

State of Oregon

2020 COUNTY DATA CARD: HOW OREGON'S CHILDREN ARE FARING



Ensuring children thrive as we move from response to recovery

When children are safe, healthy, and supported they have the necessary resources to achieve their full potential. This data card provides benchmarks of child well-being prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, including five-year progress trends. Monitoring key indicators of child well-being helps to protect the progress we have made and understand where our systems and policies are coming up short. Consider these data as a launchpad for discussions as we reimagine an equitable Oregon. Together, we can advocate for policies and investments that center children and strengthen families.

Too many children and families were experiencing or at risk of hunger before the pandemic, now, more find themselves in this position. *How do we ensure families are able to meet their basic needs?*

16%
of children were food insecure.



55%
of 3 and 4-year-olds were not in school.

Educational gaps are growing and it is important that children are ready to enter kindergarten. *How do we support community voice in early learning and the continued implementation of the Student Success Act?*

Our interconnectedness has been underscored over the past year. Immunizations offer protection to our children, communities, and future generations against preventable diseases. *How do we ensure safe access to preventative health care?*

71%
of 2-year-olds were immunized.



15.7
children per 1,000 were victims of abuse/neglect.

While reports of child maltreatment have declined since COVID-19, the stress on families has increased, heightening the risk of family violence. *How do we support families to provide safety and resiliency to their children?*

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POPULATION	TOTAL	4,217,737	20.5% are children under 18		1.6% AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE
	Children under 5	227,811			5.6% ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER
	Children under 18	866,562			3.7% BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN 22.3% HISPANIC / LATINX 66.8% WHITE

FAMILY SUPPORTS	Cash Assistance (TANF) 31,003	Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) 14,468	Food Stamps (SNAP) 201,387
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 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING	Children experiencing food insecurity	N/A	2018	16%*	N/A	
	Children in poverty	2014	21.3%	2018	15.7%	BETTER
	Unemployment rate	2015	5.7%	2019	3.7%	BETTER
	Students eligible for free and reduced lunch	N/A	2019-20	49.2%*	N/A	
	Students lacking stable housing	2014-15	3.6%	2018-19	3.8%	WORSE

 EDUCATION	Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school	2014	58.9%	2018	55.1%	BETTER
	Third-graders proficient in English language arts	2014-15	45.6%	2018-19	46.5%	BETTER
	Third-graders proficient in math	2014-15	45.6%	2018-19	46.4%	BETTER
	Eighth-graders proficient in English language arts	2014-15	56.9%	2018-19	50.0%	WORSE
	Eighth-graders proficient in math	2014-15	42.9%	2018-19	40.0%	WORSE
	High school students graduating on time	2014-15	73.8%	2018-19	80.0%	BETTER

 HEALTH	Children up-to-date with immunizations	2015	70.0%	2019	71.0%	BETTER
	Children without health insurance	2014	4.6%	2018	3.4%	BETTER
	Pregnancies receiving first-trimester prenatal care	2015	79.0%	2019	81.6%	BETTER
	Infant deaths per 1,000	2015	4.9	2019	4.8	BETTER
	Teen (ages 15 to 19) pregnancies per 1,000	2015	25.1	2019	18.1	BETTER

 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	Children who were victims of abuse/neglect per 1,000	2015	12.1	2019	15.7	WORSE
	Children in foster care per 1,000	2015	8.8	2019	8.2	BETTER
	Children with 6 or more foster care placements	2015	12.3%	2019	15.0%	WORSE
	Youth (age 18+) exiting foster care	2015	10.2%	2019	8.1%	BETTER
	Children referred to the juvenile justice system per 1,000	2015	14.7	2019	12.9	BETTER



* Current data are not directly comparable to prior years

