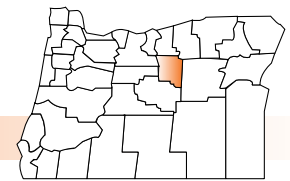


Wheeler County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2008

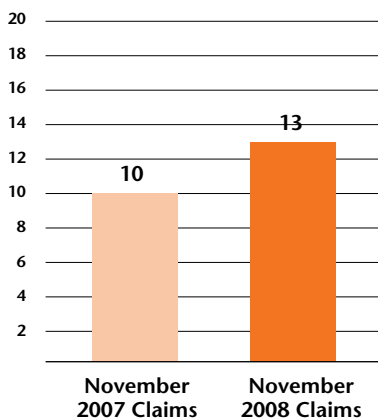


POPULATION

TOTAL	1,570
Children ages 0-17	315

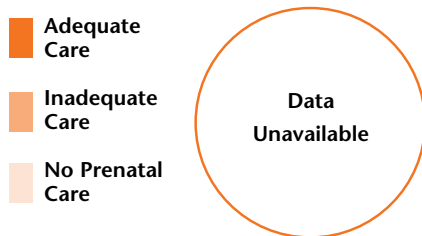
Unemployment Claims

Change in new unemployment claims made in November 2008 compared to November 2007: **30% increase**



Prenatal Care

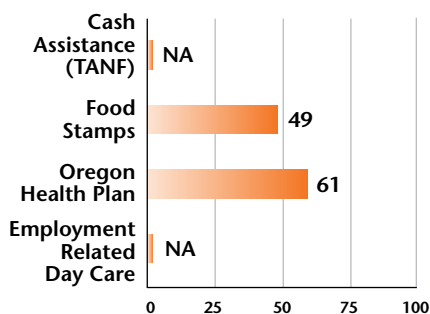
Percent of mothers who received prenatal care beginning in their first trimester.



Family Supports

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

Number of Low-Income Children: **126**



FAMILY FINANCES & STABILITY

\$48,100 is the median family income, which is 18% lower than the state median. 3.67 per 1,000 people filed for personal bankruptcy in 2007, a 158% increase since 2006. Data unavailable for the percentage of subprime loans in this county. 63.5% of public school children are eligible to receive free/reduced price lunches during the school year. On average, 99 children eat free/reduced price lunches during the school year, while only no children receive free lunches during the summer.

CHILD WELFARE

Data unavailable for the victims of child abuse/neglect (19.0 per 1,000 children) Data unavailable for the percentage of victims of abuse/neglect who are under age 6. Data unavailable for the number of children who have been in foster care. 50 reports of child abuse/neglect were made in this area in 2007. 92% of these reports were assessed, and 38% were founded.

CHILD HEALTH

56.9% of eighth graders did not have a medical check-up or physical exam in the previous year. 63 children have access to School-Based Health Centers in their schools in this county. There are 180 students for every 1.0 FTE school nurse in this county. The preferred ratio is 750 students to 1.0 FTE nurse. Data unavailable for the percentage of mothers 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)	25	14	18% Worse	11.7	18% Worse
Head Start / Oregon PreKindergarten	6	111	5% Better	118.4	85% Better
3rd Grade Reading Proficiency	9	88.9	2% Better	89.0	6% Better
3rd Grade Math Proficiency	9	88.9	58% Better	70.7	15% Better

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

8th Grade Reading Proficiency	22	68.2	7% Worse	59.2	4% Better
8th Grade Math Proficiency	22	68.2	14% Better	62.7	1% Worse
High School Dropout	0	0.0	NA	0.4	100% Better
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000 under age 18)	1	3.2	NA	2.0	79% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000 ages 10-17)	0	0.0	100% Better	211.5	100% Better

HEALTH

Early Prenatal Care	NA	NA	NA	70.0	NA
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.0	NA	0.0	100% Better
Uninsured Children*	36	11.3	25% Better	16.6	10% Better
Immunizations	NA	NA	NA	64.4	NA
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls ages 15-17)	0	0.0	100% Better	5.1	100% Better
Obesity	NA	29.0	NA	NA	25% Worse

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Childhood Poverty (ages 0-17)	69	29.1	39% Worse	23.1	55% Worse
Child Support Payments	NA	56.1	12% Better	55.5	10% Worse
Unemployment	36	6	16% Better	7.9	10% Worse

CHILD WELFARE

Abuse and Neglect Victims (per 1,000 ages 0-17)	NA	NA	NA	5.0	NA
Threat of Harm Victims (per 1,000 ages 0-17)	NA	NA	NA	6.8	NA
Recurrence of Maltreatment	NA	0.0	NA	0	100% Better
Foster Care Placement Stability	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

* Denotes regional data