



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

**Key Findings - Polk County**

**Family Finances and Stability**

- \$56,200 is the median family income, which is 4% lower than the state median.
- 5,920 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 38% between November 2007 and November 2008.
- Subprime loans make up 25.2% of loans in this county.
- 607 families receive cash assistance through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program.
- 290 families receive child care subsidies through the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program.

**Child Health**

- 2,409 children (15.7%) have no health insurance.
- There are 2,386 students for every 1.0 FTE school nurse in this county. The preferred ratio is 750 students to 1.0 FTE nurse.
- 77.6% of mothers received adequate prenatal care.

**Child Welfare**

- 244 children were victims of child abuse/neglect (15.9 per 1,000 children).
- 336 children in the county have been in foster care at least once during the past year.
- 9,156 reports of child abuse/neglect were made in 2007. 38% of these reports were assessed, and 12% were founded.