



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

**Key Findings - Columbia County**

**Family Finances and Stability**

- \$67,500 is the median family income, which is 15% higher than the state median.
- 4,741 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 32% between November 2007 and November 2008.
- Subprime loans make up 31.7% of loans in this county.
- 284 families receive cash assistance through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program.
- 209 families receive child care subsidies through the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program.

**Child Health**

- 1,790 children (15.1%) have no health insurance.
- 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.
- 84.1% of mothers received adequate prenatal care.

**Child Welfare**

- 119 children were victims of child abuse/neglect (10.0 per 1,000 children).
- 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 2007. 36% of these reports were assessed, and 8% were founded.