

Oregon County

County Seat: Alton

County
Composite
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	919	721	37.5%	31.3%	↑	15.5%	107
Food insecurity for children ^b	650	620	26%	25.7%	↑	15.1%	112
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	57	54	8.7%	9.6%	↓	8.7%	100
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	17	17	6.8	7.2	↓	7.1	84
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	—	2	0.8	0.8	→	6.2	9
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	14	8	44.9	23.9	↑	18.8	65
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	42	32	16.8	13.6	↑	3.2	114
Education							
High school graduation	149	144	99.3%	97.3%	↓	91.3%	14
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)							
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)							
4th grade math (MAP)							
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)							

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2015 and 2019.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

^d Due to the COVID pandemic, MAP tests were suspended in 2020, and proficiency reports were not issued for the 2019-2020 school year.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2016	10,789
	2020	10,561
Child population under 18	2016	2,506
	2020	2,354
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	23.2%
	2020	22.6%
Child population under 6	2016	837
	2020	718
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.8%
	2020	6.9%
Minority child population under 18	2016	171
	2020	138
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	6.8%
	2020	5.9%
Minority child population under 6	2016	80
	2020	41
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	9.6%
	2020	5.7%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	37%
	2016-2020	38.1%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	62.2%
	2016-2020	58.3%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	45.2%
	2020	39.4%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	39.8%
	2016-2020	29%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	30.9%
	2016-2020	31.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	58.6%
	2016-2020	66%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	50.3%
	2020	46.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$40,049
	2016-2020	\$39,917
Adult unemployment	2016	6.1%
	2020	6.7%
Child homelessness	2016	1.6%
	2020	1.6%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	57.9
	2021	52.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	13.8%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.2%
	2020	94.3%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	59.6
	2016-2020	127.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	6.76%
	2016-2020	8.14%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	7.1
	2020	9
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	0.3%
	2020	0.8%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	6.8
	2020	7.6

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	15.2
	2016-2020	1.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	40.5
	2016-2020	35.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	41.1
	2016-2020	17.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	55.8
	2016-2020	96.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	100%
	2016-2020	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	29.5
	2015-2019	13.7
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	107.6
	2015-2019	80.8
Uninsured children	2015	8.5%
	2019	8.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.9%
	2020	93.9%

^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).