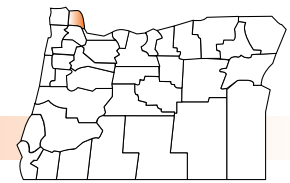


Columbia County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2008

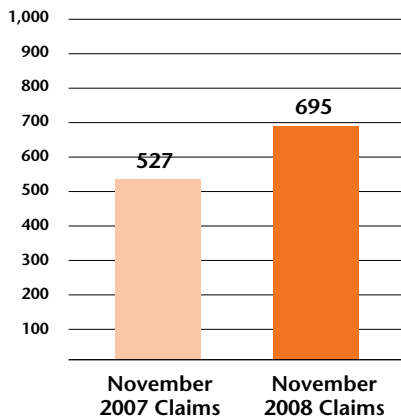


POPULATION

TOTAL	47,565
Children ages 0-17	11,852

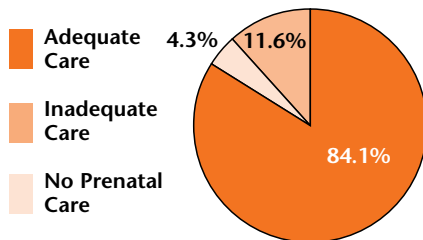
Unemployment Claims

Change in new unemployment claims made in November 2008 compared to November 2007: **32% increase**



Prenatal Care

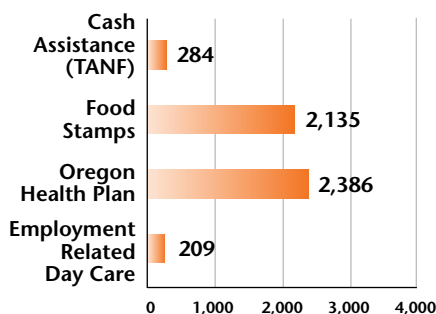
Percent of mothers who received prenatal care beginning in their first trimester.



Family Supports

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

Number of Low-Income Children: **4,741**



FAMILY FINANCES & STABILITY

\$67,500 is the median family income, which is 15% higher than the state median. 2.57 per 1,000 people filed for personal bankruptcy in 2007, a 40% increase since 2006. Subprime loans make up 31.7% of all loans in this county. 28.2% of public school children are eligible to receive free/reduced price lunches during the school year. On average, 1,864 children eat free/reduced price lunches during the school year, while only 1246 children receive free lunches during the summer.

CHILD WELFARE

119 children were victims of child abuse/neglect (10.0 per 1,000 children) 42% of victims of abuse/neglect were under age 6. 221 children in the county have been in foster care at least once during the past year. 2,266 reports of child abuse/neglect were made in this area in 2007. 36% of these reports were assessed, and 8% were founded.

CHILD HEALTH

48.6% of eighth graders did not have a medical check-up or physical exam in the previous year. 825 children have access to School-Based Health Centers in their schools in this county. There are 1,960 students for every 1.0 FTE school nurse in this county. The preferred ratio is 750 students to 1.0 FTE nurse. 16.1% 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)	1,144	15	7% Better	14.0	12% Worse
Head Start / Oregon PreKindergarten	124	86	41% Better	52.9	7% Better
3rd Grade Reading Proficiency	636	87.9	8% Better	83.1	5% Better
3rd Grade Math Proficiency	637	83.0	26% Better	80.5	8% Better

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

8th Grade Reading Proficiency	678	60.2	2% Better	54.4	8% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	681	68.9	7% Better	55.1	0% Better
High School Dropout	81	2.8	16% Worse	2.9	33% Better
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000 under age 18)	109	9.2	21% Better	15.5	39% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000 ages 10-17)	8	131.0	32% Better	191.8	32% Better

HEALTH

Early Prenatal Care	449	84.1	1% Better	85.7	7% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	3	5.9	NA	3.9	9% Worse
Uninsured Children*	1,790	15.1	2% Worse	12.9	20% Worse
Immunizations	NA	79.4	6% Better	76.2	3% Better
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls ages 15-17)	11	8.5	68% Better	17.3	63% Better
Obesity	NA	23.1	NA	NA	0% Better

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Childhood Poverty (ages 0-17)	1,561	13.9	6% Worse	11.8	26% Better
Child Support Payments	NA	67.1	1% Better	62.4	8% Better
Unemployment	1,384	6	2% Better	8.8	10% Worse

CHILD WELFARE

Abuse and Neglect Victims (per 1,000 ages 0-17)	68	5.7	17% Better	5.5	16% Better
Threat of Harm Victims (per 1,000 ages 0-17)	51	4.3	49% Better	3.8	20% Better
Recurrence of Maltreatment	NA	8.2	17% Better	7	5% Worse
Foster Care Placement Stability	NA	79	7% Worse	88	6% Worse

* Denotes regional data