



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

Key Findings - Sherman County

Family Finances and Stability

- \$53,000 is the median family income, which is 10% lower than the state median.
- 160 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 decreased 32% between November 2007 and November 2008.

Child Health

- 45 children (11.3%) have no health insurance.
- There are 1,360 students for every 1.0 FTE school nurse in this county. The preferred ratio is 750 students to 1.0 FTE nurse.
- 100.0% of mothers received adequate prenatal care.

Child Welfare

- 7 children in the county have been in foster care at least once during the past year.
- 50 reports of child abuse/neglect were made in 2007. 92% of these reports were assessed, and 38% were founded.