

This section examines the different experiences of Oregon counties through five different lenses: population and poverty; families and children and poverty; income; social service participation; and housing.

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Population and poverty in Oregon counties

Between 1989 to 1999, the average population growth among the counties was 20.4 percent. During this same period, the number of people in poverty decreased in 11 out of 36 counties. For most counties, and for the state as a whole, the number of people in poverty increased. The number of people in poverty increased 12.7 percent in the counties, while the poverty rate decreased by from 12.4 percent to 11.6 percent.

A few observations about the period between 1989 and 1999:

- Washington County's population grew dramatically at 42.9 percent. The county also saw the largest growth in the number of people in poverty—a 61 percent increase or 12,377 people. The poverty rate grew more slowly, offset by population growth, from 6.6 percent to 7.4 percent.
- Deschutes County's population grew faster than all other counties, at nearly 54 percent. The number

of people living in poverty there grew 31 percent. The county poverty rate, however, decreased from 10.9 to 9.3.

- The number of people living in poverty in Sherman County grew 47.4 percent. While the county's total population increased less than 1 percent, the poverty rate increased 47.5 percent, from 9.9 percent of the county population to 14.6 percent.
- Wheeler County experienced the most dramatic improvements among the counties. The number of people in poverty dropped 17.9 percent and the poverty rate fell 25.4 percent. In contrast, population growth was nearly 11 percent.
- Yamhill County's poverty rate decreased substantially. The number of people in poverty grew only slightly (by 37 individuals) while the county's population grew nearly 30 percent.

A rural problem

When broken into urban and rural areas, the poverty rate was 11 percent in urban Oregon and 14.1 percent in rural Oregon in 1999.

Families and children in poverty

Childhood poverty rates fell in half of Oregon's counties between 1989 and 1999. The statewide poverty rate for

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children dropped from 18.7 percent to 14.7 during the economic boom of the 1990s.

In 2003, Oregon ranked 28th highest in the percent of children under age 18 living in poverty.¹ Among the counties, Malheur County saw the highest childhood poverty rate at 26 percent. Clackamas County's rate was the lowest in the state at 8.1 percent.

Poverty and age—a problem of the very young

In 1999, children 18 years of age and younger suffered the highest rate of poverty at 14.7 percent (those under 6 years experienced even higher rates). In contrast, the statewide poverty rate for all ages was 11.6 percent in 1999.

- Tillamook County made the most significant progress in the fight against childhood poverty, with the poverty rate among all children dropping from 23.7 percent in 1989 to 15.2 percent in 1999.
- With Sherman County's small population, small changes in the numbers of children in poverty turn up as big changes in the rate. The number of children in poverty in Sherman County nearly doubled from 54 to 101 between 1989 and 1999. The rate of children in poverty grew a dramatic 117 percent, from 9.4 percent in 1989 to 20.4 percent in 1999.

Poverty and race/ethnicity

The census questionnaire asks respondents to identify themselves as belonging to one or more racial categories. Respondents are also asked identify themselves as Hispanic or Not Hispanic, which relates to ethnicity, not race. The 2000 Census added Other as a racial category. Those who identified themselves as Other on the 2000 Census were likely also to identify themselves as Hispanic.

Race/ Ethnicity	Percent of State Population	Poverty Rate
White	86.6%	10.2
Black	1.5%	24.1
2 or more races	3.3%	18.1
Other	4.3%	26.8
Hispanic (Ethnicity)	8.0%	24.9

White Oregonians in poverty represented 76 percent of all people in poverty, the poverty rate for White is 10.2 percent. Other racial and ethnic groups experience poverty at a disproportionate rate. The 11.6 percent rate of statewide poverty tends to mask the experience of non-majority ethnic and racial groups. For example, those marking themselves as "Black" on the census questionnaire represented only 1.6 percent of the state population, while 24.1 percent of that category lived in poverty.

White and non-majority population groups had different experiences



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during the 1990s. For example, among Oregon's 36 counties:

- Poverty for White increased in six counties
- Poverty for Black increased in 17 counties
- Poverty for American Indian increased in 11 counties
- Poverty for Other increased in 16 counties
- Poverty for Hispanic increased in 16 counties

Note: Prior to 2000, the census questionnaire grouped Asians and Pacific Islanders together, preventing direct comparisons between census years.

Income

On average, median income in Oregon counties grew nearly 50 percent between 1989 and 1999. Median income ranged from a low of \$29,506 in Lake County to \$52,122 in Washington County in 1999.

The average income distribution among Oregon counties in 1999:

- 15.1 percent of households earn less than \$14,999
- 13.4 percent earn between \$15,000 and \$24,999
- 13.9 percent earn between \$25,000 and \$34,999
- 17.7 percent earn between \$35,000 and \$49,999
- 20.2 percent earn \$50,000 and \$74,999
- 19.7 percent earn \$75,000 or more

Social services

Oregon Health Plan

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) provides basic health coverage to eligible Oregonians below 100 percent of the federal poverty level. Major changes in the benefits of the plan produced a significant drop in OHP enrollment during 2003. In 2003, 28.4 percent of Lincoln County residents participated in OHP.

For more information about OHP, see the chapter on Programs and Partnerships in this report.

Students eligible for free and reduced price lunches

The United States Department of Agriculture, through the State Department of Education, funds the free and reduced lunch programs. The program recognizes the vital role nutrition plays in a child's learning and development. In 2003, 65 percent of Jefferson County students were eligible for free or reduced price lunches.

Food stamps

Oregon's food stamp program provides cash benefits to qualifying individuals at 185 percent or less of the federal poverty level. These benefits are design to ensure adequate nutrition for Oregon's poor. The program reached 84 percent

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of eligible Oregonians by the end of 2001.²

The program saw modest growth between 2002 and 2003. In 2003, 27.4 percent of Lincoln County residents received food stamp benefits.

For more detail about Oregon's food stamp program, see the discussion of Programs and Partnerships in this report (p. 66).

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program

The Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program (TANF) provides a cash grant to low-income Oregon families with children. Most TANF families also receive food stamps and medical benefits. Jackson County had the largest percentage of its population enrolled in TANF during 2003, at 4.1 percent.

For more detail about Oregon's TANF program, see the discussion of Programs and Partnerships in this report.

Population receiving DHS services

The Department of Human Services provides a broad range of programs designed to meet the needs of Oregon's low-income residents. These services include traditional welfare programs and nutrition assistance as well as treatment programs, long-term care services, and other interventions. More than 42 percent of Lincoln County residents received some form

of DHS service or benefit. Statewide, 23 percent of Oregonians were DHS clients in 2003.

Note: Due to enhancements in the way 2003 clients have been matched and counted, 2003 DHS numbers should not be directly compared to integrated client database reports from previous years.

Housing

One-night shelter count

The one-night shelter count serves as an estimate of homelessness. Shelters across the state counted the number seeking services on a single night in November. The counts do not include individuals and families who are homeless but sleeping on the street, in a car, or in a park.

In 2000, 7,637 people sought help from a shelter during the count. The number increased for the count conducted in November of 2003 to 8,380. Multnomah and Lane counties saw the largest number of individuals seeking services.

Subsidized housing units

Oregon Housing and Community Services subsidizes housing through a variety of grant and tax credit programs. This report reflects activities in the following programs:

- HOME Investment Partnerships Program



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45.5 percent of Oregon renters are cost-burdened.

- HELP
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
- Oregon Affordable Housing Tax Credit
- Housing Trust Fund
- Low-Income Weatherization

Oregon Housing and Community Services awards grants on a competitive basis two times each year. Funding applications consistently exceed twice the available resources.

Single-family low-income loans

In partnership with private lending institutions, OHCS provides loans to individuals who make less than 80 percent of the median income for the county in which they live. The program also helps those who qualify to make down payments.

In 2000, the single-family low-income loan program served 1,033 families. In 2003, the program financed 836 loans. Despite the drop in the number of loans, the amount of funding increased from \$93.1 million in 2000 to \$93.7 million in 2003.

Energy assistance

The Oregon Energy Assistance Program established by the 1999 Legislature, helps low income Oregonians pay their electric bills. Delivered primarily through community action agencies, the

program serves those with incomes at or below 60 percent of state median income (\$40,916 annually).

Low-income residents also receive assistance paying gas, electric, and other energy bills through the federal Low-Income Energy Assistance Program operated by the Department of Health and Human Services. Oregon Housing and Community Services' local partners also deliver this program.

In 2000, 78,365 Oregonians received energy assistance. In 2003, 70,586 people received help with energy bills. A total of 2.6 percent of the state's population received some help in 2003.

A larger percent of Lincoln and Harney county residents received energy assistance in 2003 than in other counties—6.8 percent of Lincoln County residents and 7.6 percent of Harney County residents.

Cost-burdened renters

As discussed earlier in this section, a household is rent-burdened when 30 percent or more of its income goes toward housing. In Oregon, 45.5 percent of renters fell into this category in 1999.

From 1989 to 1999 the number of families falling into this category continued to increase; 30 Oregon counties saw increases in the number

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of cost-burdened renters. Only four Oregon counties saw decreases in the percent of cost-burdened renters: Gilliam, Hood River, Josephine, and Malheur.

Wheeler County residents faced the biggest challenges, with 55.6 percent paying 30 percent or more of their income on rent.

Cost-burdened homeowners

On average, 25.4 percent of homeowners paid 30 percent or more of their income on housing in 1999. While homeowners faced fewer challenges than renters, an increasing number are cost-burdened. Across Oregon, 34 of the state's 36 counties witnessed increases in the percent of cost-burdened homeowners. Lincoln County homeowners were most likely to be cost-burdened, with 30.6 percent falling into this category.

Homeownership rates

Slightly more than 64 percent of Oregonians owned their own homes and homeownership increased in 29 of 36 counties in 2003. Only one county saw a drop in the number of homeowners between 2000 and 2003: Josephine.

In 1999, homeownership was highest in Columbia County, with 76.1 percent of residents owning their own homes.

Multnomah County residents were least likely to be homeowners, with a rate of 56.9 percent.

Resources and Links

To learn more about Oregon Department of Human Services programs, see www.oregon.gov/DHS

For information about the federal Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, see www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap

For more information about the LIEAP program in Oregon, the Oregon Energy Assistance Program, and other similar programs, see www.ohcs.oregon.gov/OHCS/SOS_EUMainPage.shtml

For more about low-income loans, see www.ohcs.oregon.gov/OHCS/HFS_Program_Overview.shtml#Program_Details

Endnotes

¹ Children's Defense Fund, *Children in Oregon*, January 2003.

² Gary Weeks, *Department of Human Services*, Director's Weekly Message, May 7, 2004.



25.4 percent of Oregon homeowners are cost-burdened.



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Population and poverty in Oregon counties—1990 and 2000 Census

County	Population			Number of Persons in Poverty			Poverty Rate*	
	1990	2000	Percent Change	1990	2000	Percent Change	1990	2000
Baker	15,317	16,741	9.3%	2,189	2,407	10.0%	14.7	14.7
Benton	70,811	78,153	10.4%	10,005	10,665	6.6%	15.5	14.6
Clackamas	278,850	338,391	21.4%	19,103	21,969	15.0%	6.9	6.6
Clatsop	33,301	35,630	7.0%	4,727	4,625	-2.2%	14.4	13.2
Columbia	37,557	43,560	16.0%	3,813	3,910	2.5%	10.2	9.1
Coos	60,273	62,779	4.2%	9,741	9,257	-5.0%	16.5	15.0
Crook	14,111	19,182	35.9%	1,537	2,128	38.5%	11.1	11.3
Curry	19,327	21,137	9.4%	2,369	2,554	7.8%	12.4	12.2
Deschutes	74,958	115,367	53.9%	8,100	10,613	31.0%	10.9	9.3
Douglas	94,649	100,399	6.1%	13,828	12,999	-6.0%	14.9	13.1
Gilliam	1,717	1,915	11.5%	204	173	-15.2%	11.9	9.1
Grant	7,853	7,935	1.0%	983	1,069	8.7%	12.7	13.7
Harney	7,060	7,609	7.8%	738	875	18.6%	10.6	11.8
Hood River	16,903	20,411	20.8%	2,610	2,845	9.0%	15.7	14.2
Jackson	146,389	181,269	23.8%	18,925	22,269	17.7%	13.2	12.5
Jefferson	13,676	19,009	39.0%	2,503	2,747	9.7%	18.6	14.6
Josephine	62,649	75,726	20.9%	11,261	11,193	-0.6%	18.3	15.0
Klamath	57,702	63,775	10.5%	9,494	10,515	10.8%	16.7	16.8
Lake	7,186	7,422	3.3%	992	1,184	19.4%	13.9	16.1
Lane	282,912	322,959	14.2%	39,838	45,423	14.0%	14.5	14.4
Lincoln	38,889	44,479	14.4%	5,524	6,084	10.1%	14.4	13.9



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County	Population			Number of Persons in Poverty			Poverty Rate*	
	1990	2000	Percent Change	1990	2000	Percent Change	1990	2000
Linn	91,227	103,069	13.0%	12,178	11,618	-4.6%	13.5	11.4
Malheur	26,038	31,615	21.4%	4,945	5,265	6.5%	19.3	18.6
Marion	228,483	284,834	24.7%	28,638	37,104	29.6%	13.2	13.5
Morrow	7,625	10,995	44.2%	1,141	1,617	41.7%	15.1	14.8
Multnomah	583,887	660,486	13.1%	74,885	81,711	9.1%	13.1	12.7
Polk	49,541	62,380	25.9%	6,475	6,943	7.2%	13.6	11.5
Sherman	1,918	1,934	0.8%	190	280	47.4%	9.9	14.6
Tillamook	21,570	24,262	12.5%	3,168	2,718	-14.2%	15.0	11.4
Umatilla	59,249	70,548	19.1%	9,419	8,524	-9.5%	16.5	12.7
Union	23,598	24,530	3.9%	3,627	3,281	-9.5%	15.8	13.8
Wallowa	6,911	7,226	4.6%	1,078	1,002	-7.1%	15.8	14.0
Wasco	21,683	23,791	9.7%	2,851	3,023	6.0%	13.4	12.9
Washington	311,554	445,342	42.9%	20,198	32,575	61.3%	6.6	7.4
Wheeler	1,396	1,547	10.8%	291	239	-17.9%	20.9	15.6
Yamhill	65,551	84,992	29.7%	7,299	7,336	0.5%	11.7	9.2
Oregon	2,842,321	3,421,399	20.4%	344,867	388,740	12.7%	12.4	11.6

*Poverty rate based on household population and excludes population in group quarters



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Families and children in poverty

County	Number of Families with Children in Poverty		Number of Children in Poverty under 18		Number of Children in Poverty under 6		Percent of Children in Poverty	
	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000
Baker	339	337	714	767	268	218	18.0%	19.3%
Benton	980	887	1,786	1,878	806	663	11.4%	11.4%
Clackmas	2,755	3,325	6,136	7,053	2,344	2,605	7.8%	8.1%
Clatsop	690	665	1,614	1,526	626	556	18.0%	18.5%
Columbia	623	644	1,338	1,420	557	513	12.1%	12.2%
Coos	1,583	1,361	3,494	2,744	1,405	884	22.7%	20.5%
Crook	219	367	480	715	172	268	12.4%	14.8%
Curry	337	300	774	543	245	117	19.1%	13.9%
Deschutes	1,206	1,451	2,696	3,115	1,106	974	13.5%	11.1%
Douglas	2,279	1,973	4,976	4,053	1,955	1,469	20.5%	17.3%
Gilliam	31	26	73	49	16	14	15.3%	11.2%
Grant	150	172	322	343	127	106	14.6%	17.1%
Harney	118	100	234	245	87	83	11.7%	12.9%
Hood River	383	402	1,005	1,025	536	378	20.7%	18.7%
Jackson	2,999	3,452	6,292	7,322	2,749	2,602	17.0%	17.0%
Jefferson	401	469	1,024	1,223	468	436	24.2%	22.3%
Josephine	1,733	1,791	4,060	3,696	1,430	1,305	26.5%	21.8%
Klamath	1,515	1,665	3,399	3,680	1,478	1,317	21.7%	22.8%
Lake	134	189	378	379	175	109	18.2%	21.1%
Lane	5,362	6,002	10,827	12,092	4,548	4,501	15.6%	16.8%
Lincoln	843	943	1,835	1,921	618	590	19.5%	20.8%
Linn	2,000	1,870	4,377	4,084	1,844	1,511	18.9%	15.6%
Malheur	847	904	2,172	2,212	829	781	27.0%	26.0%



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County	Number of Families with Children in Poverty		Number of Children in Poverty under 18		Number of Children in Poverty under 6		Percent of Children in Poverty	
	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000
Marion	4,386	5,724	10,156	14,255	4,159	5,778	16.9%	18.8%
Morrow	182	276	416	732	148	263	18.2%	22.0%
Multnomah	10,184	10,132	22,078	23,121	9,181	8,459	16.2%	16.2%
Polk	864	881	2,232	2,031	775	825	16.6%	13.0%
Sherman	32	46	54	101	28	22	9.4%	20.4%
Tillamook	514	384	1,182	807	448	309	23.7%	15.2%
Umatilla	1,563	1,363	3,581	3,259	1,477	1,236	21.3%	17.0%
Union	475	382	1,144	838	478	330	17.4%	14.4%
Wallowa	167	158	372	335	130	112	20.3%	19.6%
Wasco	482	496	1,066	1,057	445	393	18.6%	17.8%
Washington	3,094	4,713	6,472	10,384	2,727	4,054	7.5%	8.8%
Wheeler	54	35	88	84	32	20	28.8%	24.7%
Yamhill	1,201	1,046	2,782	2,371	1,059	861	14.6%	10.6%
Oregon	50,725	54,931	111,629	121,460	45,476	44,662	18.7%	14.7%
County Avg.	1,409	1,526	3,101	3,374	1,263	1,241		



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Income distribution (2000 Census)

County	Total Household	Less than \$15,000	\$15,000 to \$24,999	\$25,000 to \$34,999	\$35,000 to \$49,999	\$50,000 to \$74,999	\$75,000 and above
Baker	6,893	22.2%	19.1%	16.8%	18.2%	15.2%	8.6%
Benton	30,198	17.6%	12.8%	12.0%	14.6%	19.7%	23.3%
Clackamas	128,360	8.9%	9.6%	11.8%	17.1%	21.7%	30.9%
Clatsop	14,741	18.4%	14.9%	15.0%	17.9%	19.9%	14.1%
Columbia	16,388	13.8%	11.0%	11.5%	18.9%	25.2%	19.5%
Coos	26,181	22.6%	17.9%	13.7%	18.5%	16.5%	10.7%
Crook	7,358	17.8%	16.4%	15.6%	19.0%	20.6%	10.6%
Curry	9,554	23.0%	18.3%	16.2%	17.0%	15.9%	9.6%
Deschutes	45,633	13.0%	12.7%	15.8%	18.2%	20.4%	19.9%
Douglas	39,867	19.6%	16.9%	16.0%	18.3%	18.1%	11.1%
Gilliam	830	17.8%	18.0%	16.0%	20.5%	16.0%	11.7%
Grant	3,250	19.1%	17.6%	17.0%	19.9%	16.4%	9.9%
Harney	3,043	19.8%	18.0%	18.4%	16.5%	14.6%	12.7%
Hood River	7,260	14.1%	13.6%	17.3%	20.1%	20.5%	14.4%
Jackson	71,575	17.3%	15.9%	14.7%	17.3%	18.5%	16.4%
Jefferson	6,758	14.8%	15.6%	18.1%	20.2%	19.1%	12.1%
Josephine	7,027	22.6%	17.8%	15.1%	18.5%	14.4%	11.5%
Klamath	5,350	21.3%	18.4%	15.2%	17.4%	16.6%	11.3%
Lake	3,098	24.1%	18.6%	14.9%	17.9%	15.3%	9.2%
Lane	130,616	18.3%	14.6%	14.2%	18.3%	18.7%	15.9%
Lincoln	19,352	19.0%	18.2%	16.4%	16.9%	17.2%	12.4%
Linn	6,481	16.4%	15.7%	14.2%	18.7%	20.8%	14.3%
Malheur	10,236	21.9%	18.9%	16.8%	16.5%	16.0%	10.0%
Marion	101,791	14.7%	13.1%	15.1%	18.8%	21.3%	17.1%
Morrow	3,784	13.6%	16.9%	16.1%	17.8%	22.9%	12.6%
Multnomah	272,356	15.3%	12.9%	13.6%	17.4%	20.3%	20.4%
Polk	23,083	15.9%	12.0%	12.7%	18.1%	22.0%	19.3%
Sherman	801	21.3%	14.9%	13.5%	18.2%	20.1%	12.0%
Tillamook	10,214	18.7%	15.9%	16.5%	19.4%	18.4%	11.2%
Umatilla	25,237	16.8%	15.5%	15.8%	18.8%	19.4%	13.8%
Union	9,749	21.8%	15.1%	14.7%	19.0%	16.3%	13.1%
Wallowa	3,045	22.2%	15.2%	17.6%	18.0%	15.4%	11.6%
Wasco	9,390	19.6%	14.4%	14.5%	18.7%	19.4%	13.4%
Washington	169,287	8.6%	9.9%	12.0%	16.6%	23.2%	29.7%
Wheeler	649	21.9%	19.9%	16.3%	21.1%	12.5%	8.3%
Yamhill	28,700	12.6%	11.6%	13.7%	19.0%	23.8%	19.3%
Oregon	1,335,109	15.1%	13.4%	13.9%	17.7%	20.2%	19.7%



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Median household income

County	1990	2000	2000 Rank
Baker	\$22,150	\$30,367	33
Benton	\$27,295	\$41,897	6
Clackamas	\$35,419	\$52,080	2
Clatsop	\$25,135	\$36,301	16
Columbia	\$29,507	\$45,797	3
Coos	\$22,146	\$31,542	29
Crook	\$24,275	\$35,186	19
Curry	\$22,579	\$30,117	35
Deschutes	\$27,317	\$41,847	8
Douglas	\$23,693	\$33,223	25
Gilliam	\$24,020	\$33,611	24
Grant	\$26,640	\$32,560	27
Harney	\$22,334	\$30,957	32
Hood River	\$11,421	\$38,326	11
Jackson	\$25,069	\$36,461	15
Jefferson	\$23,532	\$35,853	18
Josephine	\$20,936	\$31,229	31
Klamath	\$23,054	\$31,537	30
Lake	\$24,659	\$29,506	36
Lane	\$25,268	\$36,942	14
Lincoln	\$22,883	\$32,769	26
Linn	\$25,209	\$37,518	13
Malheur	\$20,242	\$30,241	34
Marion	\$26,876	\$40,314	10
Morrow	\$23,969	\$37,521	12
Multnomah	\$26,928	\$41,278	9
Polk	\$26,292	\$42,311	5
Sherman	\$25,030	\$35,142	20
Tillamook	\$21,965	\$34,269	21
Umatilla	\$22,791	\$41,850	7
Union	\$22,484	\$33,738	23
Wallowa	\$25,869	\$32,129	28
Wasco	\$24,908	\$35,959	17
Washington	\$35,554	\$52,122	1
Wheeler	\$15,224	\$34,048	22
Yamhill	\$28,303	\$44,111	4
Oregon	\$27,250	\$40,916	x



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Social services

County	% of Population Receiving Oregon Health Plan		% Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch		% of Population Receiving Food Stamps		% of Population Receiving TANF*		% of Population Receiving DHS Services	
	2002	2003	1999	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2001	2003
Baker	24.0%	17.9%	38.2%	46.6%	20.8%	7.1%	4.0%	3.0%	31.9%	26.7%
Benton	11.4%	9.4%	23.5%	27.5%	10.2%	10.4%	1.9%	1.5%	15.8%	15.7%
Clackamas	11.8%	9.2%	20.0%	25.9%	9.0%	7.6%	1.6%	1.2%	15.0%	13.6%
Clatsop	19.7%	14.8%	29.5%	36.2%	15.2%	12.2%	2.3%	1.8%	27.8%	22.6%
Columbia	16.7%	13.8%	25.7%	29.2%	14.8%	13.3%	2.0%	1.4%	22.2%	21.3%
Coos	22.5%	18.2%	42.9%	48.4%	21.1%	18.7%	3.4%	2.7%	33.0%	29.3%
Crook	19.8%	15.1%	39.7%	46.9%	18.0%	15.2%	2.6%	1.7%	28.3%	23.8%
Curry	19.3%	15.1%	44.0%	56.7%	15.8%	13.4%	2.7%	2.3%	27.6%	23.5%
Deschutes	15.3%	12.1%	28.0%	35.3%	14.0%	12.6%	1.6%	1.0%	21.5%	19.7%
Douglas	22.7%	19.3%	44.3%	49.0%	20.4%	19.2%	4.0%	3.3%	31.0%	29.2%
Gilliam	14.1%	11.0%	28.1%	35.8%	9.6%	8.3%	0.8%	1.1%	25.0%	16.0%
Grant	19.2%	14.7%	33.0%	39.8%	14.3%	12.3%	2.5%	1.7%	28.4%	21.5%
Harney	22.1%	17.4%	43.3%	51.1%	19.1%	15.8%	2.7%	1.3%	32.6%	26.7%
Hood River	23.0%	19.5%	44.4%	54.4%	12.1%	12.3%	1.3%	1.3%	28.7%	26.7%
Jackson	19.2%	16.6%	37.1%	40.6%	16.8%	16.2%	2.1%	1.6%	26.1%	25.2%
Jefferson	27.1%	24.6%	49.7%	68.4%	22.4%	22.6%	4.6%	4.1%	35.6%	36.9%
Josephine	25.6%	21.5%	51.8%	52.2%	22.0%	20.5%	4.3%	3.7%	33.6%	31.2%
Klamath	24.4%	21.5%	50.2%	55.0%	20.2%	19.5%	2.3%	1.8%	33.2%	30.5%
Lake	25.1%	20.5%	37.7%	48.2%	20.8%	18.8%	3.9%	3.4%	32.4%	29.5%
Lane	18.3%	15.5%	32.9%	39.0%	17.3%	16.6%	3.2%	2.5%	26.4%	24.9%
Lincoln	37.5%	28.4%	45.4%	51.1%	32.9%	27.4%	4.6%	3.7%	32.5%	42.7%
Linn	21.9%	16.9%	36.8%	45.4%	20.5%	17.8%	4.2%	3.1%	29.7%	27.1%
Malheur	25.4%	21.5%	56.5%	64.8%	19.7%	18.2%	2.5%	1.6%	32.8%	30.3%

Note: Due to enhancements in the way 2003 clients have been matched and counted, 2003 DHS numbers should not be directly compared to integrated client database reports from previous years.



County comparisons

Social services

County	% of Population Receiving Oregon Health Plan		% Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch		% of Population Receiving Food Stamps		% of Population Receiving TANF*		% of Population Receiving DHS Services	
	2002	2003	1999	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2001	2003
Marion	22.1%	19.2%	43.6%	48.5%	17.2%	16.5%	3.6%	3.2%	28.7%	28.5%
Morrow	23.0%	18.1%	52.8%	60.9%	17.7%	15.0%	3.2%	2.2%	28.6%	25.4%
Multnomah	21.2%	18.5%	37.1%	44.3%	16.7%	16.3%	3.6%	3.4%	27.9%	26.6%
Polk	17.0%	13.6%	35.0%	43.9%	13.8%	12.8%	2.6%	1.8%	21.2%	20.9%
Sherman	20.0%	13.5%	28.2%	40.0%	16.9%	12.1%	2.1%	1.6%	23.0%	19.5%
Tillamook	19.2%	14.3%	38.3%	47.5%	15.7%	12.2%	3.1%	2.2%	27.6%	21.8%
Umatilla	20.9%	18.2%	43.9%	50.2%	16.7%	16.3%	2.6%	2.1%	28.1%	27.6%
Union	20.8%	17.4%	30.6%	38.8%	17.1%	16.1%	3.3%	2.7%	29.0%	25.8%
Wallowa	14.6%	11.2%	53.6%	40.9%	11.8%	10.5%	1.1%	1.0%	23.4%	18.4%
Wasco	22.7%	18.9%	38.0%	55.5%	18.9%	18.4%	2.8%	2.3%	29.8%	29.5%
Washington	11.2%	9.9%	21.3%	30.1%	7.9%	7.9%	1.5%	1.4%	14.1%	14.6%
Wheeler	16.5%	11.6%	51.5%	51.2%	12.2%	9.3%	1.7%	0.6%	22.0%	16.1%
Yamhill	16.2%	13.4%	32.6%	40.9%	15.0%	13.7%	1.6%	1.0%	22.6%	22.1%
Oregon	18.1%	15.4%	x	x	15.0%	14.1%	2.7%	2.3%	24.4%	23.0%
County Average			38.6%	45.6%						

* TANF = Temporary Assistance to Needy Families



County comparisons

Housing programs

County	One Night Shelter Count		Number of New Housing Units		Single Family Low-Income Loans		Number of Households w/Energy Assistance	
	2000	2003	2000	2003	2000	2003	2000	2003
Baker	31	31	0	0	7	3	660	476
Benton	135	103	181	53	12	9	1,356	1,486
Clackamas	186	168	118	24	27	41	3,899	4,860
Clatsop	56	70	40	41	9	2	914	617
Columbia	106	41	28	22	5	9	1,236	957
Coos	12	169	16	4	43	11	2,361	1,656
Crook	19	66	0	0	12	5	602	596
Curry	49	19	24	0	0	0	507	588
Deschutes	288	330	56	0	19	32	2,683	2,485
Douglas	270	416	95	14	26	7	3,395	2,864
Gilliam	0	4	0	0	0	0	59	37
Grant	0	3	30	0	1	0	305	214
Harney	14	0	0	0	3	5	354	557
Hood River	0	8	17	14	2	0	546	573
Jackson	351	293	0	83	40	40	4,501	3,908
Jefferson	24	41	0	0	6	2	656	631
Josephine	63	197	3	0	31	36	3,259	2,658
Klamath	183	350	8	7	61	46	2,620	3,008
Lake	0	0	0	32	4	3	386	755
Lane	1,818	1,384	95	140	82	80	7,913	5,414
Lincoln	47	58	0	0	6	12	1,702	3,652
Linn	80	150	12	17	17	7	3,723	1,580
Malheur	70	68	48	0	9	12	1,090	736



County comparisons

Housing burden

County	One Night Shelter Count		Number of New Housing Units		Single Family Low-Income Loans		Households with Energy Assistance	
	2000	2003	2000	2003	2000	2003	2000	2003
Marion	836	671	132	414	104	87	5,778	5,429
Morrow	0	0	0	0	5	3	298	11,485
Multnomah	2,010	2,632	577	937	330	252	15,425	266
Polk	64	151	12	0	8	13	912	681
Sherman	6	1	0	12	0	0	72	48
Tillamook	29	15	0	0	0	1	689	408
Umatilla	59	313	51	5	34	20	2,170	2,215
Union	9	70	112	48	24	16	869	702
Wallowa	19	13	0	0	1	3	318	262
Wasco	21	41	79	0	1	0	1,127	882
Washington	287	504	493	32	75	68	4,360	6,555
Wheeler	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	53
Yamhill	225	0	0	31	29	11	1,558	1,292
Oregon	7,367	8,380	2,227	1,930	1,033	836	78,365	70,586
County Avg.	204.6	232.8	61.9	53.6	28.7	23.2	2,177	1,961



County comparisons

Housing burden

County	% Renters 30% Cost Burdened		% Homeowners 30% Cost Burdened		Homeownership Rate	
	1989	1999	1989	1999	1989	1999
Baker	39.6%	48.8%	19.4%	24.1%	68.8	70.1
Benton	51.6%	52.7%	16.0%	19.7%	55.1	57.3
Clackamas	37.8%	41.7%	17.8%	26.0%	71.7	71.1
Clatsop	42.3%	47.6%	24.0%	26.8%	63.2	64.2
Columbia	36.4%	42.6%	13.5%	24.7%	74.1	76.1
Coos	43.8%	49.0%	19.0%	22.7%	66.5	68.1
Crook	34.1%	39.6%	13.1%	19.7%	71.4	74.3
Curry	39.1%	47.5%	19.1%	26.5%	72.5	73.0
Deschutes	41.6%	45.7%	20.3%	26.7%	71.0	72.3
Douglas	40.7%	43.6%	18.5%	22.5%	68.9	71.7
Gilliam	59.1%	52.3%	13.7%	22.1%	66.7	70.2
Grant	34.2%	38.5%	14.2%	18.1%	70.8	73.5
Harney	35.4%	51.1%	14.8%	20.2%	70.3	72.7
Hood River	52.6%	47.6%	16.1%	26.0%	62.1	64.9
Jackson	47.0%	49.8%	21.2%	25.8%	66.2	66.5
Jefferson	38.8%	38.9%	17.0%	25.8%	64.9	71.3
Josephine	52.0%	50.6%	23.6%	24.4%	70.4	70.1
Klamath	42.9%	48.6%	17.5%	20.4%	65.2	68.0
Lake	38.2%	44.5%	16.8%	17.7%	67.8	68.9
Lane	48.6%	52.2%	18.6%	25.1%	60.8	62.3
Lincoln	43.9%	48.5%	23.0%	30.6%	66.0	65.7
Linn	40.2%	48.8%	16.4%	23.9%	65.6	67.9
Malheur	47.1%	47.0%	21.2%	18.0%	64.1	63.8



County comparisons

Housing burden

County	% Renters 30% Cost Burdened		% Homeowners 30% Cost Burdened		Homeownership Rate	
	1989	1999	1989	1999	1989	1999
Marion	40.8%	43.1%	18.6%	25.5%	62.9	62.9
Morrow	45.6%	36.9%	16.4%	16.5%	68.0	73.1
Multnomah	41.6%	45.5%	19.4%	28.1%	55.3	56.9
Polk	44.7%	49.3%	17.3%	25.6%	66.4	68.4
Sherman	52.2%	54.0%	14.9%	21.8%	66.1	70.5
Tillamook	44.9%	46.5%	17.3%	22.5%	71.3	71.8
Umatilla	37.3%	38.0%	17.5%	20.5%	62.0	64.9
Union	42.8%	49.5%	17.0%	21.7%	64.4	66.5
Wallowa	32.1%	47.8%	15.3%	25.6%	69.2	71.8
Wasco	39.3%	47.6%	13.5%	23.3%	65.1	68.4
Washington	35.3%	39.8%	17.9%	24.5%	60.8	60.6
Wheeler	54.0%	55.6%	14.9%	16.9%	70.7	72.1
Yamhill	40.1%	43.1%	17.4%	26.4%	67.6	69.6
Oregon	42.0%	45.5%	18.6%	25.4%	63.1	64.3

