Quick Facts:

- Benton County is among the top 5% of counties with the highest income inequality in the United States
- 70% of Monroe K-3 students and 67% of Alsea 4th and 5th graders are economically disadvantaged
- 30.2% of individuals of Hispanic or Latino origin fall below poverty level
- Over 16% of Benton County residents live in households that are food insecure

POPULATION

- Benton County*: 89,385
- Monroe*: 631
- Corvallis*: 57,110
- Philomath*: 4,676
- Adair Village*: 843
- North Albany****: 7,258
- Bellfountain**: 93
- Alpine**: 131
- Summit**: 139
- Blodgett**: 55
- Alsea**: 283
- Population 18 Years and Younger*: 16.5%
- Unincorporated Communities, Farms, and Rural Residences***: 25,076
- Living below federal poverty line: 24% *****
- Living in rural areas: 19% *****

*U.S. Census Bureau 2016
** U.S. Census Bureau 2012 - 2016 5 yr. Estimate
*** U.S Census Bureau 2013
****The Health of Benton County: Community Health Assessment 2012
***** Regional Health Assessment, 2015

RACE AND ETHNICITY*

- White alone, 81.1%
- Hispanic or Latino, 7.3%
- Asian alone, 6.5%
- Black or African American, 1.2%
- Two or more races, 3.8%

*U.S. Census Bureau 2016
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
Benton County Sheriff Department 2017:
➢ DHS Reports (Discussion Only—No Action Taken): 382
➢ Cases of domestic violence where children were present: Not tracked by BCSD
➢ Juvenile Arrests: 155
➢ 31 Child Welfare Cases

Corvallis Police Department 2017:
➢ Total Complaints of Child Abuse: 535
  • 147 offenses
➢ Cases of domestic violence where children were present: 5
➢ Juvenile Arrests: 156
➢ 99 cases of child abuse investigated

➢ Benton County abuse and neglect rates: 11.3/1,000; Oregon abuse rates: 13.7/1,000*

Benton County Sheriff’s Office (Jaimi Glass, 2017)
Corvallis Police Department (Crime Analyst, 2017)
*Children First for Oregon, 2017

ENROLLMENT IN HEAD START PRE-K PROGRAM
➢ 40 in Corvallis at Lincoln and Mountain View Elementary
➢ 20 at Philomath KidCo Head Start
➢ 17 at Harrisburg KidCo Head Start (serving Monroe and Bellfountain)

STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH 2016-2017
➢ Benton County: 37.7%
  • Corvallis: 34.9%
    ● Mountain View: 42.8 %
    ● Wilson: 50.1 %
    ● Lincoln: 57.5 %
    ● Garfield: 64.6 %
  • Philomath: 40.0 %
    ● Kings Valley Charter School: N/A
    ● Philomath Elementary: 45.8%
  • Alsea: 68.6 %
    ● Elementary: 76.7%
    ● High: 59.7%
  • Monroe: 55.4%
    ● Grade School: 57.1%
    ● High: 51.5%

*Oregon Department of Education, 2016-2017
❖ **STUDENT HOMELESSNESS IN BENTON COUNTY**
➢ Benton County Homeless Students: 381 total
➢ Alsea School District: 22 students (15.71% of student enrollment)
   ● Sheltered: 0
   ● Unsheltered: **
   ● Doubled up: 19
   ● Hotel/Motel: 0
   ● Unaccompanied Minor: 6
➢ Corvallis School District: 323 students (4.81% of student enrollment)
   ● Sheltered: 41
   ● Unsheltered: 73
   ● Doubled up: 202
   ● Hotel/Motel: 7
   ● Unaccompanied Minor: 14
➢ Monroe School District: 26 (5.92% of student enrollment)
   ● Sheltered: 0
   ● Unsheltered: 0
   ● Doubled Up: 25
   ● Hotel/Motel: **
   ● Unaccompanied Minor: 0
➢ Philomath School District, 15 students (0.94% of student enrollment)
   ● Sheltered: **
   ● Unsheltered: 0
   ● Doubled Up: 12
   ● Hotel/Motel: 0
   ● Unaccompanied Minor: **

*Oregon Department of Education, 2016-2017
** District count suppressed for counts of 1-5 students to protect confidentiality

❖ **STUDENTS WITH IEPs 2014-2015**
➢ Corvallis: 10%
➢ Philomath: 12.5%
➢ Monroe: 15.7%
➢ Alsea: 14%

❖ **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES 2014-2015**

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** Data unavailable due to student confidentiality
PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY FAMILIES, DECEMBER 2014
➢ 10-20 families are screened each month.
➢ 6 families are served from rural Benton county, plus 2 pending.
➢ 23% of families served are from rural Benton County
*According to Medora Tuck, Healthy Start Program Manager, Corvallis

JACKSON STREET YOUTH SHELTER, 2016-2017
➢ 1,036 youth were helped across all programs
➢ 807 youth received help on streets, in schools and through community partners
➢ 138 youth were served for a total of 6,073 bed nights
➢ 11 youth accessed long-term housing and support to achieve their goals

PARTICIPATION IN OLD MILL RELIEF NURSERY
➢ 2014: 21 rural family participants (33% of total families)
➢ 2015: 28 rural family participants (28% of total families)
➢ 2016: 32 rural family participants (28% of total families)
➢ 2017: 30 rural family participants (25% of total families)
*According to Cindy Bond, Old Mill Relief Nursery Program

PARTICIPATION IN WIC PROGRAM, AUGUST 2016
➢ Alsea: 11 families/17 clients
➢ Blodgett: 5 families/ 7 clients
➢ Corvallis: 635 families/ 992 clients
➢ Philomath: 109 families/168 clients
➢ North Albany: 27 families, 44 clients
➢ Monroe: 31 families/ 50 clients
*Julie Reeder, Senior Research Analyst, Oregon WIC Program

INEQUALITY AND HOUSING COSTS
➢ Highest income inequality in the state; among highest 2% of all counties in the US
  • 80th income percentile is 4.7 times the 20th income percentile
➢ Living below federal poverty line: 22%
➢ Median household income: $49,802
➢ Homeless count 2017: 287
  • Sheltered count: 139
  • Unsheltered count: 148
➢ Pregnant women served by WIC: 32%
*2017 Benton County Community Health Assessment

POVERTY*
➢ 14.0% of children under 18 years of age below poverty level
➢ 36.0% of single parent-mother families fall below poverty
➢ 30.2% of individuals of Hispanic or Latino origin below poverty level*
*US Census Bureau: American Community Survey 2012-2016
❖ **FOOD SECURITY**
➢ Over 16% (14,000) of Benton County residents live in households that meet the definition of being food insecure*
➢ Children eligible for free and reduced lunch: 38.0%*
➢ 4,476 receive SNAP benefits*
   ▪ 13% of households
   ▪ 37% with children under 18
➢ 9% of low-income population lives more than a mile from nearest grocery store
   ▪ Residents of North, South, and West Benton County report traveling 30 minutes or more to a grocery store**
* Regional Health Assessment: Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties, Oregon 2017
** According to Benton County Community Health Improvement Plan 2013-2018

❖ **LINN-BENTON FOOD SHARE, 2015 - 2016**
➢ Distributed 5.4 million pounds to their 74 member agencies in 2016
➢ Provided enough meals to feed nearly 2,500 people three meals a day for the whole year
➢ Emergency food pantries in Linn and Benton counties distributed 47,000 food boxes from July 2015- June 2016
➢ Soup kitchens and shelters served 272,000 meals in Linn and Benton Counties during the fiscal year of 2015/2016

❖ **COMMUNITY HEALTH**
➢ Insurance*:
   ▪ 7.3 % of 18-64 year olds are uninsured
   ▪ 1.8 % of youth under the age of 18 are uninsured
➢ Immunizations*:
   ▪ 65.0% of two-year olds meet immunization requirements
➢ Obesity*:
   ▪ 8th graders: 14% overweight; 7% obese
   ▪ 11th graders: 9% overweight; 7% obese
   ▪ Adults: 32% overweight; 22% obese
*2017 Benton County Community Health Assessment

❖ **EMPLOYMENT**
➢ Oregon unemployment rate: 4.1% as of December 2017**
➢ Benton County unemployment rate: 3.1% as of December 2017**
➢ Linn County unemployment rate: 4.4 % as of December 2017**
➢ Benton County manufacturing employment in decline since Great Recession (2.3% loss in 2015)
   ▪ More than 3 out of 10 manufacturing jobs have disappeared since 2007
*According to State of Oregon Employment Department: Benton/Linn Counties Labor Trends
**According to State of Oregon Employment Department: Local Area Unemployment Statistics

❖ **CARDV BENTON/LINN COUNTY 2015-2016**
● Responded to 6,297 calls to our 24-hour hotline
● Sheltered 116 adults and 85 children for 3,092 bed nights
● Helped 860 adults and 30 teens help navigate the legal system
- Provided on-site hospital advocacy to 190 adults and 25 teens
- Logged over 40,500 miles responding and transporting survivors

*According to Leticia Wilson Casal, CARDV

❖ **RATES OF DRUG LAW OFFENSES 2014-2015**
  ➢ 200 arrests at City of Corvallis Police Department*
  ➢ 122 arrests at Benton County Sheriff’s Office**
    * According to the 2016-2017 City of Corvallis Police Department Annual Report
    ** According to the 2015 Benton County Sheriff’s Office Annual Report

❖ **MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**
  ➢ In Benton County, 2,186 persons between ages 16 and 64 are living with an identified mental health disability*
  ➢ Suicide Rates: Ages 25-44, 18.5% (slightly higher than state average)*
  ➢ Attempted Suicide Rates**:
    ▪ Grade 8: 7.5%
    ▪ Grade 11: 4.8%
  ➢ Depression**:
    ▪ 8th graders: 26%
    ▪ 11th graders: 23.2%
  *Benton County Community Health Improvement Plan, 2013-2018
  ** 2015 Oregon Healthy Teens Survey: Benton County

❖ **LISTED ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP SITES, 2018**
  ➢ Corvallis: 58
  ➢ Adair Village: 3
  ➢ Alsea: 1
  ➢ Philomath: 7
  ➢ Monroe: 4
  *Oregon Department of Environmental Quality: Environmental Cleanup

❖ **LATINO SPECIFIC RATES**
  ➢ 7.3% of Benton County population
  ➢ Acculturation:
    ▪ Less Acculturated: 87%
    ▪ More Acculturated: 13%
  ➢ Experienced Discrimination: 67%
  ➢ Participated in:
    ▪ ESL: 44%
    ▪ Job Training: 29%
    ▪ GED: 29%
    ▪ Citizenship Classes: 12%
    ▪ Free/Reduced price school meals: 52%
    ▪ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: 24%
    ▪ Medicaid/Oregon Health Plan: 55%
    ▪ Women, Infants, and Children: 40%
    ▪ Other services (including TANF): 24%

*Casa Latinos Unidos de Benton County Community Needs Assessment 2013*