

Yamhill County

Major findings

According to the US Census, Yamhill County's poverty rate decreased between 1989 and 1999, but the number in poverty did not. The 1999 poverty rate was less than the state and national average.

Median household income in Yamhill County rose from \$28,303 in 1989 to \$44,111 in 1999. The unemployment rate for Yamhill County rose to 8.4 in 2003 from 4.6 in 2000.

The number of families, including those with children, decreased from 1989 to 1999. Thirty-one percent of families headed by a single mother lived in poverty in 1999.

Families in Yamhill County with one adult who earned the median income or averages wages could not afford the basic family budget.

In 2003, 22.1 percent of Yamhill county residents received services from the Department of Human Services.¹



Low-income needs

Community Action Agency of Yamhill County prioritized the needs of the low-income population in Yamhill County as follows:²

- **Affordable housing**—additional affordable housing appropriately linked to offer people a natural progression to market-rate housing
- **Emergency Housing**—very-short-stay emergency housing
- **Employment**—more jobs so low-income people and families can begin their pilgrimage toward self-sufficiency
- **Transitional Housing**
- **Food**—a more nutritious mix of food, along with food preparation training so that people will be less dependent on traditional “fast food” options
- **Living-Wage Jobs**—increase in living-wage jobs to help people on the journey to long-term self-sufficiency
- **Teen Homeless Shelter**
- **Work Transportation**—pre-and-post work transportation to support workers and the local economy
- **High Heat Cost Assistance**—more funding
- **Medical Care**—improve access to care for Oregon Health Plan enrollees and other low-income residents

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Growth

According to the 2000 Census, Yamhill County grew 29.7 percent from 1989 to 1999. The US Census Bureau determined the poverty status of 79,920 county residents and found that 9.2 percent (7,336 people) lived below the poverty threshold. This is a slight increase of 0.5 percent in the number of persons living in poverty (7,299 people) in 1989. The overall percent of Yamhill County's population living in poverty decreased from 1989 to 1999, but the number of people living in poverty did not.

20-year trend

In the 20 years after 1979, the poverty rate in Yamhill County decreased from 10 percent of the population to 9.2 percent. The number of persons in poverty rose from 5,356 people to 7,336 people. Yamhill County's poverty rates remained lower than the state and national poverty rates throughout this period.

Poverty and age

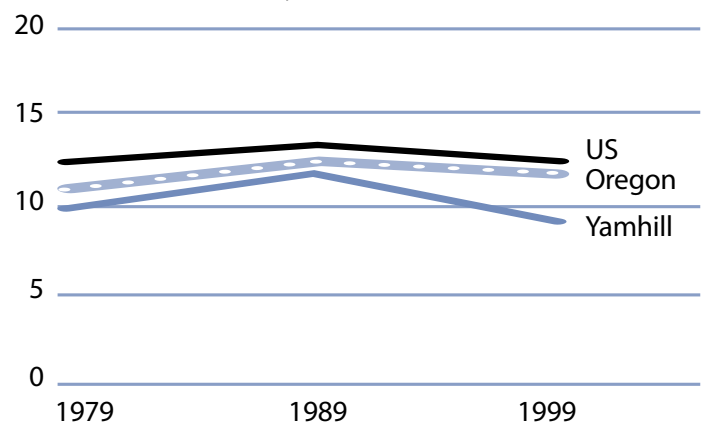
In the 2000 Census, among all age categories examined, children 5 years of age and younger experienced the highest rate of poverty at 12.3 percent. Children younger than 18 years of age experienced poverty at 10.6 percent. People 65 and older experienced the lowest rate at 7.5 percent. Over the 20-year period from 1979 to 1999, the rate of poverty did not improve for people 18 to 64 years.

Poverty in selected communities
Number of persons below poverty level
(poverty rate)

	1989	1999	Percent Change
Yamhill County	7,299 (11.7%)	7,336 (9.2%)	(rate difference) 0.5% (-2.5%)
Oregon Statewide	344,867 (12.4%)	388,740 (11.6%)	12.7% (-0.8%)
United States	31,742,864 (13.1%)	33,899,812 (12.4%)	6.8% (-0.7%)

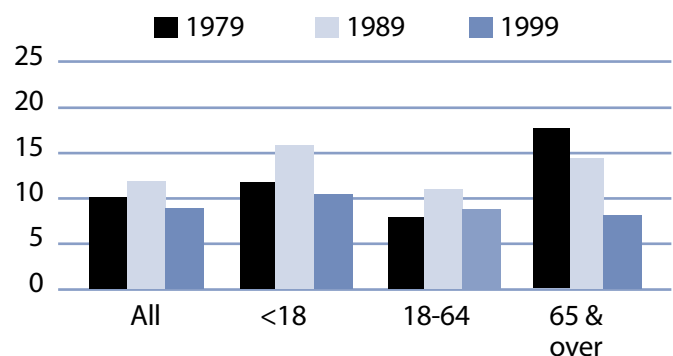
Source: US Census. County numbers have been rounded and, therefore, may not add exactly to totals.

Poverty rates 1979-1999



Source: US Census.

Rate of poverty by age



Source: US Census.

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Poverty and Yamhill County families

In 1999, 1,285 Yamhill County families lived in poverty (6 percent). Of the families in poverty, 57.6 percent (740 families) had a worker and 11.4 percent (146 families) had a full-time year-round worker.

The poverty rate was higher for families with children. Families with at least one child under 18 experienced poverty at a rate of 8.9 percent. Families with a child 5 years and younger experienced poverty at a higher rate of 11.4 percent. The rate for families with children headed by single mothers was 30.7 percent and was even higher with younger children (less than 5 years) at 47.1 percent.

The poverty rate for married couples families with children under 18 was lower at 4 percent. From 1979 to 1999, the number of female-headed households with children (no husband present) who lived in poverty increased from 1979 to 1999, although the overall percent decreased during this same period.

Poverty and race/ethnicity

Among racial/ethnic groups,³ White comprised the majority of people in poverty at 80.7 percent. When examining poverty based on race/ethnicity, however, the poverty rate among White was 8.3 percent. Other and Hispanic Origin experienced disproportionately higher rates of poverty-21.2 percent for Other and 20 percent for Hispanic Origin. From 1989 to 1999, the poverty rate increased for Other.

Yamhill County families in poverty

Number Below Poverty Level (poverty rate)	1979		1989		1999		% Change 1979-99 (rate difference)
	1979	1989	1979	1989	1999	1999	
All Families	1,164 (7.8%)	1,456 (8.5%)	1,285 (6.0%)				10.4% (-1.7%)
With Children under 18	849 (10.4%)	1,201 (13.3%)	1,046 (8.9%)				23.2% (-1.5%)
Female-headed with Children under 18	404 (36.7%)	614 (41.2%)	613 (30.7%)				51.7% (-6.0%)

Source: US Census. County numbers have been rounded and, therefore, may not add exactly to totals.

Yamhill County poverty and race/ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	% Total 1999 Population (population)	% Poverty 1999 Population (poverty population)	Poverty Rate by Race 1999	Poverty Rate by Race 1989
White	89.7% (71,695)	80.7% (5,922)	8.3%	11.1%
Black	0.3% (209)	0.2% (12)	5.7%	17.9%
American Indian	1.1% (872)	0.7% (54)	6.2%	29.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.9%/0.1% (685/70)	1.7%/0.0% (125/2)	18.2%/2.9%	25.9%*
Other	5.3% (4,196)	0.0% (889)	21.2%	20.7%
2 or More Races	2.7% (2,193)	4.5% (332)	15.1%	NA
Hispanic Origin	10.8% (8,593)	23.4% (1,720)	20.0%	27.6%

* Asian and Pacific Islander were not separate categories in the 1990 Census.

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County income

On a per capita basis, Yamhill County's personal income was \$25,088 in 2002, about 87 percent of the state average of \$28,792, and 81 percent of the national average, \$30,906. Yamhill County's per capita income in rose 0.4 percent between 2001 and 2002. The 10-year trend, from 1992 to 2002, in per capita income shows average annual growth of 3.7 percent. Average earnings per job for 2001 were \$28,487 in Yamhill County compared to \$33,063 for the state.⁴

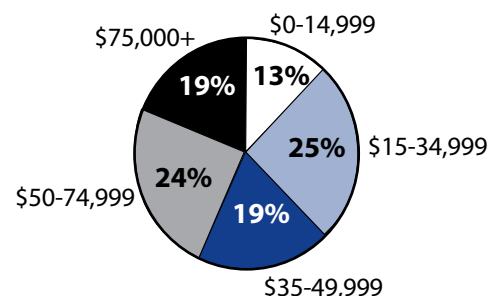
Income levels and poverty thresholds

Segmenting census data by income reveals more detail about the people experiencing poverty in Yamhill County. The 2000 Census showed that 3,183 people or 43.4 percent of those living below the federal poverty threshold earned 50 percent or less of the poverty threshold. Other segments of the population earned equal to or above the poverty level but still needed assistance. In Oregon, 185 percent of the poverty level is the income guideline used for federal food programs such as food stamps, child nutrition, and the Women, Infants, and Children program. In 1999, 23.8 percent of Yamhill County's population, or 18,984 people earned below 185 percent of the poverty threshold.

Public assistance

Participation in public assistance programs serves as an indirect measure—or indicator—of the extent of poverty and the measures taken to serve the public. According to the 2000 Census, 872 households or 3 percent of all households in Yamhill County reported public assistance income. The average amount of public assistance income for 1999 was \$2,416. The 20-year trend showed a decrease in households that reported receiving public assistance income, from 1,115 households or 5.8 percent of all households since 1979.

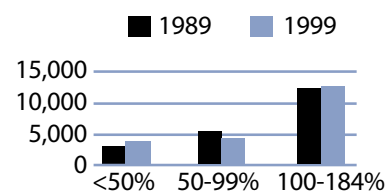
1999 household income distribution—Yamhill County



Source: US Census.

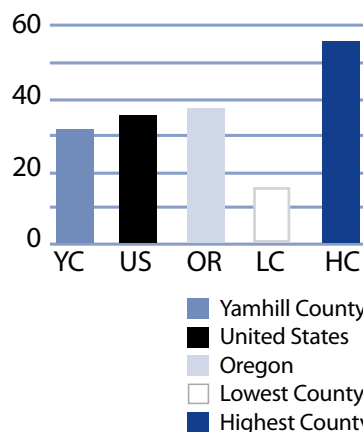
Note: The median household income in Yamhill County was \$44,111 in 1999 compared to \$28,303 in 1989 (55.9 percent increase).

Number of persons in poverty Threshold percentiles



Source: US Census.

Public assistance in Oregon Rate per thousand population



Source: US Census.

Basic family budget

According to US Department of Agriculture statistics released in October 1999, about 12.6 percent of Oregon households had difficulty meeting their basic need for food. This chart outlines typical expenses for four family types in Yamhill County and the corresponding income those families would need to meet their expenses.

Families with one adult who earned Yamhill County's median income could not afford the basic family budget.

To learn more about this basic family budget, see Methodology and Data References section.

What the poverty threshold buys

Families at the poverty level in Yamhill County could afford 37.7 to 40.1 percent of this basic family budget.

Wages

According to the Oregon Employment Department, the average weekly wage in Yamhill County is \$505.44. The federal government had the highest weekly average of \$870.24 and the retail trade industry had the lowest weekly average of \$314.58.

This chart illustrates a family's ability to be self-sufficient based on earnings of average wages for Yamhill County. The two-worker scenario relies on both workers earning average wages.

Families with one adult who worked full-time at Yamhill County's average wage could not afford the basic budget.

Yamhill County's basic family budget

Basic Family Budget/Monthly	1 Adult/ 1 Child	1 Adult/ 3 Children	2 Adults/ 1 Child	2 Adults/ 3 Children
Housing	\$645	\$897	\$645	\$897
Food	\$230	\$489	\$388	\$647
Child Care	\$400	\$873	\$400	\$873
Transportation	\$170	\$170	\$240	\$240
Health Care	\$245	\$245	\$293	\$293
Other Necessities	\$271	\$430	\$320	\$479
Taxes	\$438	\$644	\$499	\$733
Basic Family Budget Needed/Monthly	\$2,399	\$3,748	\$2,785	\$4,162
Basic Family Budget Total/Annual	\$28,785	\$44,974	\$33,417	\$49,946
Median Annual Income (Census 2000)	\$22,790	\$22,790	\$55,470	\$55,470
Median Family Income as % of Basic Budget	79.2%	50.7%	166.0%	111.1%

Poverty and Yamhill County's basic family budget

Basic Family Budget/Monthly	1 Adult/ 1 Child	1 Adult/ 3 Children	2 Adults/ 1 Child	2 Adults/ 3 Children
Poverty Threshold	\$11,483	\$16,954	\$13,410	\$19,882
% of Basic Budget	39.9%	37.7%	40.1%	39.8%

Yamhill County wages and the basic budget

	1 Worker 1 Adult/ 1 Child	1 Worker 1 Adult/ 3 Children	2 Workers 2 Adults/ 1 Child	2 Workers 2 Adults/ 3 Children
Average Monthly Wage (AMW)*	\$2,173	\$2,173	\$4,346	\$4,346
Self Sufficiency Wage (SSW)**	\$2,399	\$3,748	\$2,785	\$4,162
Difference (SSW-AMW)	-\$226	-\$1,575	\$1,561	\$184
Wage as % of Self Sufficiency	90.6%	58.0%	156.1%	104.4%

* Source: 1999 Oregon Covered Employment and Payrolls.
** Based on Basic Family Budget for Yamhill County.

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Yamhill County Poverty Measures	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003
Population	65,551 ¹	84,992 ²	86,392	87,913	89,384
% of People Living Below Poverty Level	11.7% ¹	9.2% ²	NA	NA	NA
Median Income	\$28,303 ¹	\$44,111 ²	NA	NA	NA
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.6	6	7.4	8.4
8th Grade Drug Use	21.4% ³	8.6%	NA	19.9%	NA
HS Dropout	8.4% ⁴	7.3%	6.0%	5.1%	NA
Teen Pregnancy per 1,000 Ages 10-17	20.5	11.2	14.6	10.2	NA
Prenatal Care	78.9%	80.2%	79.8%	79.1%	NA
Child Care Available per 100 Children Under 13	15.3	16.9	15.8	17.3	NA
Homeownership Rate	67.6% ¹	69.6% ²	NA	NA	NA
% Renters with 30% or More Rental Burden	40.1% ¹	43.1% ²	NA	NA	NA
Yamhill County Services	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
One Night Shelter Count	61	225	73	51	0
# of New Units Created with OHCS Funding	56	0	64	75	31
OHCS Funding for Subsidized Housing	\$1.1 m	\$0	\$1.9 m	\$3.1 m	\$1.5 m
# Home Loans for Low-Income Households	38	29	25	22	11
\$ Home Loans for Low-Income Households	\$4.2 m	\$2.9 m	\$2.6 m	\$2.1 m	\$1.4 m
# Households Receiving Energy Assistance	NA	1,558	1,547	1,482	1,292
% of Population Enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan	NA	NA	NA	16.2%	13.4%
# Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch	5,031	5,139	5,799	6,065	6,514
% Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch	32.6%	33.2%	36.9%	38.5%	40.9%
% of Population Receiving Food Stamps	NA	NA	NA	15.0%	13.7%
% of Population Receiving TANF	NA	NA	NA	1.6%	1.0%
% of Population Receiving DHS Services	NA	NA	22.6%	25.0%	22.1%

¹ 1990 Census data, year is 1989
² 2000 Census data, year is 1999
³ 1998
⁴ 1996
 NA=Not Available

Endnotes

¹ Oregon Department of Human Services Integrated Client Database.

² Community Action Agency of Yamhill County Community Services Block Grant Work Plan for 2003-05.

³ Please see Methodology and Data References section for information on Census Race/Ethnicity Categories.

⁴ Bureau of Economic Analysis: Regional Economic Accounts.