

Oregon County

County Seat: Alton

Population: 8,699

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	721	513	31.3%	26.2%	↑	15.3%	105
Food insecurity for children ^a	620	550	25.7%	27.4%	↓	18.1%	109
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	54	43	9.6%	8.0%	↑	8.9%	60
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	2	8	0.8	4.0	↓	5.4	82
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	8	3	23.9	12.3	↑	15.9	25
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	32	5	13.6	2.5	↑	2.9	35
Education							
High school graduation	144	130	97.3%	93.5%	↓	92.1%	64
Achievement proficiency							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	76	43	55.9%	38.4%	↓	41.6%	68
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	84	70	59.2%	49.6%	↓	42.1%	12
4th grade math (MAP)	54	57	38.6%	44.5%	↑	44.5%	56
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	95	64	54.3%	37.2%	↓	41.5%	60

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

Notes:

^aData based on 2019 and 2023.

^b"Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

^cData based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	10,561	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	52.7
	2023	8,699		2025	67.4
Child population under 18	2020	2,354	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	2,002		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	22.6%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.3
	2024	23.0%		2024	94.9
Child population under 6	2020	718	Family & Community		
	2024	626	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	127.2
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	6.9%		2020-2024	153.0
	2024	7.2%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	8.1%
Minority child population under 18	2020	138		2020-2024	10.3%
	2024	151	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	9.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	5.9%		2024	40.8
	2024	7.5%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	0.8%
Minority child population under 6	2020	41		2024	—%
	2024	63	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	7.6
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	5.7%		2024	5.0
	2024	10.1%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	38.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	1.8
	2020-2024	31.7%		2020-2024	3.7
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	58.3%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	35.7
	2020-2024	58.3%		2020-2024	83.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	17.5
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	39.4%		2020-2024	63.8
	2024	19.4%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	96.4
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	29.0%		2020-2024	177.0
	2024	26.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	31.1%		2020-2024	100.0%
	2020-2024	22.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	13.7
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	66.0%		2019-2023	9.6**
	2020-2024	51.8%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	80.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	46.9%		2019-2023	183.7
	2024	53.0%	Uninsured children	2019	8.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$39,917		2023	6.6%
	2020-2024	\$57,277	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	93.9%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	6.7%		2024	94.1%
	2023	3.5%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	1.6%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	5.6%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		