

Oregon County

County Seat: Alton

County
Composite
Rank

2016
98

2020
95

Population: 10,699

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	905	874	38.2%	37.7%	↑	18.3%	111
Food insecurity for children ^b	670	580	27.7%	24.1%	↑	17.5%	109
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	60	61	9.7%	9.8%	↓	8.5%	104
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	19	16	7.8	6.8	↑	7.1	69
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	9	3	3.7	1.3	↑	7.5	10
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	16	12	51.8	36.9	↑	21.6	95
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	14	49	5.6	20.6	↓	4.0	115
Education							
High school graduation	133	132	95.7%	96.4%	↑	91.3%	22
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		50		40.3%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		63		50.0%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		56		45.2%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		79		51.6%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2013 and 2017.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Achievement data from 2014 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2018; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2014	10,911
	2018	10,699
Child population under 18	2014	2,483
	2018	2,378
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	22.3%
	2018	22.2%
Child population under 6	2014	813
	2018	758
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.5%
	2018	7.2%
Minority child population under 18	2014	165
	2018	148
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	6.8%
	2018	6.2%
Minority child population under 6	2014	83
	2018	50
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	10.2%
	2018	6.6%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	31.0%
	2014-2018	33.6%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	68.3%
	2014-2018	64.9%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	34.7%
	2018	40.5%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	35.3%
	2014-2018	35.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	31.0%
	2014-2018	29.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	61.6%
	2014-2018	60.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	51.9%
	2018	50.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$35,700
	2014-2018	\$41,313
Adult unemployment	2014	7.4%
	2018	3.5%
Child homelessness	2014	0.6%
	2018	0.8%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	53.3
	2019	52.6
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.4%
	2018	95.1%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	81.7
	2014-2018	31.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	5.2%
	2014-2018	7.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	7.4
	2018	7.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	0.2%
	2018	0.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	4.1
	2018	13.0

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	16.1
	2014-2018	6.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	24.7
	2014-2018	25.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	10.1
	2014-2018	26.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	86.6
	2014-2018	0.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	100.0%
	2014-2018	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	0
	2013-2017	20.4**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	95.4
	2013-2017	85.2
Uninsured children	2013	9.9%
	2017	7.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	95.0%
	2018	94.7%

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases)