

# Oregon County

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	857	616	37.1%	31.7%	↑	16.5%	108
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	640	660	26.1%	27.1%	↓	15.4%	113
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a, c</sup>	66	48	10.3%	8.6%	↑	8.8%	79
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	20	8	8.0	4.0	↑	5.0	43
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	3	5	1.2	2.5	↓	3.6	71
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	6	15	18.9	55.4	↓	17.0	114
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	19	13	8.0	6.5	↑	3.0	91
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	128	135	93.4%	96.4%	↑	90.8%	24
Achievement proficiency <sup>a, d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	36	—	34.0		41.4%	99
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	55	—	47.4		44.9%	37
4th grade math (MAP)	—	36	—	34.0		36.8%	77
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	29	—	28.4		26.8%	67

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2016 and 2020.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

<sup>d</sup> Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2017 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2021; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2017	10,558
	2020	8,631
Child population under 18	2017	2,365
	2021	1,991
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	22.4%
	2021	23.1%
Child population under 6	2017	760
	2021	597
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.2%
	2021	6.9%
Minority child population under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2017	166
	2021	169
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population <sup>a</sup>	2017	7.0%
	2021	8.5%
Minority child population under 6 <sup>a</sup>	2017	56
	2021	40
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population <sup>a</sup>	2017	7.4%
	2021	6.7%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	33.8%
	2017-2021	34.4%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	64.2%
	2017-2021	61.3%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	34.0%
	2021	25.5%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	34.6%
	2017-2021	30.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	27.2%
	2017-2021	28.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	59.8%
	2017-2021	67.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	49.2%
	2021	50.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$38,482
	2017-2021	\$42,609
Adult unemployment	2017	4.7%
	2021	5.3%
Child homelessness	2017	2.3%
	2021	2.0%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	61.3
	2022	60.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	0.0%
	2022	%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.4
	2021	93.6

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	29.4
	2017-2021	110.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	11.7%
	2017-2021	9.7%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	7.4
	2021	10.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	0.6%
	2021	0.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	7.6
	2021	10.6

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	12.5
	2017-2021	1.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	32.7
	2017-2021	63.2
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	29.9
	2017-2021	39.3
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	45.4
	2017-2021	160.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>b</sup>	2012-2016	—%
	2017-2021	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>c</sup>	2011-2015	29.5**
	2016-2020	9.7**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	80.8
	2016-2020	152.7
Uninsured children	2016	6.7%
	2020	7.1%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	95.0%
	2021	92.4%

<sup>a</sup> Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.

<sup>b</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>c</sup> \*Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); \*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).