are "adequately" immunized

Polk County	State of Oregon
66%	71%

2002-2005, average % of adults who consume at least 5 servings of fruits & vegetables per day

Polk County	State of Oregon
25%	26%

2002-2005, average Percent of Adults who Smoke Cigarettes

Polk County	State of Oregon
18%	20%



Volunteers stock emergency food boxes.

Polk County

How We Help

Polk County Services	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007
New units created with OHCS funding resources	0	3	74	80	5
OHCS funding for affordable housing	\$0	\$196,163	\$5,423,251	\$3,815,322	\$743,293
Single Family Loans for low-income households-#	8	17	13	11	13
Single Family Loans for low-income households-\$	\$699,510	\$1,930,692	\$1,642,646	\$1,382,852	\$1,718,942
Households receiving energy assistance-#	912	676	733	775	765
Units weatherized-#	--	35	42	35	40
Units weatherized-\$	--	\$102,276	\$108,908	\$175,290	\$156,664
Average per unit weatherized-\$	--	\$2,922	\$2,593	\$5,008	\$3,917
Oregon Health Plan enrollment-%	10%	11%*	11%	11%	10%
Students eligible for free/reduced lunch-#	2,428	2,547	3,345	3,094	3,221
Students eligible free/reduced lunch-%	37%	40%	51%	46%	48%
Population receiving Food Stamps-%	--	12%	12%	12%	14%
Population receiving TANF-%	--	2%	3%	3%	3%

* indicates that data cannot be compared to previous years due to changes in data collection.
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Homelessness

One Night Overview

Polk County 2008 One Night Count	
Total Homeless Households	18
Total Homeless Population	39
<i>Total in Emergency Shelter</i>	8
<i>Total in Transitional Housing</i>	31
<i>Total Turnaway & Street Count</i>	0
Chronically Homeless Population	0
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	0
Households with Children	11
Stated Causes of Homelessness:**	
Couldn't afford rent	78%
Unemployed	28%
Criminal History	22%
Domestic Violence	17%
Mental or Emotional disorder	17%
Drug/Alcohol (Self)	11%
Drug/Alcohol (In Home)	6%
Medical Problem	6%
Other	33%

**Respondents may give more than one reason

Risk Factors

2006-2007, school year
High School Dropout Rate

Polk
County
4%

State of
Oregon
4%

2005-2006, school year
Percent of 8th graders who
reported using illicit drugs in
the previous 30 days

Polk
County
5%

State of
Oregon
16%

2006
Criminal Offenses,
percent of population

Polk
County
14%

State of
Oregon
12%