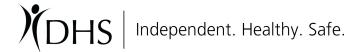
# 2009 Child Welfare Data Book

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## Message from Erinn Kelley-Siel, Director DHS Children, Adults and Families

This is the first time Oregon has released child welfare information in this more streamlined "data book" format. The goal is to provide accurate, up-to-date information about the children who come into Oregon's child welfare system due to abuse or neglect. The **2009 Child Welfare Data Book** contains the information you are used to seeing in full Status of Children report - but presented in a more timely manner.

While this is a compilation of charts and graphs, this report also tells a story about real children and real families. As you review the information here, you will see that we have more work to do to achieve our vision for Oregon's children and families.

Building on critical investments made by the 2007 and 2009 Legislatures in several key areas of Oregon's child welfare program (targeted addiction treatment and recovery services for parents; foster care reimbursement for relative caregivers and additional foster care reimbursement resources for all foster parents; enhanced legal reviews in child welfare cases; new technology supports; and additional child welfare staff), DHS Child Welfare engaged in a strategic planning process that resulted in a set of goals in two critical focus areas:

#### First, safely and equitably reduce the number of children in foster care by:

- Increasing the number of children who remain safely at home after a founded report of abuse or neglect.
- Eliminating disparate treatment and overrepresentation of children of color in foster care.
- Increasing placements and connections with family, siblings, relatives and other individuals known to children.
- Increasing the number of children leaving foster care either to reunite with parents or to be adopted/have permanent guardianship arrangements and decreasing the length of time children spend in foster care.

#### Second, ensure that children in foster care are safe and healthy by:

- Timely and appropriately meeting the medical and behavioral health needs of children in foster care.
- Providing services that support placement stability and that are culturally and linguistically specific to the child and their family.
- Eliminating abuse in foster care.

In addition to these goals, that are specific to the services we offer children who have been hurt by their caregivers, our greatest hope is to prevent the abuse and neglect of children in the first place.

Oregon child welfare does not, and cannot, do all that needs to be done to protect children and achieve these goals on its own. We need support and resources from the state, local communities, system partners, and concerned Oregonians to achieve our goals. We are fortunate that through a partnership with Casey Family Programs, the Oregon Commission on Children and Families, and the Oregon courts, communities are rallying in support of children and families in the child protection system -- and in support of the system's work -- in new ways.

I invite all Oregonians to join our effort to improve the lives of children and families, and I encourage you to use this 2009 Child Welfare Data Book as one tool in your discussions about Oregon's child welfare system.

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## Fast Facts for 2009

#### Child protective services

- 67,885 reports of abuse and neglect were received.
- 28,584 reports were referred for investigation.
- 7,240 referrals were founded for abuse or neglect—involving 11,090 victims.
- 48.1 percent of victims were younger than 6 years old.
- Threat of harm was the largest type of maltreatment incident experienced by victims (49.8 percent of incidents), followed by neglect incidents (31.1 percent of incidents).

#### Family services

- At 42.1 percent, alcohol and drug issues represented the largest single family stress factor when child abuse/neglect was present.
- The next most common stressors were domestic violence (31.7 percent) and parental involvement with law enforcement (27.0 percent).
- During FFY 2009, a total of 9,140 children were served in their homes, exclusive of children post-substitute care who were on a trial home visit.
- 34 percent of children served with an in home case during the year received family-based services.

#### Foster care

- 13,291 children spent at least one day in some kind of foster care (8,466 children on an average daily basis).
- 5,830 children were in family foster care on an average daily basis, with almost 30 percent of those placed with relatives.
- Of children served in foster care, 62.5 percent were Caucasian, 6.4 percent did not have race recorded, 8.8 percent were Native American, 12.8 percent were Hispanic, 8.3 percent were African American, and 1.4 percent were Asian or Pacific Islander.

#### Foster care (continued)

- 59.9 percent of children in care on September 30, 2009, had two or fewer placements.
- There were 4,429 certified family foster homes in 2009.
- 558 children were in either professional shelter programs or residential treatment settings on an average daily basis.
- 1,598 youth received independent living program services.
- 58.1 percent of children leaving foster care were reunited with their families.

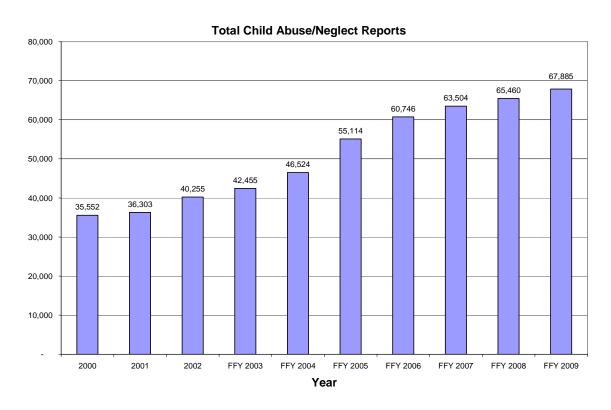
#### Adoption services

- 1,104 children had their adoptions finalized, with 32.6 percent of those children belonging to ethnic minorities.
- 77.8 percent of children adopted from DHS were adopted by relatives or non-relative foster parents.
- 575 children who were adopted had siblings also adopted during the year, primarily by the same family.
- 294 children exited foster care to a guardianship.

# Child Protective Services

#### Child Abuse/Neglect Reports and Investigations

During FFY 2009 DHS received 67,885 reports of suspected child abuse or neglect, an increase of 3.7 percent over the prior year. Of those, 28,584 reports were referred for investigation.

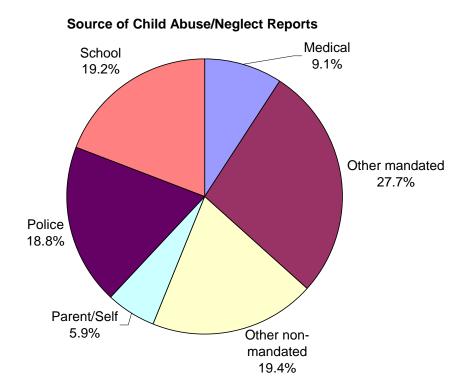


Of the reports referred for investigation, 7,240 (25.3 percent) were founded for abuse or neglect. The 7,240 founded referrals represent 10.7 percent of the total abuse and neglect report volume. Once there is a founded referral, children are considered victims of child abuse/neglect.

#### Reporters of Child Abuse/Neglect

#### During FFY 2009:

- Public and private officials required by law to report suspected child abuse and neglect made 74.7 percent of the reports of abuse and neglect received by DHS.
- Of all reports, 38.0 percent came from schools and law enforcement agencies.



#### Response Time for Investigations

The response time for a worker to make contact is determined by the information collected from the reporter about access the alleged perpetrator has to the child. There are two types of response times — "within 24 hours" and "within 5 days."

During FFY 2009 the average amount of time to respond to reports requiring contact within-24-hours was 26.3 hours; for the five-day response the average time was 3.9 days.

#### Victims of abuse and neglect

There were 11,090 unduplicated child abuse/neglect victims in FFY 2009, a 6.4 percent increase from FFY 2008.

For FFY 2009, 64.5 percent of child victims remained in their homes. A total of 25.4 percent of the children who remained home had an ongoing safety plan implemented.

If separation of the child from the child's home and parents is required, due to existing safety threats, then an out-of-home safety plan is necessary. For child victims, 35.5 percent were removed from their homes.

The following data show the key demographics of children who were victims of child abuse/neglect during FFY 2009.

FFY 2009 Victims by Age and Gender

| TTT 2003 VIOLINIS | , ,   |       |        | Percent of |
|-------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------|
| Age               | Boys  | Girls | Total  | Total      |
| <1                | 724   | 672   | 1396   | 12.6%      |
| 1                 | 458   | 411   | 869    | 7.8%       |
| 2                 | 463   | 427   | 890    | 8.0%       |
| 3                 | 420   | 351   | 771    | 7.0%       |
| 4                 | 385   | 364   | 749    | 6.8%       |
| 5                 | 331   | 327   | 658    | 5.9%       |
| 6                 | 316   | 352   | 668    | 6.0%       |
| 7                 | 326   | 295   | 621    | 5.6%       |
| 8                 | 296   | 302   | 598    | 5.4%       |
| 9                 | 327   | 290   | 617    | 5.6%       |
| 10                | 230   | 273   | 503    | 4.5%       |
| 11                | 218   | 250   | 468    | 4.2%       |
| 12                | 202   | 258   | 460    | 4.1%       |
| 13                | 181   | 283   | 464    | 4.2%       |
| 14                | 142   | 246   | 388    | 3.5%       |
| 15                | 143   | 254   | 397    | 3.6%       |
| 16                | 123   | 227   | 350    | 3.2%       |
| 17                | 73    | 150   | 223    | 2.0%       |
| Total             | 5,358 | 5,732 | 11,090 | 100.0%     |

During FFY 2009, a total of 5.7 percent of victims were of more than one race. However, the following data for Oregon displays the child's first recorded race/ethnicity.

FFY 2009 Race Comparison: Children in Oregon to Child Abuse/Neglect Victims

| Abuschiegicci victims |               |              |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
|                       |               | % of Victims |
|                       |               | of child     |
|                       | % of Oregon's | abuse/       |
| Race/Ethnicity        | Children*     | neglect      |
| African American      | 2.4%          | 6.0%         |
| Asian                 | 3.6%          | 1.0%         |
| Caucasian             | 69.2%         | 57.1%        |
| Hispanic (any race)   | 19.0%         | 16.7%        |
| Native American       | 1.3%          | 4.1%         |
| Pacific Islander      | 0.3%          | 0.4%         |

4.3%

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14.8%

Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect FFY 2007 - FFY 2009

| Race/Ethnicity       | FFY 2007 | FFY 2008 | FFY 2009 |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| African American     | 5.9%     | 5.6%     | 6.0%     |
| Asian                | 1.0%     | 0.9%     | 1.0%     |
| Caucasian            | 61.3%    | 56.8%    | 57.1%    |
| Hispanic (any race)  | 14.0%    | 15.7%    | 16.7%    |
| Native American      | 4.8%     | 4.8%     | 4.1%     |
| Pacific Islander     | 0.2%     | 0.4%     | 0.4%     |
| Unknown/Not Recorded | 12.7%    | 15.8%    | 14.8%    |

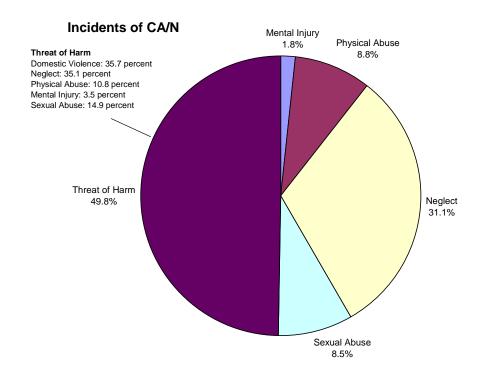
#### Types of abuse and neglect incidents

Two or more race groups
Unknown/Not Recorded

Each type of maltreatment experienced by a victim in a founded referral counts as an incident of child abuse/neglect. The number of incidents is larger than the number of victims because victims may have suffered more than one type of maltreatment and/or may have been involved in more than one founded referral. The total number of incidents of child abuse/neglect increased by 16.0 percent between FFY 2008 and FFY 2009. Threat of Harm is the largest category of child

<sup>\*2008</sup> estimates of population under 18, U.S. Census Bureau

abuse/neglect, making up nearly half of all incidents, followed by Neglect, making up 31.1 percent of all incidents of abuse/neglect.



The largest percent increase was found in Physical Abuse, which increased by 28.0 percent.

FFY 2009 Incidents of Child Abuse/Neglect

|                    |        | Percent Change |
|--------------------|--------|----------------|
| Abuse/Neglect type | Number | From Last Year |
| Mental Injury      | 261    | 8.3%           |
| Physical Abuse     | 1,303  | 28.0%          |
| Neglect            | 4,630  | 9.8%           |
| Sexual Abuse       | 1,270  | 15.0%          |
| Threat of Harm     | 7,406  | 18.7%          |
| Total Incidents    | 14,870 | 16.0%          |

#### Fatalities related to familial child abuse and neglect

There were thirteen children who died from causes related to familial/caregiver abuse and/or neglect during FFY 2009.

- In 12 of those fatalities at least one parent was a perpetrator
  - The mother was the perpetrator in four fatalities

- The father was the perpetrator in six fatalities
- The mother and father were the perpetrators in two fatalities
- In one fatality the live-in companion was the perpetrator.
- Eleven victims were age 5 and younger, demonstrating the vulnerability of this age group. Eight victims were younger than one year old.
- No family of the children who died had an open child welfare case at the time of the injury that resulted in the fatality. Further, no family had a child in the Department's custody at the time of death.
- There were four families of children who died that were the subject of a child abuse/neglect referral or received child welfare services within one year of the date of death.
- There was one family of the children who died that received family preservation services in the five years preceding the fatality.
- There was one family of the children who died that the victim's death was caused by parents or principal caregivers (same family as above) with whom the child had been reunited in the previous five years.
- Eight fatalities were the result of neglect. Three fatalities were caused by abuse. Two fatalities were caused by both abuse and neglect.

FFY 2009 Child Fatalities Due to Child Abuse/Neglect

|          |       |         | Abuse & |       |
|----------|-------|---------|---------|-------|
| Period   | Abuse | Neglect | Neglect | Total |
| FFY 2009 | 8     | 3       | 2       | 13    |
| FFY 2008 | 2     | 10      | 2       | 14    |
| FFY 2007 | 6     | 5       | 1       | 12    |
| FFY 2006 | 7     | 5       | 5       | 17    |
| FFY 2005 | 5     | 10      | 3       | 18    |

#### Perpetrators of abuse and neglect

The perpetrators of child abuse and neglect are most often family members, making up 94.3 percent of all child abuse and neglect perpetrators. Mothers and fathers are the most prevalent perpetrators of child abuse/neglect. They represent 74.3 percent of all perpetrators.

FFY 2009 Perpetrators of Founded Child Abuse/Neglect

| Perpetrator Relationship to Victim | Number | Percent |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Familial                           |        |         |
| Mother                             | 6,598  | 43.4%   |
| Father                             | 4,686  | 30.9%   |
| Brother                            | 233    | 1.5%    |
| Sister                             | 23     | 0.2%    |
| Stepfather                         | 734    | 4.8%    |
| Stepmother                         | 66     | 0.4%    |
| Stepsibling                        | 51     | 0.3%    |
| Grandfather                        | 149    | 1.0%    |
| Grandmother                        | 155    | 1.0%    |
| Aunt                               | 63     | 0.4%    |
| Uncle                              | 184    | 1.2%    |
| Foster parent/home                 | 82     | 0.5%    |
| Live-in companion                  | 799    | 5.3%    |
| Other relative                     | 143    | 0.9%    |
| Ex Live In                         | 361    | 2.4%    |
| Total Familial                     | 14,327 | 94.3%   |

| Nonfamilial         |        |        |
|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Babysitter          | 87     | 0.6%   |
| Neighbor/Friend     | 144    | 0.9%   |
| Unknown Perpetrator | 158    | 1.0%   |
| Other               | 470    | 3.1%   |
| Total Nonfamilial   | 859    | 5.7%   |
| Grand Total         | 15,186 | 100.0% |

# Family Services

#### Problems facing families

The major problems facing families of abused and neglected children are drug and/or alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and parental involvement with law enforcement. Many families also have significant child care responsibilities. Some parents were abused as children. There usually are several stress factors in families of child abuse/neglect victims.

**Family Stress Factors as a Percent of Founded Abuse** 

| Stress Factor                              | FFY 2007 | FFY 2008 | FFY 2009 |
|--|----------|----------|----------|
| Parent/caregiver alcohol or drug use       | 38.5%    | 41.2%    | 42.1%    |
| Physical abuse of spouse/fighting          | 23.6%    | 30.7%    | 31.7%    |
| Parent/caregiver involvement with LEA      | 25.1%    | 27.7%    | 27.0%    |
| Head of household unemployed               | 13.2%    | 16.1%    | 19.9%    |
| New baby/pregnancy                         | 12.6%    | 14.3%    | 13.2%    |
| Parent/caregiver history of abuse as child | 11.0%    | 13.3%    | 13.0%    |
| Inadequate housing                         | 8.4%     | 11.7%    | 10.0%    |
| Heavy child care                           | 3.1%     | 4.3%     | 3.6%     |

#### Preserving families

When it is safe, the victim of child abuse or neglect remains in the home. Child safety plans are developed for these families. During FFY 2009, a total of 9,140 children were served in their homes, either before or after any foster care experience.

On 9/30/09 a total of 2,539 children were being served in their homes, exclusive of children post-substitute care who are on a trial home visit. The following data show the key demographics of children being served at home on 9/30/09. This information has not been published in this document before.

# Race Comparison: Children in Oregon to Children With an In Home Case (Excluding when on Trial Home Visits) on 9/30/09

|                         |               | % of Children |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                         | % of Oregon's | Served In     |
| Race/Ethnicity          | children*     | Home          |
| African American        | 2.4%          | 5.2%          |
| Asian                   | 3.6%          | 0.7%          |
| Caucasian               | 69.2%         | 60.5%         |
| Hispanic (any race)     | 19.0%         | 17.9%         |
| Native American         | 1.3%          | 3.5%          |
| Pacific Islander        | 0.3%          | 0.3%          |
| Two or more race groups | 4.3%          | na            |
| Unknown/Not Recorded    | na            | 11.9%         |

<sup>\*2008</sup> estimates of population under 18, U.S. Census Bureau

9/30/09 Point in Time Children With an In Home Case (Excluding when on Trial Home Visits) by Age

| Age Group  | Number | Percent |
|------------|--------|---------|
| Age 0 - 5  | 1,162  | 45.8%   |
| Age 6 - 12 | 937    | 36.9%   |
| Age 13+    | 440    | 17.3%   |
| Total      | 2,539  | 100.0%  |

## 9/30/09 Point in Time Children With an In Home Case (Excluding when on Trial Home Visits) by Gender

|       | , ,    |         |
|-------|--------|---------|
| Sex   | Number | Percent |
| Girls | 1,284  | 50.6%   |
| Boys  | 1,255  | 49.4%   |
| Total | 2,539  | 100.0%  |

In the 1970's, Congress enacted the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), in response to a national crisis in which an alarmingly high percentage of Native American children were being removed from their families and tribal communities. ICWA assigns an enhanced responsibility to states to make "active efforts" to prevent removal of tribal children from their families.

9/30/09 Point in Time Children With an In Home Case (Excluding when on Trial Home Visits) by ICWA Status

| ICWA              | Number | Percent |
|-------------------|--------|---------|
| ICWA Eligible     | 51     | 2.0%    |
| ICWA Not Eligible | 2,488  | 98.0%   |
| Total             | 2,539  | 100.0%  |

Services to monitor in-home child safety may include parent training or other services that help support the parents' ability to provide safety for their child. If a child cannot remain safely at home, he or she is placed in foster care and the family receives services to assist them in making changes that will allow their child to safely return home.

FFY 2009 Family Services, by Type

|                                      |           | Number of       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
|                                      | Number of | <b>Families</b> |
| Description                          | Services  | Served          |
| Family decision meeting facilitation | 4,732     | 2,937           |
| Parent training services             | 2,860     | 1,738           |
| Intensive family services            | 2,314     | 1,494           |
| Family sexual abuse treatment        | 1,065     | 619             |
| Supportive remedial daycare          | 582       | 446             |
| Intensive home-based services        | 749       | 540             |
| Aftercare services                   | 131       | 121             |
| Total FBS Services                   | 12,433    | 5,111*          |

<sup>\*</sup>A family could receive >1 FBS service during the year.

Family Based Services are designed to strengthen families and increase a parent's ability to protect their child, and are intended to prevent foster care placement or to return a child home as soon as possible.

## Foster Care

Foster children range in age from birth to 18 (up to age 21 for some children) and come from many backgrounds and types of families. Many children needing foster care have been neglected or emotionally, physically or sexually abused. As a result, they may have emotional, behavioral, mental or physical problems that require special services.

In prior years, children served by tribal governments were reported in the statewide numbers for the foster care program, when those children were eligible for Title IV-E federal funds. Starting with FFY 2009 those children are not reported as part of Oregon's data. Historical data in this year's report have been adjusted to the same population, making comparisons possible. However, the statewide totals may differ from previously reported data.

#### Entering foster care

Children who cannot remain safely at home enter foster care for various reasons. These children most often enter foster care as a result of their parents' actions and not as a result of the child's behavior. During FFY 2009, 46.4 percent of children who entered foster care had four or more reasons for removal from their homes.

#### Reasons Children Enter Foster Care FFY07 - FFY09 (includes all types of foster care)

|                         | FFY    | 2007     | FFY    | 2008     | FFY    | 2009            |
|-------------------------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|-----------------|
|                         |        | % of     |        | % of     |        | % of            |
| Removal Reason          | Number | Entrants | Number | Entrants | Number | <b>Entrants</b> |
| Physical Abuse          | 2,957  | 64.9%    | 3,037  | 67.5%    | 2,952  | 64.8%           |
| Parent Drug Abuse       | 2,553  | 56.0%    | 2,603  | 57.9%    | 2,579  | 56.6%           |
| Parent Alcohol Abuse    | 2,545  | 55.9%    | 2,587  | 57.5%    | 2,567  | 56.3%           |
| Neglect Abuse           | 2,356  | 51.7%    | 2,160  | 48.0%    | 2,277  | 50.0%           |
| Child's Behavior        | 2,129  | 46.7%    | 2,106  | 46.8%    | 1,960  | 43.0%           |
| Inability To Cope       | 1,356  | 29.8%    | 1,534  | 34.1%    | 1,643  | 36.1%           |
| Inadequate Housing      | 1,061  | 23.3%    | 1,103  | 24.5%    | 996    | 21.9%           |
| Sexual Abuse            | 323    | 7.1%     | 341    | 7.6%     | 382    | 8.4%            |
| Child's Disability      | 312    | 6.8%     | 325    | 7.2%     | 274    | 6.0%            |
| Child Drug Abuse        | 63     | 1.4%     | 54     | 1.2%     | 58     | 1.3%            |
| Incarceration Of Parent | 60     | 1.3%     | 40     | 0.9%     | 57     | 1.3%            |
| Child Alcohol Abuse     | 52     | 1.1%     | 49     | 1.1%     | 56     | 1.2%            |
| Abandonment             | 61     | 1.3%     | 32     | 0.7%     | 51     | 1.1%            |
| Death Of Parent         | 3      | 0.1%     | 2      | 0.0%     | 1      | 0.0%            |
| Total Number of Foster  |        | _        |        |          |        | _               |
| Care Entrants           | 4,5    | 556      | 4,4    | 199      | 4,5    | 57              |

The number of children entering foster care during FFY 2009 rose slightly (1.3 percent increase), from the FFY 2008 level. The number of children leaving foster care decreased, by 3.6 percent. However, there was net decrease in the foster care population from the FFY 2008 level because more children left foster care than entered foster care during FFY 2009.

#### 7,000 ■ Entering 6,119 ■ Leaving 6,000 5,456 5,476 5,22 4,967 4,674 4,850 5,000 4,556 4,557 4.499 4,000 3,000 2,000 1.000 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 **Federal Fiscal Year**

#### Children entering/leaving foster care

A total of 619 children (or 13.2 percent of all exits) left foster care and custody within 3 months of entry.

#### Children served in foster care

During FFY 2009, 13,291 children spent at least one day in some kind of foster care. Of those, 82.5 percent (10,969 children) were served in a family foster care setting. The following data show the key demographics of children served in foster care during FFY 2009.

FFY 2009 Age of Children Served in Foster Care

| Age Group  | Number | Percent |
|------------|--------|---------|
| Age 0 - 5  | 5,192  | 39.1%   |
| Age 6 - 12 | 4,159  | 31.3%   |
| Age 13+    | 3,940  | 29.6%   |
| Total      | 13,291 | 100.0%  |

FFY 2009 Gender of Children Served in Foster Care

| Gender | Number | Percent |
|--------|--------|---------|
| Boys   | 6,764  | 50.9%   |
| Girls  | 6,527  | 49.1%   |
| Total  | 13,291 | 100.0%  |

During FFY 2009, a total of 20 percent of children served in foster care were of more than one race. However, the following data for Oregon displays the child's first recorded race/ethnicity.

FFY 2009 Race Comparison: Oregon Children to Children Served in Foster Care

| Race                    | % of Oregon's children* | % of children served in foster care |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| African American        | 2.4%                    | 8.3%                                |
| Asian                   | 3.6%                    | 0.9%                                |
| Caucasian               | 69.2%                   | 62.5%                               |
| Hispanic (any race)     | 19.0%                   | 12.8%                               |
| Native American         | 1.3%                    | 8.8%                                |
| Pacific Islander        | 0.3%                    | 0.5%                                |
| Two or more race groups | 4.3%                    | na                                  |
| Unknown/Not Recorded    | na                      | 6.4%                                |

<sup>\*2008</sup> estimates of population under 18, U.S. Census Bureau

Children Served in Foster Care, by Race FFY 2007 - FFY 2009

| Race                 | FFY 2007 | FFY 2008 | FFY 2009 |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| African American     | 6.8%     | 7.4%     | 8.3%     |
| Asian                | 0.8%     | 0.9%     | 0.9%     |
| Caucasian            | 63.8%    | 61.7%    | 62.5%    |
| Hispanic (any race)  | 8.7%     | 10.0%    | 12.8%    |
| Native American      | 9.1%     | 9.1%     | 8.8%     |
| Pacific Islander     | 0.3%     | 0.4%     | 0.5%     |
| Unknown/Not Recorded | 10.5%    | 10.5%    | 6.4%     |

In the 1970's, Congress enacted the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), in response to a national crisis in which an alarmingly high percentage of Native American children were being removed from their families and tribal communities. ICWA assigns an enhanced responsibility to states to

make "active efforts" to prevent removal of tribal children from their families.

FFY 2009 Total Children Served in Foster Care by Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Status

| ICWA Status       | Number | Percent |
|-------------------|--------|---------|
| ICWA Eligible     | 559    | 4.2%    |
| ICWA Not Eligible | 12,732 | 95.8%   |
| Total             | 13,291 | 100.0%  |

#### Family and sibling connections

DHS helps maintain connections for children placed in foster care by working to place children in their home communities, with relatives and by placing siblings together in out-of-home care.

There were 8,617 children in foster care as of September 30, 2009, the last day of the federal fiscal year. At that time, 6,631 children were in family foster care (a family-home setting). Of those in family foster care, 26.9 percent (1,782 children) were with relatives. The other settings for children in foster care include those in residential treatment, trial home visits and pre-adoptive settings.

As of the last day of FFY 2009, there were 3,786 children in out-of-home foster care who were part of a sibling group. Of these children, 3,048 (80.5 percent) were placed with the same family as one or more of their siblings. The percent of children with siblings being placed with siblings is up slightly from those in care a year earlier, when 80.2 percent of children were placed with siblings.

#### Stability while in foster care

For children in care as of September 30, 2009, 60 percent had two or fewer placements. This is an improvement over 2008.

Number of Placements for Children in Foster Care on Last Day of Federal Fiscal Year

|                      | 9/30/2008 |         | 9/30/  | /2009   |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|
| Number of Placements | Number    | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 1                    | 2,792     | 31.1%   | 2,920  | 33.9%   |
| 2                    | 2,345     | 26.1%   | 2,245  | 26.1%   |
| 3                    | 1,305     | 14.5%   | 1,076  | 12.5%   |
| 4                    | 731       | 8.1%    | 686    | 8.0%    |
| 5                    | 470       | 5.2%    | 400    | 4.6%    |
| 6 or more            | 1,327     | 14.8%   | 1,290  | 15.0%   |
| Total                | 8,970     | 100.0%  | 8,617  | 100.0%  |

#### **Foster Homes**

Foster parents care for children who have been abused or neglected and who cannot remain in their own homes. All foster homes must be certified as meeting state-defined safety standards. The safety standards are the same for relatives, non-relatives and families considering adoption.

The department is always in need of foster parents to appropriately place children and keep children in their own communities. During FFY 2009, DHS conducted background checks on, and certified, 1,837 new foster homes.

There were 4,432 family foster homes in Oregon as of September 30, 2009, a drop of 4.7 percent from the previous year. Of these homes, 38.6 percent provided care to relative foster children.

#### Behavioral rehabilitation services

Behavioral rehabilitation services (BRS) is a higher level of care that provides the skill development necessary for children with debilitating emotional and behavioral challenges to return home or move to a less intensive level of care and to ultimately achieve permanence.

More than 550 foster children per day receive these important services, including behavioral intervention, counseling and skill-building services in professional assessment and stabilization facilities, therapeutic foster care, and residential placement models. These service programs are administered through contracts with licensed private child-caring agencies.

On any given day during FFY 2009, BRS helped:

- 207 children in professional shelter programs, and
- 352 children in residential treatment settings.

#### Psychiatric residential treatment

Children in the state's custody whose mental health needs exceed or differ from the level or type of services provided by the BRS system may be served within the mental health services system in psychiatric residential placements or other mental health supported placements.

On any given day 70 foster children are served in psychiatric residential treatment settings. These children are directly served by the DHS Addictions and Mental Health Division.

#### Teenagers in foster care

Oregon Revised Statutes allow for children to remain in out-of-home care placement beyond the age of 18, and with a court order up to age 21.

#### During FFY 2009:

- Teens comprised 29.6 percent of the foster care population.
- A total of 3,940 teens spent at least one day in foster care.
- Teens that left foster care were reunited with their families 43.6 percent of the time.
- 278 current and former foster care youth received scholarships for higher education for the 2008-2009 school year through a federal grant awarded to DHS and implemented with the assistance of the Oregon Student Assistance Commission.

#### Independent living programs

Foster care youths are eligible for Independent Living Program (ILP) services. ILP services are provided by 19 contracted community-based partners throughout the state. The number of youths receiving ILP services rose from 1,510 in FFY 2008 to 1,598 in FFY 2009, an increase of 5.8 percent.

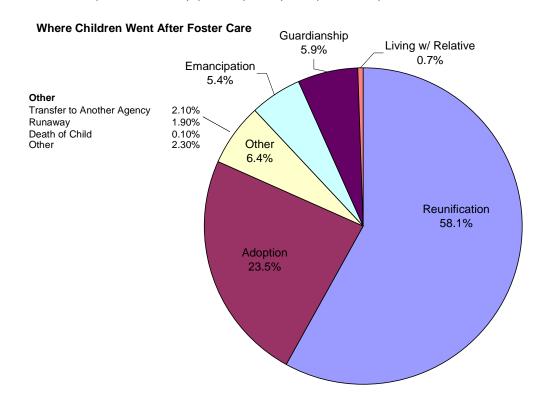
ILP services help youths in foster care:

- Make the transition to self-sufficiency as adults;
- Receive the education, training and services necessary to obtain employment;
- Attain academic and/or vocational education and prepare for post-secondary training and education; and
- Obtain personal and emotional support and promote healthy interactions with dedicated adults.

#### Exiting foster care

Most children leaving foster care are reunified with their parents. But for other children, a plan to reunify them with their parents does not occur for many reasons. These children who exit foster care may move on to various other living arrangements and permanent plans, such as adoption, guardianship or permanent relative care.

During FFY 2009, 58.1 percent of children who left foster care were reunified with their families. If a child cannot return home, the law requires that an alternative permanency plan quickly be put into place.



# Adoption and Guardianship Program

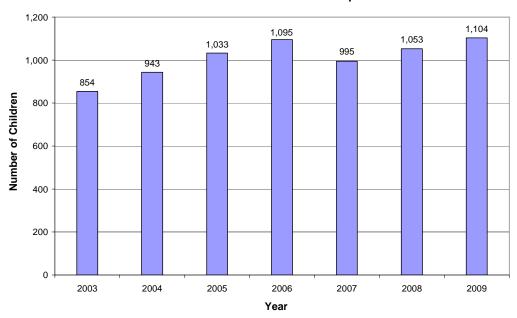
The DHS Children, Adults and Families (CAF) Adoption Program facilitates selection and finalization of adoption and guardianship as the preferred permanency options for foster children when it is no longer in their best interest to return to the care of their biological parents. CAF also facilitates finalization for Oregon children who are the subject of Oregon private adoptions.

### **Adoption**

#### Adoption finalizations

CAF finalized adoptions for 1,104 children in FFY 2009. This figure represents an all-time high for Oregon. In 2008, CAF finalized 1,053 adoptions.

#### FFY 2009 Number of Finalized Adoptions



FFY 2009 Children with finalized adoptions, by District (Placed in State)

| DHS DISTRICT | Children came from | Children went to |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------|
| District 01  | 31                 | 33               |
| District 02  | 233                | 155              |
| District 03  | 164                | 110              |
| District 04  | 46                 | 58               |
| District 05  | 198                | 153              |
| District 06  | 29                 | 31               |
| District 07  | 43                 | 33               |
| District 08  | 134                | 111              |
| District 09  | 12                 | 9                |
| District 10  | 19                 | 24               |
| District 11  | 15                 | 6-10*            |
| District 12  | 28                 | 20               |
| District 13  | 11-15*             | 1-5*             |
| District 14  | 1-5*               | 11               |
| District 15  | 30                 | 40               |
| District 16  | 107                | 69               |

<sup>\*</sup> Range given to ensure confidentiality.

A total of 235 children with a finalized adoption were placed by agencies other than the Oregon Department of Human Services.

Oregon Children Placed Out of State (OOS) - From All Districts

| Home Studies Done By Agency Type     | Number of Children |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Studies done by OOS public agencies  | 125                |
| Studies done by OR private agencies  | 56                 |
| Studies done by OOS private agencies | 54                 |

#### **Demographics**

Of the 1,104 children adopted, 262 were younger than age 3 at the time their adoption became final.

FFY 2009 Age of Adopted Children

| Age          | Number | Percent |
|--------------|--------|---------|
| less than 3  | 262    | 23.7%   |
| 3-4 years    | 266    | 24.1%   |
| 5-8 years    | 325    | 29.4%   |
| 9-10 years   | 113    | 10.2%   |
| 11-13 years  | 89     | 8.1%    |
| 14 and older | 49     | 4.4%    |
| Total        | 1,104  | 100%    |

Finalized adoptions in FFY 2009 were about evenly split between boys and girls.

FFY 2009 Gender of Adopted Children

| Gender | Number | Percent |
|--------|--------|---------|
| Boys   | 543    | 49.2%   |
| Girls  | 561    | 50.8%   |
| Total  | 1,104  | 100%    |

33.0 percent of the children adopted during the year were members of an ethnic minority, up from 30.5 percent in the previous year. Adoptive homes for older children, children of color and sibling groups continue to be in high demand.

FFY 2009 Children with Finalized Adoptions, by Race

| 11 1 2000 Official With 1 managed Adoptions, by Rade |                                  |        |  |  |  |  |
|--|----------------------------------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Race/Ethnicity                                       | ace/Ethnicity Number of Children |        |  |  |  |  |
| African American                                     | 96                               | 8.7%   |  |  |  |  |
| Asian  | 10                               | 0.9%   |  |  |  |  |
| Caucasion  | 740                              | 67.0%  |  |  |  |  |
| Pacific Islander                                     | 6                                | 0.5%   |  |  |  |  |
| Hispanic (any race)                                  | 224                              | 20.3%  |  |  |  |  |
| Native American                                      | 24                               | 2.2%   |  |  |  |  |
| Unknown/Not Recorded                                 | 4                                | 0.4%   |  |  |  |  |
| Total  | 1,104                            | 100.0% |  |  |  |  |

#### Special needs and adoption assistance

Nearly all children adopted during FFY 2009 had one or more special needs (1,093 children or 99.0 percent) and received some sort of adoption assistance. Adoption assistance can include an agreement to open a subsidy should the child's needs change in the future, only a medical card, only a subsidy payment, or a medical card and a subsidy payment.

FFY 2009 Special Needs of Children with Finalized Adoptions

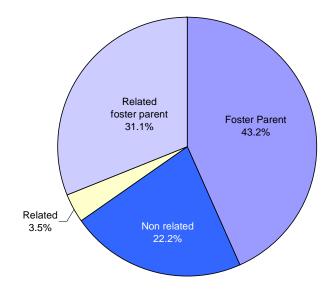
| Identified special need       | Number | % of Children |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| Emotional disability          | 988    | 89.5%         |
| Mental disability             | 70     | 6.3%          |
| Physical disability           | 90     | 8.2%          |
| Visual or hearing impaired    | 23     | 2.1%          |
| Other condition or disability | 805    | 72.9%         |

#### Preserving connections

DHS places a high value on preserving and promoting relationships between siblings and placing them together in the same adoptive family whenever it is safe and possible to do so. In FFY 2009, 615 children who were adopted had siblings also adopted during the year. Of these children, 575 (93.5 percent) were adopted by the same family as one or more of their siblings.

Most families who adopt have some previous connection with the child prior to adoption. In FFY 2009, 77.8 percent of the children adopted from DHS were adopted by relatives or non-relative foster parents.

#### Adoptive Family Relationship to Child



#### Timeliness of finalization

A primary goal of federal and state governments is to establish permanency for a child as soon as possible. The federal government has established parameters that guide states in this effort, to include establishing a national standard for the median length of time to achieve a timely adoption. Achieving timely adoptions continues to present challenges for Oregon. While the length of time to achieve adoption varies,

the median time to adoption was 35.5 months for children whose adoptions were finalized in FFY 2009. This represents and improvement in the median months to adoption from the 2008 level of 36.2 months.

This careful process helps ensure adoptions will be successful. Statistics show 97.8 percent of Oregon's adoptive placements continued to finalization without disruption in FFY 2009.

#### Recruitment

During FFY 2009 a total of 753 families adopted children, with 77.4 percent of those families recruited by CAF.

- 583 Oregon families recruited by CAF adopted 869 children.
- 41 families recruited by Oregon private adoption agencies adopted 56 children (5.1 percent).
- 30 families recruited by out-of-state private agencies adopted 54 children (4.9 percent).
- 99 families recruited by out-of-state public agencies adopted 125 children (11.3 percent).

FFY 2009 Number of Children by Placing Agency Type

| Placing Agency         | Number | Percent |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Oregon Private Agency  | 56     | 5.07%   |
| Out of State - Private | 54     | 4.89%   |
| Out of State - Public  | 125    | 11.32%  |
| Oregon DHS             | 869    | 78.71%  |
| Total                  | 1,104  | 100%    |

### Guardianships

When a child cannot be returned home and adoption is not in the child's best interests, then guardianship is considered to be a more permanent plan for a child than long-term foster care since guardians have permanent legal custody of the child.

#### Guardianship completion

During FFY 2009 a total of 294 children exited to a guardianship, down slightly from 316 in FFY 2008. The majority of children go to guardianship with relatives.

**Exits to Guardianship by Year** 

| FFY  | Number | % Change |
|------|--------|----------|
| 2005 | 247    | na       |
| 2006 | 259    | 4.9%     |
| 2007 | 334    | 29.0%    |
| 2008 | 316    | -5.4%    |
| 2009 | 294    | -7.0%    |

#### Demographics

The following data show the key demographics of children who exited to guardianship during FFY 2009. The majority of guardianships (75.2 percent) are for children ages 6 and older.

FFY 2009 Age of Children Exiting to Guardianship

| Age              | Number | Percent |
|------------------|--------|---------|
| Age 0-5          | 73     | 24.8%   |
| Age 6-12         | 119    | 40.5%   |
| Age 13 and older | 102    | 34.7%   |
| Total            | 294    | 100.0%  |

More girls exit to guardianship than boys.

FFY 2009 Gender of Children Exiting to Guardianship

| Gender | Number | Percent |
|--------|--------|---------|
| Girls  | 160    | 54.4%   |
| Boys   | 134    | 45.6%   |
| Total  | 294    | 100.0%  |

Children of all different racial and ethnic backgrounds exit to guardianship. For children exiting to guardianship, a total of 28.9 percent of the children were of more than one race. However, the following data for Oregon displays the child's first recorded race/ethnicity.

FFY 2009 Race of Children Exiting to Guardianship

| Race/Ethnicity       | Number | Percent |
|----------------------|--------|---------|
| African American     | 17     | 5.8%    |
| Asian                | 3      | 1.0%    |
| Caucasian            | 174    | 59.0%   |
| Hispanic (any race)  | 17     | 5.8%    |
| Native American      | 59     | 20.0%   |
| Pacific Islander     | 1      | 0.3%    |
| Unknown/Not Recorded | 24     | 8.1%    |
| Total                | 295    | 100.0%  |

#### Special needs and guardianship assistance

Children who go to guardianship have the same assistance available to them as adopted children to help sustain their placement. These children are statistically the same as adopted children with respect for their background of child abuse/neglect and special emotional, medical, and physical needs.

# Appendix: County Information

FFY 2009 Assessments by Disposition and County

| 11 1 2003 A33C331 | Unable to |         |           |        |
|-------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------|
| County            | Determine | Founded | Unfounded | Total  |
| BAKER             | 45        | 55      | 107       | 207    |
| BENTON            | 80        | 77      | 183       | 340    |
| CLACKAMAS         | 590       | 413     | 1,085     | 2,088  |
| CLATSOP           | 73        | 90      | 268       | 431    |
| COLUMBIA          | 85        | 111     | 313       | 509    |
| COOS              | 134       | 162     | 340       | 636    |
| CROOK             | 14        | 32      | 74        | 120    |
| CURRY             | 52        | 41      | 47        | 140    |
| DESCHUTES         | 36        | 186     | 395       | 617    |
| DOUGLAS           | 107       | 162     | 445       | 714    |
| GILLIAM           | -         | 17      | 11        | 28     |
| GRANT             | 1-5*      | 21-25*  | 37        | 62     |
| HARNEY            | 8         | 25      | 60        | 93     |
| HOOD RIVER        | 20        | 43      | 62        | 125    |
| JACKSON           | 880       | 430     | 228       | 1,538  |
| JEFFERSON         | 13        | 47      | 88        | 148    |
| JOSEPHINE         | 175       | 197     | 278       | 650    |
| KLAMATH           | 282       | 225     | 312       | 819    |
| LAKE              | 14        | 17      | 52        | 83     |
| LANE              | 411       | 682     | 1,231     | 2,324  |
| LINCOLN           | 149       | 133     | 145       | 427    |
| LINN              | 368       | 403     | 524       | 1,295  |
| MALHEUR           | 20        | 114     | 258       | 392    |
| MARION            | 242       | 758     | 1,903     | 2,903  |
| MORROW            | 13        | 35      | 41        | 89     |
| MULTNOMAH         | 1,538     | 1,428   | 3,979     | 6,945  |
| POLK              | 32        | 137     | 363       | 532    |
| SHERMAN           | 6         | 8       | 8         | 22     |
| TILLAMOOK         | 38        | 45      | 207       | 290    |
| UMATILLA          | 99        | 192     | 320       | 611    |
| UNION             | 37        | 59      | 120       | 216    |
| WALLOWA           | 1-5*      | 11-15*  | 27        | 47     |
| WASCO             | 20        | 59      | 125       | 204    |
| WASHINGTON        | 493       | 611     | 1,247     | 2,351  |
| WHEELER           | 1-5*      | 1-5*    | 1-5*      | 7      |
| YAMHILL           | 25        | 172     | 228       | 425    |
| OREGON**          | 6,126     | 7,240   | 15,218    | 28,584 |

<sup>\*</sup>Range given to assure confidentiality.

<sup>\*\*</sup>State total includes investigations by DHS Office of Investigations & Training

FFY 2009 Incidents of Abuse/Neglect

|            | S Of Abuse/Ne | giect     |             | Sexual abuse & |           |
|------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|-----------|
|            | Mental        |           |             | sexual abuse & | Threat of |
| 0          |               | No select | Diversional |                |           |
| County     | Injury        | Neglect   | Physical    | exploitation   | Harm      |
| BAKER      | 1-5*          | 37        | 8           | 10             | 42        |
| BENTON     | -             | 44        | 13          | 24             | 48        |
| CLACKAMAS  | 1-5*          | 203       | 75          | 100            | 373       |
| CLATSOP    | -             | 62        | 19          | 12             | 90        |
| COLUMBIA   | -             | 58        | 21          | 29             | 161       |
| COOS       | 7             | 155       | 42          | 20             | 152       |
| CROOK      | 1-5*          | 39        | 7           | 7              | 25        |
| CURRY      | -             | 40        | 6           | 1-5*           | 41        |
| DESCHUTES  | 1-5*          | 112       | 48          | 18             | 106       |
| DOUGLAS    | 9             | 91        | 17          | 17             | 224       |
| GILLIAM    | -             | 18        | -           | 1-5*           | 14        |
| GRANT      | -             | 11        | 1-5*        | 1-5*           | 22        |
| HARNEY     | -             | 16        | 11          | 7              | 17        |
| HOOD RIVER | -             | 22        | 14          | 6              | 41        |
| JACKSON    | 29            | 253       | 58          | 67             | 505       |
| JEFFERSON  | 1-5*          | 47        | 13          | 7              | 39        |
| JOSEPHINE  | 1-5*          | 123       | 33          | 16             | 213       |
| KLAMATH    | 23            | 108       | 61          | 22             | 375       |
| LAKE       | -             | 6         | 1-5*        | 13             | 11        |
| LANE       | 62            | 428       | 113         | 81             | 655       |
| LINCOLN    | 23            | 106       | 25          | 6              | 122       |
| LINN       | -             | 242       | 55          | 81             | 488       |
| MALHEUR    | 1-5*          | 96        | 22          | 17             | 67        |
| MARION     | 13            | 732       | 115         | 108            | 606       |
| MORROW     | -             | 28        | 8           | 1-5*           | 38        |
| MULTNOMAH  | 27            | 625       | 258         | 293            | 1,610     |
| POLK       | 1-5*          | 133       | 22          | 25             | 94        |
| SHERMAN    | -             | 6         | 1-5*        | -              | 1-5*      |
| TILLAMOOK  | -             | 21        | 1-5*        | 7              | 50        |
| UMATILLA   | 1-5*          | 152       | 38          | 29             | 204       |
| UNION      | 1-5*          | 55        | 15          | 13             | 37        |
| WALLOWA    | -             | 6         | 1-5*        | 1-5*           | 18        |
| WASCO      | -             | 6         | 8           | 10             | 73        |
| WASHINGTON | 32            | 357       | 131         | 137            | 654       |
| WHEELER    | -             | 1-5*      | 1-5*        | -              | 1-5*      |
| YAMHILL    | 6             | 169       | 30          | 73             | 181       |
| OREGON**   | 261           | 4,630     | 1,303       | 1,270          | 7,406     |

<sup>\*</sup>Range given to assure confidentiality.

<sup>\*\*</sup>State total includes investigations by DHS Office of Investigations & Training

Victim Rate per 1,000 Children, by County - FFY 2007-2009

|            | Popu    | lation und | er 18   |        | Victims |        | Ra   | ate per 1,00 | 0         |
|------------|---------|------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|------|--------------|-----------|
|            | 2007    | 2008       | 2009    | 2007   | 2008    | 2009   | 2007 | 2008         | 2009      |
| BAKER      | 3,428   | 3,271      | 3,207   | 72     | 63      | 84     | 21.0 | 19.3         | 26.2      |
| BENTON     | 15,630  | 17,843     | 17,690  | 99     | 101     | 103    | 6.3  | 5.7          | 5.8       |
| CLACKAMAS  | 90,182  | 89,853     | 89,897  | 601    | 548     | 601    | 6.7  | 6.1          | 6.7       |
| CLATSOP    | 8,019   | 8,092      | 8,028   | 94     | 92      | 125    | 11.7 | 11.4         | 15.6      |
| COLUMBIA   | 11,852  | 11,530     | 11,462  | 119    | 120     | 192    | 10.0 | 10.4         | 16.8      |
| COOS       | 12,820  | 12,542     | 12,339  | 227    | 234     | 254    | 17.7 | 18.7         | 20.6      |
| CROOK      | 6,454   | 6,496      | 6,550   | 60     | 45      | 47     | 9.3  | 6.9          | 7.2       |
| CURRY      | 3,704   | 3,496      | 3,393   | 35     | 17      | 55     | 9.4  | 4.9          | 16.2      |
| DESCHUTES  | 35,666  | 36,442     | 36,781  | 275    | 268     | 235    | 7.7  | 7.4          | 6.4       |
| DOUGLAS    | 22,619  | 22,446     | 22,227  | 248    | 243     | 271    | 11.0 | 10.8         | 12.2      |
| GILLIAM    | 401     | 365        | 356     | 18     | 10      | 24     | 44.9 | 27.4         | 67.4      |
| GRANT      | 1,686   | 1,600      | 1,572   | 24     | 19      | 28     | 14.2 | 11.9         | 17.8      |
| HARNEY     | 1,778   | 1,669      | 1,628   | 42     | 37      | 33     | 23.6 | 22.2         | 20.3      |
| HOOD RIVER | 5,715   | 5,537      | 5,496   | 32     | 29      | 68     | 5.6  | 5.2          | 12.4      |
| JACKSON    | 45,605  | 46,232     | 46,294  | 760    | 577     | 662    | 16.7 | 12.5         | 14.3      |
| JEFFERSON  | 6,284   | 6,116      | 6,121   | 43     | 70      | 78     | 6.8  | 11.4         | 12.7      |
| JOSEPHINE  | 17,320  | 17,116     | 16,987  | 213    | 242     | 295    | 12.3 | 14.1         | 17.4      |
| KLAMATH    | 16,094  | 15,947     | 15,856  | 373    | 417     | 396    | 23.2 | 26.1         | 25.0      |
| LAKE       | 1,724   | 1,560      | 1,532   | 20     | 27      | 22     | 11.6 | 17.3         | 14.4      |
| LANE       | 71,361  | 73,645     | 73,278  | 799    | 912     | 1,021  | 11.2 | 12.4         | 13.9      |
| LINCOLN    | 8,572   | 8,320      | 8,188   | 116    | 119     | 190    | 13.5 | 14.3         | 23.2      |
| LINN       | 27,113  | 27,040     | 27,051  | 671    | 502     | 635    | 24.7 | 18.6         | 23.5      |
| MALHEUR    | 8,136   | 7,970      | 7,854   | 187    | 152     | 169    | 23.0 | 19.1         | 21.5      |
| MARION     | 81,790  | 82,373     | 82,739  | 1,387  | 1,404   | 1,196  | 17.0 | 17.0         | 14.5      |
| MORROW     | 3,465   | 3,503      | 3,503   | 69     | 63      | 61     | 19.9 | 18.0         | 17.4      |
| MULTNOMAH  | 157,184 | 159,555    | 160,578 | 2,271  | 2,099   | 2,190  | 14.4 | 13.2         | 13.6      |
| POLK       | 15,343  | 16,088     | 16,100  | 244    | 217     | 210    | 15.9 | 13.5         | 13.0      |
| SHERMAN    | 400     | 368        | 353     | 9      | 16      | 9      | 22.5 | 43.5         | 25.5      |
| TILLAMOOK  | 5,058   | 4,794      | 4,684   | 37     | 55      | 53     | 7.3  | 11.5         | 11.3      |
| UMATILLA   | 18,639  | 18,402     | 18,228  | 253    | 275     | 285    | 13.6 | 14.9         | 15.6      |
| UNION      | 5,838   | 6,051      | 6,046   | 103    | 110     | 90     | 17.6 | 18.2         | 14.9      |
| WALLOWA    | 1,450   | 1,339      | 1,301   | 17     | 26      | 21     | 11.7 | 19.4         | 16.1      |
| WASCO      | 5,894   | 5,791      | 5,776   | 103    | 101     | 86     | 17.5 | 17.4         | 14.9      |
| WASHINGTON | 137,742 | 137,701    | 139,194 | 882    | 957     | 953    | 6.4  | 6.9          | 6.8       |
| WHEELER    | 315     | 279        | 276     | 6      | 1-5*    | 1-5*   | 19.0 | 3.6-17.9*    | 3.6-18.1* |
| YAMHILL    | 22,263  | 22,991     | 22,950  | 207    | 226     | 309    | 9.3  | 9.8          | 13.5      |
| OREGON**   | 877,547 | 884,364    | 885,516 | 10,716 | 10,421  | 11,090 | 12.2 | 11.8         | 12.5      |

<sup>\*</sup>Range given to assure confidentiality.

<sup>\*\*</sup>State total includes investigations by DHS Office of Investigations & Training

Child Served In Home, Rate per 1,000 Children (In Home on 9/30), by County - 2007 to 2009 (Excluding when on trial home visits)

| (Excluding when on     |          | /           |         | Num   | ber Serv | ed In |           |            |           |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|-----------|
|                        | Ch       | ild Populat | ion     |       | me on 9  |       | Rate P    | er 1,000 C | hildren   |
| County                 | 2007     | 2008        | 2009    | 2007  | 2008     | 2009  | 2007      | 2008       | 2009      |
| BAKER                  | 3.428    | 3,271       | 3,207   | 17    | 1-5*     | 7     | 5.0       | 0.3-11.5*  | 2.2       |
| BENTON                 | 15,630   | 17,843      | 17,690  | 1-5*  | 1-5*     | 14    | 0.625*    | 0.625*     | 0.8       |
| CLACKAMAS              | 90,182   | 89,853      | 89,897  | 319   | 133      | 172   | 3.5       |            | 1.9       |
| CLATSOP                | 8,019    | 8,092       | 8,028   | 23    | 21       | 26    | 2.9       | 2.6        | 3.2       |
| COLUMBIA               | 11,852   | 11,530      | 11,462  | 13    | 15       | 17    | 1.1       | 1.3        | 1.5       |
| COOS                   | 12,820   | 12,542      | 12,339  | 54    | 22       | 31    | 4.2       | 1.8        | 2.5       |
| CROOK                  | 6,454    | 6,496       | 6,550   | 1-5*  | 9        | 16    | 0.2-0.8*  | 1.4        | 2.4       |
| CURRY                  | 3,704    | 3,496       | 3,393   | 1-5*  |          | 14    | 0.3-1.4*  | 0.0        | 4.1       |
| DESCHUTES              | 35,666   | 36,442      | 36,781  | 29    | 22       | 31    | 0.8       | 0.6        | 0.8       |
| DOUGLAS                | 22,619   | 22,446      | 22,227  | 86    | 74       | 49    | 3.8       | 3.3        | 2.2       |
| GILLIAM                | 401      | 365         | 356     | 6     | 1-5*     | 7     | 15.0      | 2.7-13.7*  | 19.7      |
| GRANT                  | 1,686    | 1,600       | 1,572   | -     | 6        | 13    | 0.0       | 3.7        | 8.3       |
| HARNEY                 | 1,778    | 1,669       | 1,628   | 22    | 27       | 25    | 12.4      | 16.2       | 15.4      |
| HOOD RIVER             | 5,715    | 5,537       | 5,496   | 6     | 8        | 25    | 1.0       | 1.4        | 4.5       |
| JACKSON                | 45,605   | 46,232      | 46,294  | 210   | 192      | 206   | 4.6       | 4.2        | 4.4       |
| JEFFERSON              | 6,284    | 6,116       | 6,121   | 19    | 17       | 21    | 3.0       | 2.8        | 3.4       |
| JOSEPHINE              | 17,320   | 17,116      | 16,987  | 46    | 43       | 21    | 2.7       | 2.5        | 1.2       |
| KLAMATH                | 16,094   | 15,947      | 15,856  | 74    | 105      | 77    | 4.6       | 6.6        | 4.9       |
| LAKE                   | 1,724    | 1,560       | 1,532   | 1-5*  | -        | 1-5*  | 0.6-2.9*  | 0.0        | 0.7-3.3*  |
| LANE                   | 71,361   | 73,645      | 73,278  | 180   | 197      | 280   | 2.5       | 2.7        | 3.8       |
| LINCOLN                | 8,572    | 8,320       | 8,188   | 14    | 24       | 19    | 1.6       | 2.9        | 2.3       |
| LINN                   | 27,113   | 27,040      | 27,051  | 192   | 106      | 97    | 7.1       | 3.9        | 3.6       |
| MALHEUR                | 8,136    | 7,970       | 7,854   | 62    | 97       | 68    | 7.6       | 12.2       | 8.7       |
| MARION                 | 81,790   | 82,373      | 82,739  | 378   | 264      | 211   | 4.6       | 3.2        | 2.6       |
| MORROW                 | 3,465    | 3,503       | 3,503   | 25    | 30       | 12    | 7.2       | 8.6        | 3.4       |
| MULTNOMAH              | 157,184  | 159,555     | 160,578 | 741   | 539      | 501   | 4.7       | 3.4        | 3.1       |
| POLK                   | 15,343   | 16,088      | 16,100  | 29    | 8        | 37    | 1.9       | 0.5        | 2.3       |
| SHERMAN                | 400      | 368         | 353     | -     | 1-5*     | 1-5*  | 0.0       | 2.7-13.6*  | 2.8-14.2* |
| TILLAMOOK              | 5,058    | 4,794       | 4,684   | 10    | 1-5*     | 11    | 2.0       | 0.2-1.0*   | 2.3       |
| UMATILLA               | 18,639   | 18,402      | 18,228  | 53    | 29       | 43    | 2.8       |            | 2.4       |
| UNION                  | 5,838    | 6,051       | 6,046   | 18    | 22       | 17    | 3.1       | 3.6        | 2.8       |
| WALLOWA                | 1,450    | 1,339       | 1,301   | 1-5*  | 16       | 1-5*  | 0.7-3.5   | 11.9       | 0.8-3.8*  |
| WASCO                  | 5,894    | 5,791       | 5,776   | 22    | 12       | 42    | 3.7       | 2.1        | 7.3       |
| WASHINGTON             | 137,742  | 137,701     | 139,194 | 181   | 181      | 323   | 1.3       | 1.3        | 2.3       |
| WHEELER                | 315      | 279         | 276     | 1-5*  | -        | 1-5*  | 3.2-15.9* | 0.0        | 3.6-18.1* |
| YAMHILL                | 22,263   | 22,991      | 22,950  | 48    | 64       | 91    | 2.2       | 2.8        | 4.0       |
| OREGON**               | 877,547  | 884,364     | 885,516 | 2,891 | 2,300    | 2,539 | 3.3       | 2.6        | 2.9       |
| *Range given to assure | C.1 C.P. |             |         |       |          |       |           |            |           |

<sup>\*</sup>Range given to assure confidentiality.

<sup>\*\*</sup>State total does not include Title IV-E eligible children served by tribes.

Foster Care Rate per 1.000 Children (in Foster Care on 9/30), by County - 2007 - 2009

| Foster Care Rate | per 1,000 t      | Sililaren (ii | i roster Ga                   |        |        |                         | 007 - 2008 | ,        |      |
|------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|------------|----------|------|
|                  | Child Population |               | Number in Foster Care on 9/30 |        |        | Rate Per 1,000 Children |            |          |      |
| County           | 2007             | 2008          | 2009                          | 2007   | 2008   | 2009                    | 2006       | 2007     | 2009 |
| BAKER            | 3,428            | 3,271         | 3,207                         | 29     | 40     | 39                      | 8.5        | 12.2     | 12.2 |
| BENTON           | 15,630           | 17,843        | 17,690                        | 49     | 45     | 43                      | 3.1        | 2.5      | 2.4  |
| CLACKAMAS        | 90,182           | 89,853        | 89,897                        | 350    | 281    | 293                     | 3.9        | 3.1      | 3.3  |
| CLATSOP          | 8,019            | 8,092         | 8,028                         | 80     | 83     | 99                      | 10.0       |          | 12.3 |
| COLUMBIA         | 11,852           | 11,530        | 11,462                        | 153    | 116    | 112                     | 12.9       | 10.3     | 9.8  |
| COOS             | 12,820           | 12,542        | 12,339                        | 191    | 203    | 209                     | 14.9       | 16.2     | 16.9 |
| CROOK            | 6,454            | 6,496         | 6,550                         | 39     | 32     | 35                      | 6.0        | 4.9      | 5.3  |
| CURRY            | 3,704            | 3,496         | 3,393                         | 47     | 39     | 40                      | 12.7       | 11.2     | 11.8 |
| DESCHUTES        | 35,666           | 36,442        | 36,781                        | 115    | 106    | 115                     | 3.2        | 2.9      | 3.1  |
| DOUGLAS          | 22,619           | 22,446        | 22,227                        | 276    | 279    | 337                     | 12.2       |          | 15.2 |
| GILLIAM          | 401              | 365           | 356                           | 9      | 10     | 19                      | 22.4       | 27.4     | 53.3 |
| GRANT            | 1,686            | 1,600         | 1,572                         | 12     | 15     | 15                      | 7.1        | 9.4      | 9.5  |
| HARNEY           | 1,778            | 1,669         | 1,628                         | 39     | 28     | 26                      | 21.9       | 16.8     | 16.0 |
| HOOD RIVER       | 5,715            | 5,537         | 5,496                         | 36     | 33     | 36                      | 6.3        | 6.0      | 6.6  |
| JACKSON          | 45,605           | 46,232        | 46,294                        | 541    | 523    | 452                     | 11.9       |          | 9.8  |
| JEFFERSON        | 6,284            | 6,116         | 6,121                         | 44     | 44     | 38                      | 7.0        | 7.2      | 6.2  |
| JOSEPHINE        | 17,320           | 17,116        | 16,987                        | 168    | 217    | 186                     | 9.7        | 12.7     | 10.9 |
| KLAMATH          | 16,094           | 15,947        | 15,856                        | 277    | 244    | 274                     | 17.2       | 15.3     | 17.3 |
| LAKE             | 1,724            | 1,560         | 1,532                         | 9      | 17     | 7                       | 5.2        | 10.9     | 4.6  |
| LANE             | 71,361           | 73,645        | 73,278                        | 1,185  | 1,130  | 1,137                   | 16.6       |          | 15.5 |
| LINCOLN          | 8,572            | 8,320         | 8,188                         | 119    | 102    | 110                     | 13.9       | 12.3     | 13.4 |
| LINN             | 27,113           | 27,040        | 27,051                        | 356    | 273    | 236                     | 13.1       | 10.1     | 8.7  |
| MALHEUR          | 8,136            | 7,970         | 7,854                         | 76     | 76     | 75                      | 9.3        | 9.5      | 9.5  |
| MARION           | 81,790           | 82,373        | 82,739                        | 1,301  | 1,240  | 1,109                   | 15.9       | 15.1     | 13.4 |
| MORROW           | 3,465            | 3,503         | 3,503                         | 23     | 18     | 23                      | 6.6        | 5.1      | 6.6  |
| MULTNOMAH        | 157,184          | 159,555       | 160,578                       | 2,398  | 2,329  | 2,167                   | 15.3       | 14.6     | 13.5 |
| POLK             | 15,343           | 16,088        | 16,100                        | 211    | 182    | 159                     | 13.8       | 11.3     | 9.9  |
| SHERMAN          | 400              | 368           | 353                           | 1 - 5* | 9      | 14                      | 2.2-12.5*  | 24.4     | 39.7 |
| TILLAMOOK        | 5,058            | 4,794         | 4,684                         | 29     | 27     | 40                      | 5.7        | 5.6      | 8.5  |
| UMATILLA         | 18,639           | 18,402        | 18,228                        | 128    | 133    | 133                     | 6.9        | 7.2      | 7.3  |
| UNION            | 5,838            | 6,051         | 6,046                         | 25     | 29     | 24                      | 4.3        | 4.8      | 4.0  |
| WALLOWA          | 1,450            | 1,339         | 1,301                         | 1 - 5* | 1 - 5* | 6                       | 0.7-3.4*   | 0.8-3.7* | 4.6  |
| WASCO            | 5,894            | 5,791         | 5,776                         | 92     | 80     | 76                      | 15.6       | 13.8     | 13.2 |
| WASHINGTON       | 137,742          | 137,701       | 139,194                       | 930    | 854    | 786                     | 6.8        | 6.2      | 5.6  |
| WHEELER          | 315              | 279           | 276                           | -      | -      | -                       | 0.0        | 0.0      | 0.0  |
| YAMHILL          | 22,263           | 22,991        | 22,950                        | 131    | 131    | 147                     | 5.9        |          | 6.4  |
| OREGON**         | 877,547          | 884,364       | 885,516                       | 9,548  | 8,970  | 8,617                   | 10.9       | 10.1     | 9.7  |

<sup>\*</sup>Range given to assure confidentiality.

\*\*State total does not include Title IV-E eligible children served by tribes.

FFY 2009 Foster Care Entrants & Exits

| County     | Total Entrants | Total Exits |
|------------|----------------|-------------|
| BAKER      | 24             | 24          |
| BENTON     | 27             | 30          |
| CLACKAMAS  | 245            | 220         |
| CLATSOP    | 60             | 46          |
| COLUMBIA   | 71             | 70          |
| COOS       | 145            | 139         |
| CROOK      | 27             | 23          |
| CURRY      | 31             | 27          |
| DESCHUTES  | 64             | 55          |
| DOUGLAS    | 162            | 93          |
| GILLIAM    | 11             | 1-5*        |
| GRANT      | 7              | 6           |
| HARNEY     | 26             | 23          |
| HOOD RIVER | 26             | 22          |
| JACKSON    | 261            | 311         |
| JEFFERSON  | 22             | 24          |
| JOSEPHINE  | 124            | 153         |
| KLAMATH    | 138            | 105         |
| LAKE       | 9              | 19          |
| LANE       | 508            | 470         |
| LINCOLN    | 60             | 53          |
| LINN       | 132            | 160         |
| MALHEUR    | 48             | 46          |
| MARION     | 625            | 731         |
| MORROW     | 15             | 11          |
| MULTNOMAH  | 859            | 967         |
| POLK       | 100            | 122         |
| SHERMAN    | 6-10*          | 1-5*        |
| TILLAMOOK  | 30             | 16          |
| UMATILLA   | 99             | 94          |
| UNION      | 22             | 26          |
| WALLOWA    | 1-5*           | 0           |
| WASCO      | 40             | 42          |
| WASHINGTON | 433            | 472         |
| YAMHILL    | 87             | 71          |
| OREGON**   | 4,548          | 4,674       |

<sup>\*</sup>Range given to assure confidentiality.

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{**}\text{State}}$  total does not include Title IV-E eligible children served by tribes.

Number of Children Experiencing at Least 1 day in Foster Care (All Types), By County and Age on 9/30/2009

| County     | Age 0 - 5 | Age 6 - 12 | Age 13+ | Total  |
|------------|-----------|------------|---------|--------|
| BAKER      | 20        | 18         | 25      | 63     |
| BENTON     | 32        | 20         | 21      | 73     |
| CLACKAMAS  | 172       | 132        | 209     | 513    |
| CLATSOP    | 59        | 39         | 47      | 145    |
| COLUMBIA   | 55        | 74         | 53      | 182    |
| COOS       | 155       | 118        | 75      | 348    |
| CROOK      | 16        | 22         | 20      | 58     |
| CURRY      | 21        | 19         | 27      | 67     |
| DESCHUTES  | 76        | 38         | 56      | 170    |
| DOUGLAS    | 181       | 152        | 97      | 430    |
| GILLIAM    | 13        | 1-5*       | 6-10*   | 21     |
| GRANT      | 8         | 1-5*       | 11-15*  | 21     |
| HARNEY     | 13        | 19         | 17      | 49     |
| HOOD RIVER | 19        | 12         | 27      | 58     |
| JACKSON    | 356       | 239        | 168     | 763    |
| JEFFERSON  | 20        | 15         | 27      | 62     |
| JOSEPHINE  | 134       | 113        | 92      | 339    |
| KLAMATH    | 158       | 104        | 117     | 379    |
| LAKE       | 9         | 6          | 11      | 26     |
| LANE       | 636       | 578        | 393     | 1,607  |
| LINCOLN    | 59        | 49         | 55      | 163    |
| LINN       | 163       | 132        | 101     | 396    |
| MALHEUR    | 63        | 31         | 27      | 121    |
| MARION     | 784       | 603        | 453     | 1,840  |
| MORROW     | 14        | 11         | 9       | 34     |
| MULTNOMAH  | 1,061     | 902        | 1,171   | 3,134  |
| POLK       | 117       | 85         | 79      | 281    |
| SHERMAN    | 1-5*      | 6          | 1-5*    | 15     |
| TILLAMOOK  | 22        | 18         | 16      | 56     |
| UMATILLA   | 109       | 75         | 43      | 227    |
| UNION      | 27        | 9          | 14      | 50     |
| WALLOWA    | 1-5*      | 1-5*       | 1-5*    | 6      |
| WASCO      | 52        | 38         | 28      | 118    |
| WASHINGTON | 486       | 404        | 368     | 1,258  |
| YAMHILL    | 75        | 73         | 70      | 218    |
| OREGON**   | 5,192     | 4,159      | 3,940   | 13,291 |

<sup>\*</sup>Range given to assure confidentiality.

<sup>\*\*</sup>State total does not include Title IV-E eligible children served by tribes.

FFY 2009 Number of Certified Foster Homes on 9/30/09 by Certification Type

| County     | Regular Certification | Special Certification | Total Homes |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| BAKER      | 26                    | 6                     | 32          |
| BENTON     | 20                    | 15                    | 35          |
| CLACKAMAS  | 127                   | 91                    | 218         |
| CLATSOP    | 32                    | 27                    | 59          |
| COLUMBIA   | 35                    | 47                    | 82          |
| COOS       | 80                    | 48                    | 128         |
| CROOK      | 11                    | 7                     | 18          |
| CURRY      | 17                    | 9                     | 26          |
| DESCHUTES  | 37                    | 34                    | 71          |
| DOUGLAS    | 93                    | 83                    | 176         |
| GILLIAM    | 11-15*                | 1-5*                  | 13          |
| GRANT      | 16                    | -                     | 16          |
| HARNEY     | 21-25*                | 1-5*                  | 26          |
| HOOD RIVER | 11-15*                | 1-5*                  | 20          |
| JACKSON    | 133                   | 124                   | 257         |
| JEFFERSON  | 12                    | 11                    | 23          |
| JOSEPHINE  | 61                    | 47                    | 108         |
| KLAMATH    | 42                    | 49                    | 91          |
| LAKE       | 6-10*                 | 1-5*                  | 15          |
| LANE       | 230                   | 342                   | 572         |
| LINCOLN    | 36                    | 27                    | 63          |
| LINN       | 92                    | 68                    | 160         |
| MALHEUR    | 40                    | 11                    | 51          |
| MARION     | 146                   | 283                   | 429         |
| MORROW     | 10                    | 6                     | 16          |
| MULTNOMAH  | 425                   | 576                   | 1,001       |
| POLK       | 49                    | 47                    | 96          |
| SHERMAN    | 1-5*                  | 1-5*                  | 1-5*        |
| TILLAMOOK  | 19                    | 12                    | 31          |
| UMATILLA   | 46                    | 36                    | 82          |
| UNION      | 16-20*                | 1-5*                  | 22          |
| WALLOWA    | 6-10*                 | 1-5*                  | 11          |
| WASCO      | 39                    | 18                    | 57          |
| WASHINGTON | 134                   | 174                   | 308         |
| WHEELER    | 1-5*                  | -                     | 1-5*        |
| YAMHILL    | 46                    | 38                    | 84          |
| STATE**    | 2,145                 | 2,287                 | 4,432       |

<sup>\*</sup>Data range given to assure confidentiality
\*\*State data does not include homes certified by tribes, bu does include homes located out of state

## Number of Newly Certified Foster Homes, By County of Certification, FFY 2009

|            | Regular   | Special   |                 |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
|            | Certified | Certified |                 |
| County     | Homes     | Homes     | Total New Homes |
| BAKER      | 1-5*      | 1-5*      | 6               |
| BENTON     | 1-5*      | 6-10*     | 13              |
| CLACKAMAS  | 26        | 69        | 95              |
| CLATSOP    | 1-5*      | 16-20*    | 22              |
| COLUMBIA   | 1-5*      | 16-20*    | 22              |
| COOS       | 20        | 42        | 62              |
| CROOK      | 1-5*      | 1-5*      | 6               |
| CURRY      | 1-5*      | 6-10*     | 10              |
| DESCHUTES  | 1-5*      | 16-20*    | 22              |
| DOUGLAS    | 10        | 51        | 61              |
| GILLIAM    | 1-5*      | 1-5*      | 1-5*            |
| GRANT      | 1-5*      | -         | 1-5*            |
| HARNEY     | 1-5*      | 1-5*      | 6               |
| HOOD RIVER | 1-5*      | 6-10*     | 10              |
| JACKSON    | 17        | 107       | 124             |
| JEFFERSON  | 1-5*      | 6-10*     | 10              |
| JOSEPHINE  | 12        | 38        | 50              |
| KLAMATH    | 10        | 31        | 41              |
| LAKE       | 1-5*      | 1-5*      | 1-5*            |
| LANE       | 18        | 246       | 264             |
| LINCOLN    | 1-5*      | 26-30*    | 29              |
| LINN       | 22        | 65        | 87              |
| MALHEUR    | 8         | 8         | 16              |
| MARION     | 23        | 196       | 219             |
| MORROW     | 1-5*      | 1-5*      | 1-5*            |
| MULTNOMAH  | 39        | 306       | 345             |
| POLK       | 1-5*      | 31-35*    | 35              |
| SHERMAN    | 1-5*      | -         | 1-5*            |
| TILLAMOOK  | 6         | 9         | 15              |
| UMATILLA   | 9         | 26        | 35              |
| UNION      | 1-5*      | 1-5*      | 7               |
| WALLOWA    | 1-5*      | 1-5*      | 1-5*            |
| WASCO      | 18        | 7         | 25              |
| WASHINGTON | 16        | 117       | 133             |
| YAMHILL    | 8         | 30        | 38              |
| OREGON**   | 314       | 1,523     | 1,837           |

<sup>\*</sup>Range given to assure confidentiality.

<sup>\*\*</sup>State total does not include homes certified by tribes.