



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

**Key Findings - Wasco County**

**Family Finances and Stability**

- \$51,000 is the median family income, which is 13% lower than the state median.
- 2,358 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 14% between November 2007 and November 2008.
- Subprime loans make up 33.4% of loans in this county.
- 177 families receive cash assistance through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program.
- 157 families receive child care subsidies through the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program.

**Child Health**

- 666 children (11.3%) have no health insurance.
- There are 6,868 students for every 1.0 FTE school nurse in this county. The preferred ratio is 750 students to 1.0 FTE nurse.
- 82.7% of mothers received adequate prenatal care.

**Child Welfare**

- 103 children were victims of child abuse/neglect (17.5 per 1,000 children).
- 121 children in the county have been in foster care at least once during the past year.
- 548 reports of child abuse/neglect were made in 2007. 65% of these reports were assessed, and 19% were founded.