



**Status of Oregon's Children  
County Data Book 2008  
*Helping Oregon Families in a Tough Economy***

**Key Findings - Benton County**

**Family Finances and Stability**

- \$68,000 is the median family income, which is 16% higher than the state median.
- 5,111 children live in low-income households (200% of the federal poverty level, or \$41,300 for a family of four in 2007).
- Unemployment claims have increased 74% between November 2007 and November 2008.
- Subprime loans make up 15.3% of loans in this county.
- 441 families receive cash assistance through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program.
- 236 families receive child care subsidies through the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program.

**Child Health**

- 2,454 children (15.7%) have no health insurance.
- 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.
- 85.7% of mothers received adequate prenatal care.

**Child Welfare**

- 99 children were victims of child abuse/neglect (6.3 per 1,000 children).
- 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 2007. 35% of these reports were assessed, and 12% were founded.