

# Benton County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2008

## FAMILY FINANCES & STABILITY

\$68,000 is the median family income, which is 16% higher than the state median. 1.23 per 1,000 people filed for personal bankruptcy in 2007, a 22% increase since 2006. Subprime loans make up 15.3% of all loans in this county. 29.1% of public school children are eligible to receive free/reduced price lunches during the school year. On average, 1,934 children eat free/reduced price lunches during the school year, while only 1097 children receive free lunches during the summer.

## CHILD WELFARE

99 children were victims of child abuse/neglect (6.3 per 1,000 children) 43% of victims of abuse/neglect were under age 6. 74 children in the county have been in foster care at least once during the past year. 5,343 reports of child abuse/neglect were made in this area in 2007. 35% of these reports were assessed, and 12% were founded.

## CHILD HEALTH

52.3% of eighth graders did not have a medical check-up or physical exam in the previous year. 751 children have access to School-Based Health Centers in their schools in this county. There are 3,034 students for every 1.0 FTE school nurse in this county. The preferred ratio is 750 students to 1.0 FTE nurse. 7.6% of mothers have reported using tobacco during pregnancy. 8.9% of eighth graders reported smoking cigarettes in the previous month.

## COUNTY INDICATORS

### EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5 Years	Current Rate Compared to Oregon
Child Care Supply (slots per 100 ages 0-13)	2,545	23	5% Better	20.6	35% Better
Head Start / Oregon PreKindergarten	132	68	22% Better	55.6	2% Worse
3rd Grade Reading Proficiency	624	82.2	6% Worse	86.2	2% Worse
3rd Grade Math Proficiency	625	74.4	5% Worse	83.2	4% Worse

### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

8th Grade Reading Proficiency	691	71.8	9% Worse	73.2	10% Better
8th Grade Math Proficiency	687	73.1	6% Worse	71.4	6% Better
High School Dropout	97	2.9	6% Better	3.1	31% Better
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000 under age 18)	215	13.5	7% Better	14.2	10% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000 ages 10-17)	15	183.7	61% Worse	302.7	4% Better

### HEALTH

Early Prenatal Care	696	85.7	2% Better	86.1	9% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	2	2.5	34% Better	1.5	54% Better
Uninsured Children*	2,454	15.7	16% Worse	11.3	25% Worse
Immunizations	NA	70.8	2% Worse	78.2	9% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls ages 15-17)	12	8.7	20% Better	9.5	62% Better
Obesity	NA	18.6	NA	NA	20% Better

### FINANCIAL STABILITY

Childhood Poverty (ages 0-17)	2,131	14.6	4% Worse	11.1	14% Better
Child Support Payments	NA	69.9	Same	70.1	13% Better
Unemployment	1,758	4	13% Better	4.3	21% Better

### CHILD WELFARE

Abuse and Neglect Victims (per 1,000 ages 0-17)	70	4.5	7% Worse	3.3	35% Better
Threat of Harm Victims (per 1,000 ages 0-17)	29	1.9	18% Better	1.7	65% Better
Recurrence of Maltreatment	NA	5.9	59% Worse	8	24% Better
Foster Care Placement Stability	NA	87	10% Worse	95	4% Better

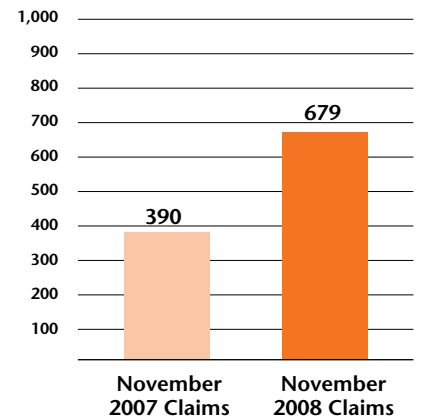
\* Denotes regional data

## POPULATION

TOTAL	85,300
Children ages 0-17	15,630

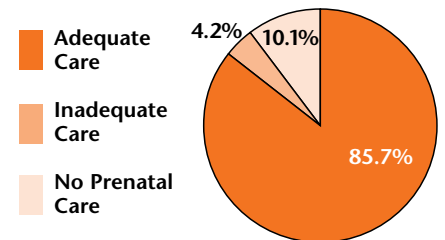
## Unemployment Claims

Change in new unemployment claims made in November 2008 compared to November 2007: **74% increase**



## Prenatal Care

Percent of mothers who received prenatal care beginning in their first trimester.



## Family Supports

The chart shows the number of children helped by several key family supports in a month.

Number of Low-Income Children: **5,111**

