

Oregon County

County
Composite
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	874	617	37.7%	31.3%	↑	16.8%	104
Food insecurity for children ^b	580	450	24.1%	21.3%	↑	12.8%	111
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	65	45	10.6%	8.1%	↑	8.9%	63
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	16	6	6.8	3.0	↑	6.3	12
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	3	8	1.3	4.0	↓	5.1	80
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	12	9	36.9	34.0	↑	16.8	101
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	49	24	20.6	11.9	↑	2.7	112
Education							
High school graduation	132	110	96.4%	96.5%	↑	91.2%	23
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	50	50	40.3	45.9		41.0%	30
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	63	48	50.0	44.0		41.9%	33
4th grade math (MAP)	56	32	45.2	27.6		43.0%	109
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	79	43	51.6	30.9		41.2%	87

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2017 and 2021.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2018 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2022; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2018	10,699	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	52.6
	2021	8,732		2023	69.3
Child population under 18	2018	2,378	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2022	2,020		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	22.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.1
	2022	23.1%		2022	94.0
Child population under 6	2018	758	Family & Community		
	2022	635	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	57.9
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.2%		2018-2022	166.7
	2022	7.3%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	7.2%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	148		2018-2022	9.5%
	2022	150	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	7.3
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	6.2%		2022	15.6
	2022	7.4%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.3%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	50		2022	0.7%
	2022	36	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	13.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	6.6%		2022	7.4
	2022	5.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	33.8%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	11.4
	2018-2022	30.3%		2018-2022	1.8
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	64.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	33.2
	2018-2022	64.4%		2018-2022	62.8
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	30.9
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	40.5%		2018-2022	38.9
	2022	22.8%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	42.8
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	35.1%		2018-2022	163.0
	2022	30.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	—%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	27.2%		2018-2022	100.0%
	2018-2022	27.3%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	37.2*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	59.8%		2017-2021	9.5**
	2018-2022	68.2%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	98.3
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	50.3%		2017-2021	182.0
	2022	52.5%	Uninsured children	2017	7.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$38,482		2021	6.1%
	2018-2022	\$\$42,366	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.7%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.5%		2022	93.0%
	2022	3.1%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2018	0.8%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2022	4.2%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		