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Kids in the Middle

Children are growing up fast in Oregon with little or no safety net. Schools are overwhelmed with meeting state standards, parents have no place to turn for help and we have dropped the ball on addressing community and state-wide solutions needed for our preteens.

Earlier and more frequently, Oregon's children are confronted with challenging situations that require mature contemplation and adult decision-making skills. As kids face these adult circumstances, many of their choices can lead them to a path of severe consequences and potentially life-long ramifications.

Oregon can achieve better results for preteens through a more coordinated and intentional response from policy makers, schools, communities and parents. We need to do a better job of reducing risky and problem behavior among our preteen generation. A system-wide solution must include support for parents, schools and communities so they in turn can more effectively protect and promote a healthy and safe childhood. With sound invest-

ments in our children's future, we can turn the tide of increased violence, drug and alcohol use and educational failure.

Oregon's current public policy focus on early childhood is a commendable commitment; however, today and tomorrow's children over the age of eight must have our collective support for a continued, successful start.

Using research proven practices and programs to reduce problem behavior in middle childhood will provide us with measurable results, healthier children and, ultimately, a better Oregon.

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Extending Childhood

Pre-adolescence is a period of tremendous change for all of our children. Celebrity images, video war games, algebra tests and drinking parties are just some of the modern day issues many parents and children must contend with during the years between mid-elementary and high school. The transition from early childhood to a more independent pre-adolescent period is marked with increased conflict at home, changing expectations at school and with peers and greater exploration of the wider world.

Parents and children who have not laid a strong foundation in early childhood have a particularly difficult time in the transition years leading to adolescence. Children who do not

learn standards for appropriate behavior and do not receive consistent consequences for negative behavior in early childhood will have a more challenging time later. These children face an uphill battle as they prepare to enter a school system with uncompromising rules and expectations.

Problem behavior among preteens also can be the result of stressful transitions encountered in these middle

years. For many children, the natural vulnerability associated with the transitions in a preteen's life can combine with a problematic peer group and a decrease in parental supervision to result in unsafe and risky behavior.¹

Preventing problem behavior among preteens is complex and challenging; however, researchers have identified some

effective interventions. Schools can play a vital role in preventing and halting this behavior. For example, systematic interventions through school rules, behavior management in the classroom and incentives for appropriate behavior have demonstrated school-wide reductions of problem behavior.² In addition, support for families and children who continue to show signs of trouble, such as parenting skills programs, is a critical and necessary second component of these prevention efforts.

The Roots of Adolescent Problem Behavior

Current research efforts are examining the common factors leading to adolescent problem behavior.³ Although the pattern of specific problem behaviors may vary, the behaviors themselves are all highly correlated with many of the same set of social and environmental factors. For example, delinquency, violence, substance abuse and early sexual behavior are all high-risk problem behaviors that are prefaced by similar environmental conditions. As many parents and teachers can attest, children who engage in these behaviors share

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much in common. Some factors often consistent in problem behaviors include an overly harsh or overly permissive discipline style, poor parental monitoring, high levels of family conflict, a lack of positive family relationships and association with negative peer groups.

Parents or caregivers are the first and most important influence on children and their behavior. How parents interact with and discipline their children has been recognized by most behavioral science researchers to be a powerful predictor of problem behavior in children.⁴ Researchers have identified a coercive relationship between young children and parents that creates problems for later parent-child relationships.⁵ If coercive behaviors (i.e. whining, tantrums, violence) are not met with consistent boundaries and consequences when children are young, these children will learn to use coercion to get their way. As a result, they are more likely to experience difficulties in school and rejection from their peers in later childhood.⁶

Researchers have found that preteens whose parents do not monitor their activities and friends are more likely to engage in problem behaviors.⁷ Yet during middle childhood and adolescence, parenting practices actually tend to weaken.⁸ During a time in which children need their parents' involvement as much as ever, many parents begin to decrease efforts to keep track of their children's friends and activities. If children engage

in negative behavior during this period, the relationship between parents and preteens can be strained even further when parents try to intervene.⁹ Relationships that become strained can lead quickly to family conflict, and ultimately result in even less parental involvement in the lives of their children. In fact, research reveals parental monitoring tends to decrease as conflict in the family escalates.¹⁰

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Preteens who have not learned how to get along with adults and their peers are more likely to lack positive friendships and face rejection from their classmates. Unfortunately, the combination of peer rejection, non-attentive parents and academic difficulties often leads these children to peers that face similar difficulties and are



also at high risk of problem behaviors.¹¹ Children who spend time with other high-risk children are much more likely to begin experimenting with problem behaviors in their own lives.

Violence

High profile violence among children such as school shootings and murders are rare; yet many children experience the everyday violence of bullying, name-calling, fistfights and parental abuse. While school shootings may make headlines, the daily acts of aggressive behavior in Oregon schools and homes have long lasting ramifications for both aggressors and victims.

In Oregon, 40 percent of middle school students report getting in at least one physical fight in the past year. Approximately half of those students report getting in at least one fight on school property.

Even students who do not engage in physical fights can feel at risk of violence from their peers. In Oregon, more than one in three middle school students report being harassed at school and 17 percent of 7th and 8th graders report staying home from school at least one day in the previous month because they feared they would not be safe. This fear is not necessarily ungrounded, as 15 percent of middle school students report

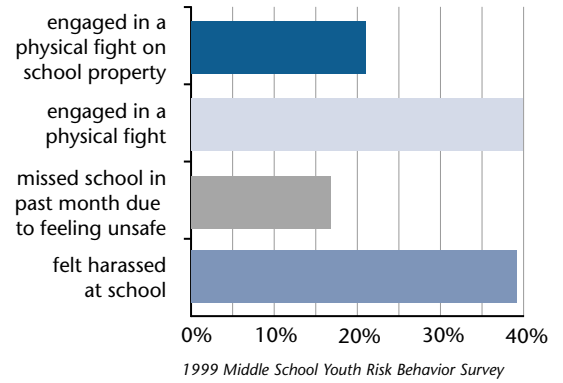
carrying a weapon in the past month and three percent report carrying that weapon to school.¹²

The beginning of violence in the preteen years is rooted in the same causes as other problem behaviors found in this age group. Poor parenting, rejection from peers and associa-

tion with a negative group of friends can all open the door to violent behavior. It is critical for the health of all Oregon children to identify those preteens most at risk as soon as possible. Research shows that the earlier the onset and severity of antisocial behavior in childhood, the more likely the behavior will escalate to violence during middle childhood and/or adolescence.¹³

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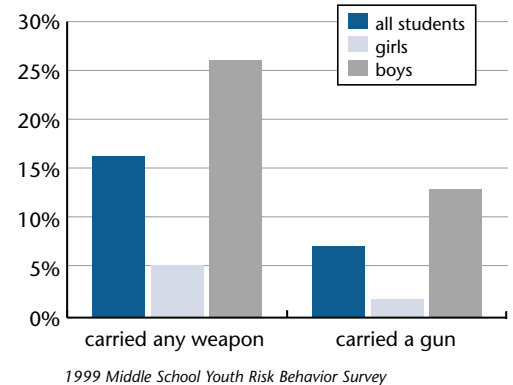
Violence in Preteen Lives



Violence among middle school students is becoming commonplace. Within the past year, many students report being in physical fights, feeling harassed at school and even missing at least one day of school because they did not feel safe.

Middle School students, especially boys, report regularly carrying weapons at alarmingly high rates.

Weapon Carrying

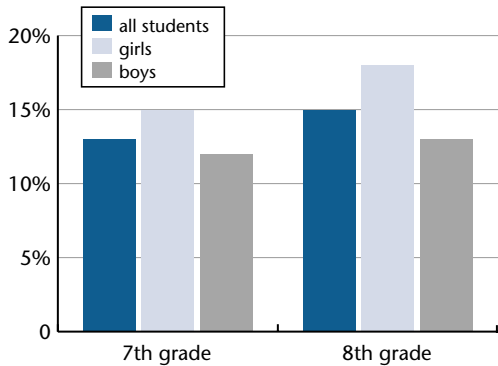


The American Psychological Association has identified specific risk factors as accelerators for violence in children's lives. These include:

- ◆ early involvement in drugs and alcohol;
- ◆ easy access to weapons, particularly handguns;
- ◆ association with antisocial peer groups; *and*
- ◆ pervasive exposure to violent acts in the media.¹⁴

Too often in Oregon the roots of violence begin at home. Children who are regularly treated with violence at home are more likely to react with violence toward other children and in stressful

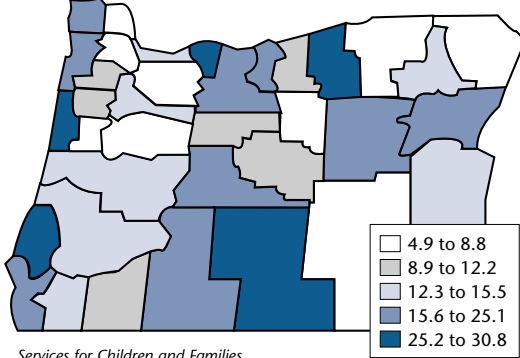
Violence at Home



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14% of 7th and 8th graders report being purposefully hit or physically hurt by an adult family member within the past year. Family violence continues into high school for many youth.

Preteen Abuse and Neglect Rate per 1,000 children, ages 8-13



Services for Children and Families



situations. Harsh and inconsistent parenting can escalate conflict in the home and lead to increased violence, thus reinforcing violence as a means of problem solving for children.¹⁵

PROVEN STRATEGIES

Life changed suddenly for David when he was eleven years old. After a peaceful middle class childhood in Eugene, David’s father abruptly left the family - his mom became clinically depressed and left David to care for his younger siblings.

In time David became angry and violent at school and home. He left behind his life of soccer and music lessons and made new friends with a crowd of kids who smoked marijuana, got into frequent fights and spent their time “hanging out” in downtown Eugene.

After several encounters with police, David was court-ordered to a special foster care placement. David was placed in Treatment Foster Care (TFC), created by and researched since before 1960 by Oregon Social Learning Center. TFC provides youth a home with specially trained foster parents and an array of support systems for the youth and the family including therapists, case managers and behavior specialists. Youth learn to meet behavior expectations through a strict point system that rewards youth with increased privileges. Parents receive counseling and parent training, and a caseworker oversees the multi-pronged support effort for the youth and family.

In a recent study of TFC results, participating youth were less likely to be arrested or engage in delinquent acts than those assigned to a traditional group home. In the year immediately following discharge, only 59 percent of TFC youth had an arrest versus a full 93 percent of group-home youth. Researchers found that the more foster parents supervised and disciplined the youth, built a positive relationship with the youth and minimized the youth’s interaction with other challenged youth, the stronger likelihood that the youth’s behavior would improve.

After several months of work with David and his mom in TFC, David was able to return home successfully. He does not plan to hang out with his old friends and now recognizes and avoids destructive behavior. David’s mom learned new ways to talk with him, and she learned how to use the same point system in their home that his foster parents used with him.

Violence in movies, video games and television also teaches children that violence is an appropriate response to conflict, with little consequence for the aggressor or the victim. Researchers have long linked the exposure to violence in the media to children’s aggressive behavior. One researcher, David Grossman, argues that the data supporting the link between TV violence and violent crime are more “scientifically sound” than the data linking smoking to cancer.¹⁶

Substance Abuse

The consequences of alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse among middle school children in Oregon are felt far and wide. Substance abuse among preteens undermines motivation, interferes with cognitive processes and social

relationships and can contribute to debilitating mood disorders. For society, it is a serious public health concern that has implications for school failure, mental health services, drug and alcohol treatment and juvenile crime.¹⁷

Oregon's preteens report using drugs, tobacco and alcohol at alarming rates. According to a recent Oregon school survey, more than one in four 8th graders (26 percent) report drinking alcohol in the past

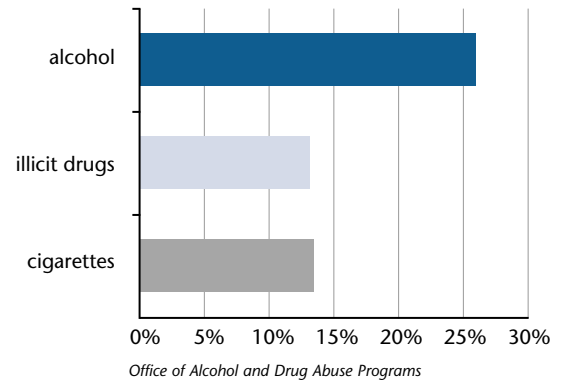
month. Thirteen percent of 8th graders report using an illicit drug in the past month including marijuana, LSD, tranquilizers or cocaine. Marijuana was reportedly used by 9 percent of 8th graders in the past month. Thirteen percent of all 8th graders report smoking cigarettes in the past month.

Many of the risk factors for adolescent substance use are shared by other adolescent problem behaviors.¹⁸ These predictors include poor and inconsistent family

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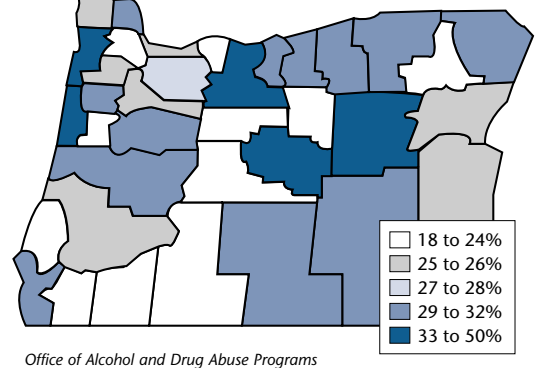


Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Use among 8th graders



Drug and alcohol use among preteens remains high. One in four 8th grade students reports using alcohol during the past month.

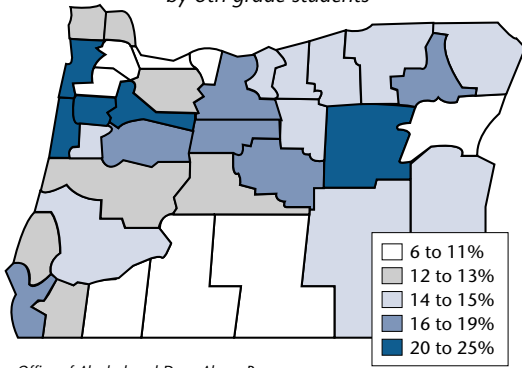
Alcohol Use by 8th grade students



management practices, family conflict, a low bonding to family, early and persistent problem behaviors, academic failure and a low degree of commitment to school.¹⁹ The greater the number of risk factors present, the greater the danger of substance abuse later in a child's life.

Much of the current research reveals that the use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs may be a learned behavior, either from parents or peers.²⁰ If parents use drugs or have a positive attitude toward the use of drugs, adolescents are much more likely to use drugs — and in many instances, this leads to extended substance use by the child. For example, parental use of marijuana has been associated with their children's use of other illegal drugs, including cocaine and barbituates.²¹

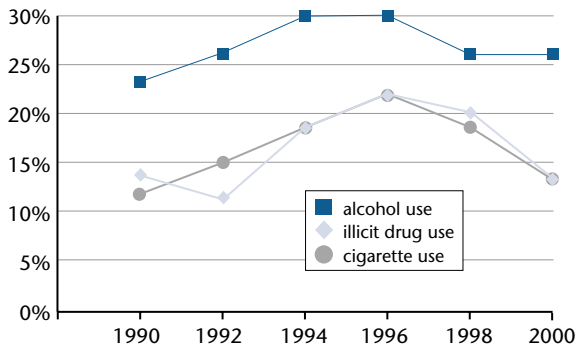
Illicit Drug Use by 8th grade students



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Tobacco and drug use by 8th graders has declined in recent years yet alcohol use remains high.

Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Use Over Time among 8th graders



Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs

As in other problem behaviors, a preteen's friends can be one of the most telling predictors of substance use in adolescents,²² even more so than parents.²³ Sibling influence also impacts strongly a child's decision-making. An older brother's advocacy of drug use has been shown to affect a younger brother's use.²⁴

Some areas of a child's life can protect them from the onset of drug and alcohol use. Even if risk factors are present, an engaged family and constructive support system that encourages and reinforces positive behaviors can effectively mitigate some risk factors.²⁵ An engaged parent, coach or art instructor can make a measurable difference in helping a preteen make better choices when faced with peer pressure to use alcohol, tobacco or illicit drugs.

PROVEN STRATEGIES

"Even though we were just matched, my life has already changed," says 9 year old Danika of her experiences with her big sister in the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Central Oregon. "Now that I am involved in the BBBS I can start doing more fun activities without worrying about my mom being with me. My big sister is very, very nice and makes me happy. I feel safe and comfortable when I am with her."

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a nationally recognized mentoring program for children between ages 6 and 15. The goal of the program is to introduce a positive role model into a child's life to build up self-esteem and confidence so they make better choices. Each child and volunteer spend time together on a weekly basis. BBBS works with children before they are in need of serious intervention, and is proven to make a positive impact on these youth.

A joint research program by Public/Private Ventures and the Ford Foundation has shown that children involved with a Big Brother or Big Sister for 18 months were found to be significantly less likely to skip classes, use illegal drugs, and start drinking than their peers.



Prevention programs to mitigate risk factors can reduce adolescent substance abuse dramatically. Implementing research-based prevention strategies can help Oregon's "middle kids" avoid the adult consequences of substance abuse and provide the state with a more cost-effective means of addressing youth substance abuse - before it begins.

Mental Health

For any sixth, seventh or eighth grader, the preteen years are challenging. This rapidly changing, inherently difficult time can spark or exacerbate mental health concerns for many of Oregon's children.

Mental health problems in children can encompass a wide range of diagnosable emotional, behavioral and mental disorders. They include depression, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, anxiety, conduct disorder and eating disorders. They can disrupt the child's ability to function at home, in school or in the community, and can ultimately lead to school failure, family conflicts, substance abuse, violence or suicide. Failure to receive adequate treatment for a mental health issue drastically increases the chances that the child will have difficulty with social interaction, violent behavior or more severe problems as an adult.

In Oregon, it is difficult to determine the exact number of children who struggle with depression or other mental health concerns.

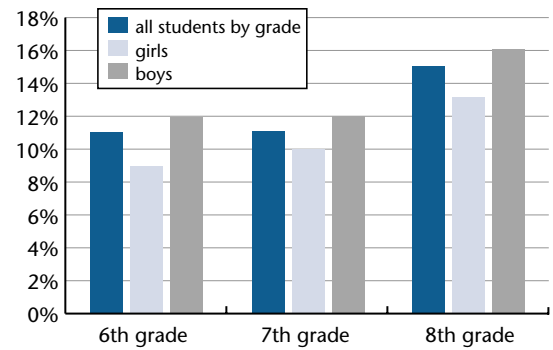
Unfortunately, suicide attempts are one of the only indicators we have for children who need help. Over the past five years, 618 children

under the age of 14 were reported to have attempted suicide. In a 1999 survey of Oregon middle school students, 13 percent reported seriously considering suicide and 7 percent reported actually attempting suicide. Twenty-one percent of middle school children report feeling sad and hopeless enough to stop their usual activities for two consecutive weeks.

Left untreated, moderate depression is much more likely to progress to a more severe and debilitating stage, drastically increasing the risk for suicide. Depression is often seen concurrently

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No Caring Adult to Talk to

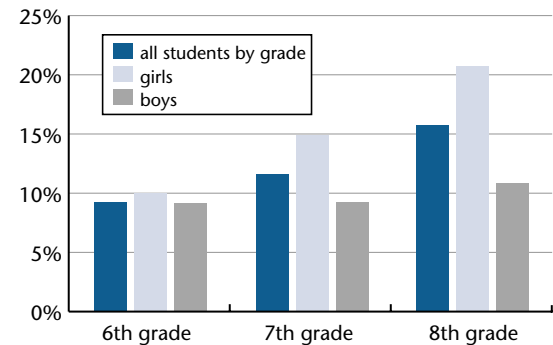


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12% of middle school students report that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

The percentage of students who report seriously considering suicide in the past year nearly doubles between 6th and 8th grade.

Considered Suicide



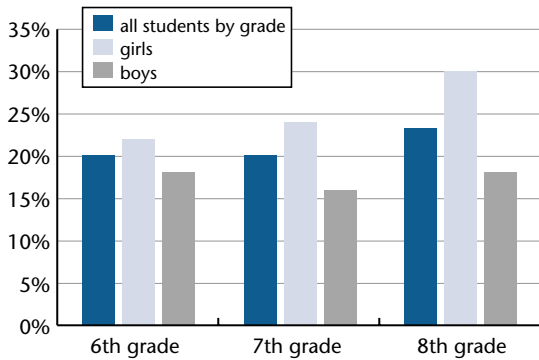
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The causes of children's mental health concerns are complicated. Mental health problems in children can result from a complex relationship between biological, psychological, social and environmental factors. The "diathesis-stress" model of mental illness suggests that certain mental disorders are the result of two independent factors: a predisposition to an illness combined with stressful events. According to the model, predisposition and stress are complementary, and neither is sufficient by itself to produce a mental disorder.²⁷

Research has identified several risk factors associated with childhood mental disorders. In addition, genetic factors play a role in

Feelings of Sadness

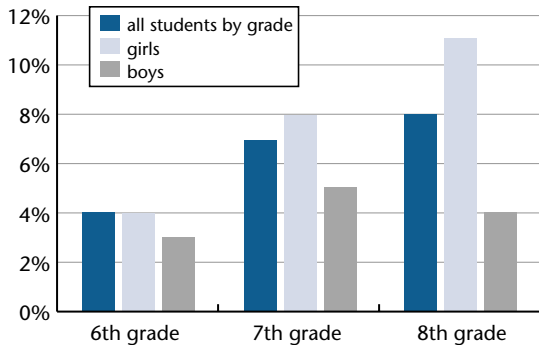


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21% of middle school students report feeling sad or hopeless for two or more consecutive weeks, so much that they stopped engaging in usual activities.

More than one in ten 8th grade girls report attempting suicide in the past year.

Self-Reported Suicide Attempts



1999 Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey



disorders such as major depression, attention deficit/hyperactivity, Tourette's, obsessive-compulsive disorders, developmental disorder and learning disabilities.²⁸ On-going adversity, such as poverty, abuse or neglect, also has shown to increase the risk of mental illness.²⁹

Risk factors associated with mental health problems in children reveal a striking similarity to those risk factors that lead to problems in other areas. Recognizing the relationship between all risk factors is a critical element in identifying children at greatest risk and in developing effective prevention and treatment strategies.

When a child suffers from a mental health problem and needs treatment, it is often confusing for a family to know where to call — support and

advice are frequently unavailable. The ability of an Oregon family to access the most appropriate mental health services for a child is further complicated by a system that is terribly fragmented.

Services are provided by many different sources: traditional medical facilities and primary care physicians, schools, private mental health clinics, public health and mental health programs, juvenile justice centers or a combination of sites. As a result, it is common for a child to experience a system of care that is ill equipped to meet his or her needs.

Evaluations indicate that well-coordinated and integrated systems of care are effective in improving functional behavior, reducing the use of more intensive treatments, increasing family participation and satisfaction.³⁰

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Educational Success

Oregon's test scores demonstrate a marked decline in academic proficiency between third and eighth grade.

Unfortunately, the transition from elementary to middle or junior high school creates a social and educational setting that is difficult for most children. Consequently, we again find this transitional age posing challenges for all kids in another critical facet of their development — education. Several large-scale investigations have concluded that the primary cause of the academic decline

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for preteens is the transition to middle school or junior high.³¹ The timing of this transition coincides with other important transitions in a young person's life creating an extra stress to endure.

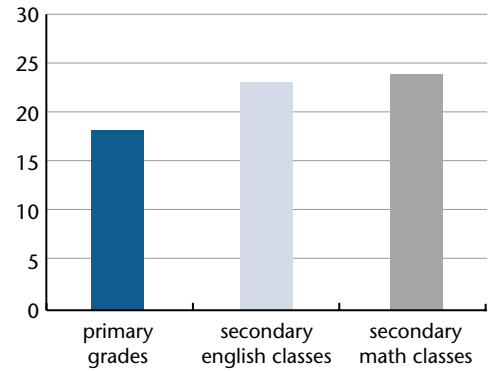
Children engaged in problem behaviors are more likely to experience school failure during the pre-teen years. Many children become frustrated and are at risk of dropping out. Dropouts among seventh and eighth grade students are rare, but still a substantial problem for Oregon. Dropouts in ninth and tenth grade are a more prevalent occurrence and reveal a

lack of preparedness for students to succeed in high school. Academically frustrated children also tend to be at greater risk for association with negative peer groups and participation in other risky behaviors such as drug and alcohol use.

As the cognitive and psychological development of children progresses towards the teen years, their needs, motivations, and



Average Class Size by Grade and Subject

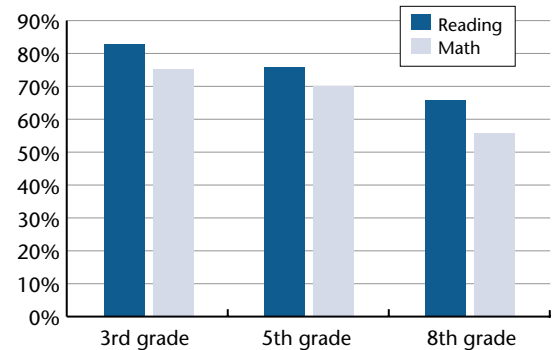


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The average class size in Oregon schools increases dramatically between primary and upper grades.

Both reading and math proficiency decline between 3rd and 8th grade.

Reading and Math Proficiency



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self-esteem change. It is generally accepted among educational researchers that the motivation and orientation of academic achievement declines during middle childhood.³² A review of more than 20 studies shows declines in self-esteem, intrinsic motivation, attitudes towards school and perceived competence between mid-elementary school and middle-to-late high school. At the same time, students generally experience higher test anxiety resulting in lower test performance.³³

At the same time children need more independence and confidence in their school experience, the middle school or junior high environment appears to undermine both. The increase in classroom practices that rely on comparisons to other students, such as letter grading schemes,



PROVEN STRATEGIES

Clear Lake School in the Bethel School District has had to find innovative solutions to meet growing student needs with shrinking resources. In recent years the student population has grown particularly with low-income and immigrant students while budget cuts have reduced counseling staff and services. Working with researchers, the school implemented the University of Oregon's Effective Behavior Support (EBS) and the Oregon Social Learning Center's Linking the Interests of Families and Teachers (LIFT) to reduce problem behavior, and encourage learning.

EBS targets child compliance with school rules. School staff work to establish a proactive school-wide discipline plan and a complementary student behavior monitoring system. The monitoring system tracks detailed information about rule violations including what the violation was, who did it, where, and when. Based on this information, staff design and conduct targeted intervention and prevention efforts. The LIFT is an "universal" prevention program targeting child aggressive and antisocial behavior. LIFT includes a school recess "incentive plan", child social skills training, and parent skills training.

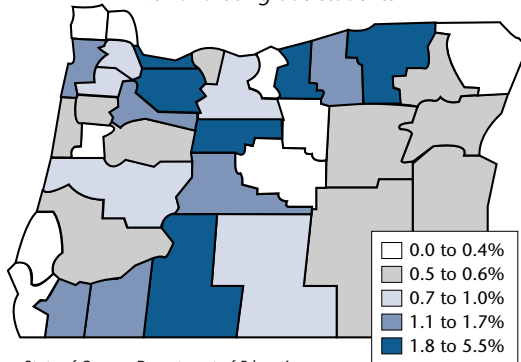
At Clear Lake School, EBS and LIFT have been used together to improve the general school environment. Recent studies of EBS and the LIFT have suggested both programs are quite promising interventions for children and families.

By using EBS's system wide approach, many schools have seen a major reduction in office referral rates. With less time spent in the principal's office, instructional minutes have increased in participating schools. Teachers report fewer interruptions during their class periods, and test scores have increased.

LIFT students demonstrate decreased physical aggression on school playgrounds, improved relationships at home and decreased child inappropriate social behavior during class time. After the intervention, the most aggressive children were virtually indistinguishable from the average child on the playground. Long term effects such as fewer later arrests, reduced likelihood of substance abuse and more positive peer groups, of the program have also been found.

Students participating in problem behaviors face particular challenges to academic success. In general, children who do not get along with their peers or teachers don't do well in school. Research has shown the cause of this diminished academic achievement to be varied. Low intellectual abilities, poor parenting practices and frequent non-compliance with classroom and school rules result in interrupted learning and contribute to academic failure among antisocial students.³⁷

Early Drop-out Rate
7th and 8th grade students



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public drills and increased testing may reduce students' perceived abilities and motivations.³⁴

A greater reliance on teacher-controlled classroom styles restricts students' natural inclination toward a student-controlled learning via group problem solving and choices in activities.

In contrast, researchers have found that a strong sense of community within school buildings allows schools to respond to student needs more effectively. Smaller schools tend to create environments that students perceive as caring communities.

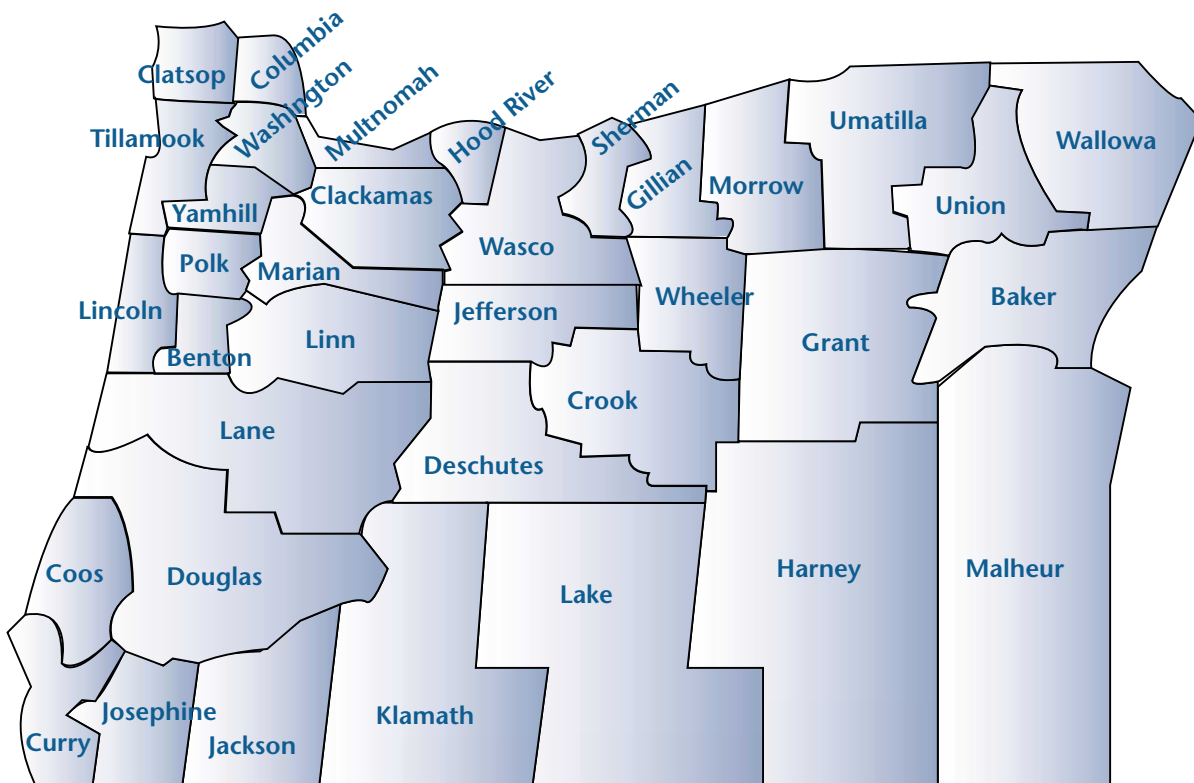
A sense of community appears to be strongest in smaller schools; however, it is possible to create smaller communities within large schools.³⁵

Research supports the argument for smaller classes, particularly in earlier grades, to measurably improve student and teacher performance.³⁶



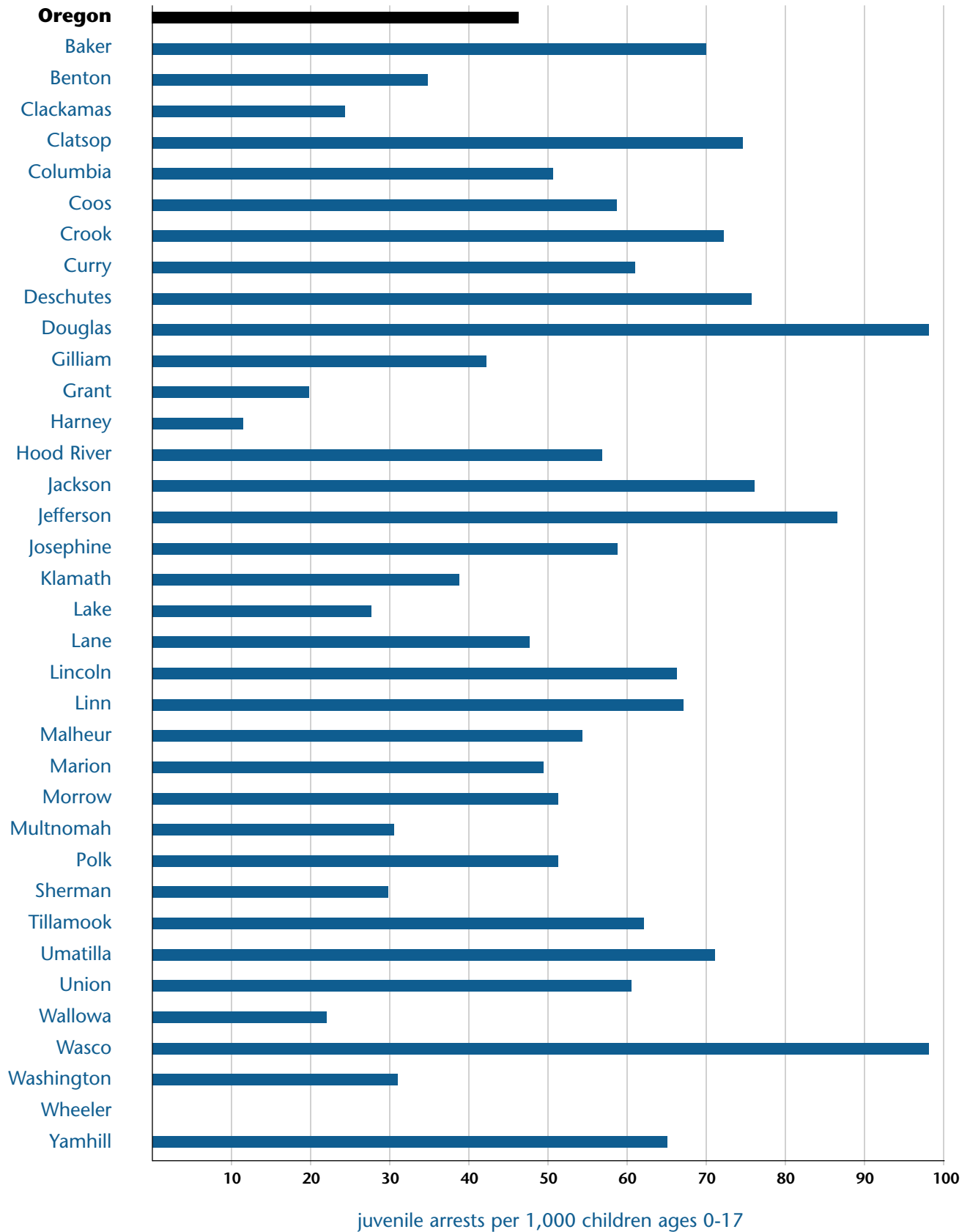
Measures of Child Well Being

Each year Children First for Oregon tracks and reports on 12 key measurements of child well being for the state and each county. In considering county rates it is also helpful to review the county's 5-year average rate and number of incidence as reported on each county's page (pp 32-66). Small numbers of incidences reported by the less populated counties may cause some rates to be misleading.

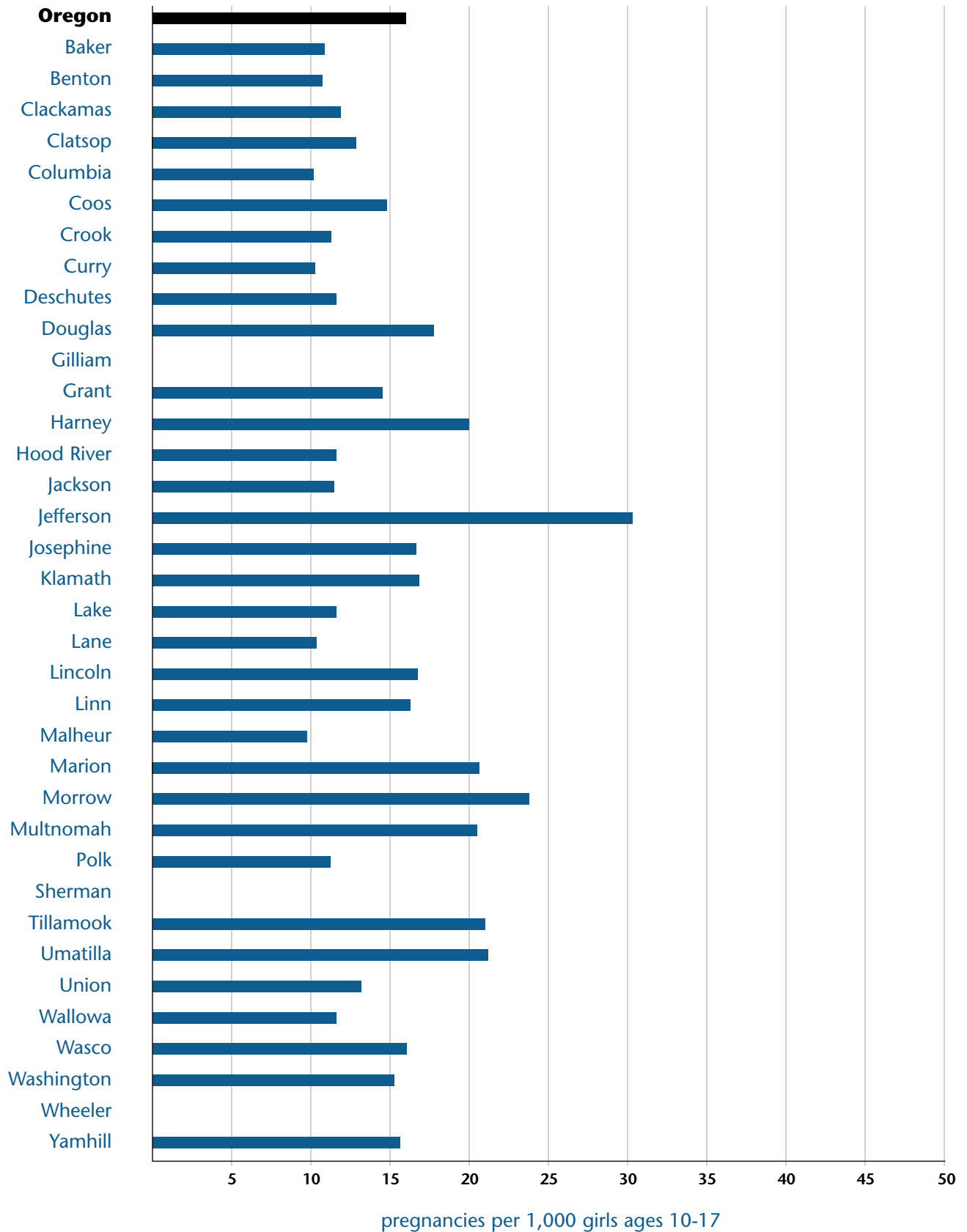


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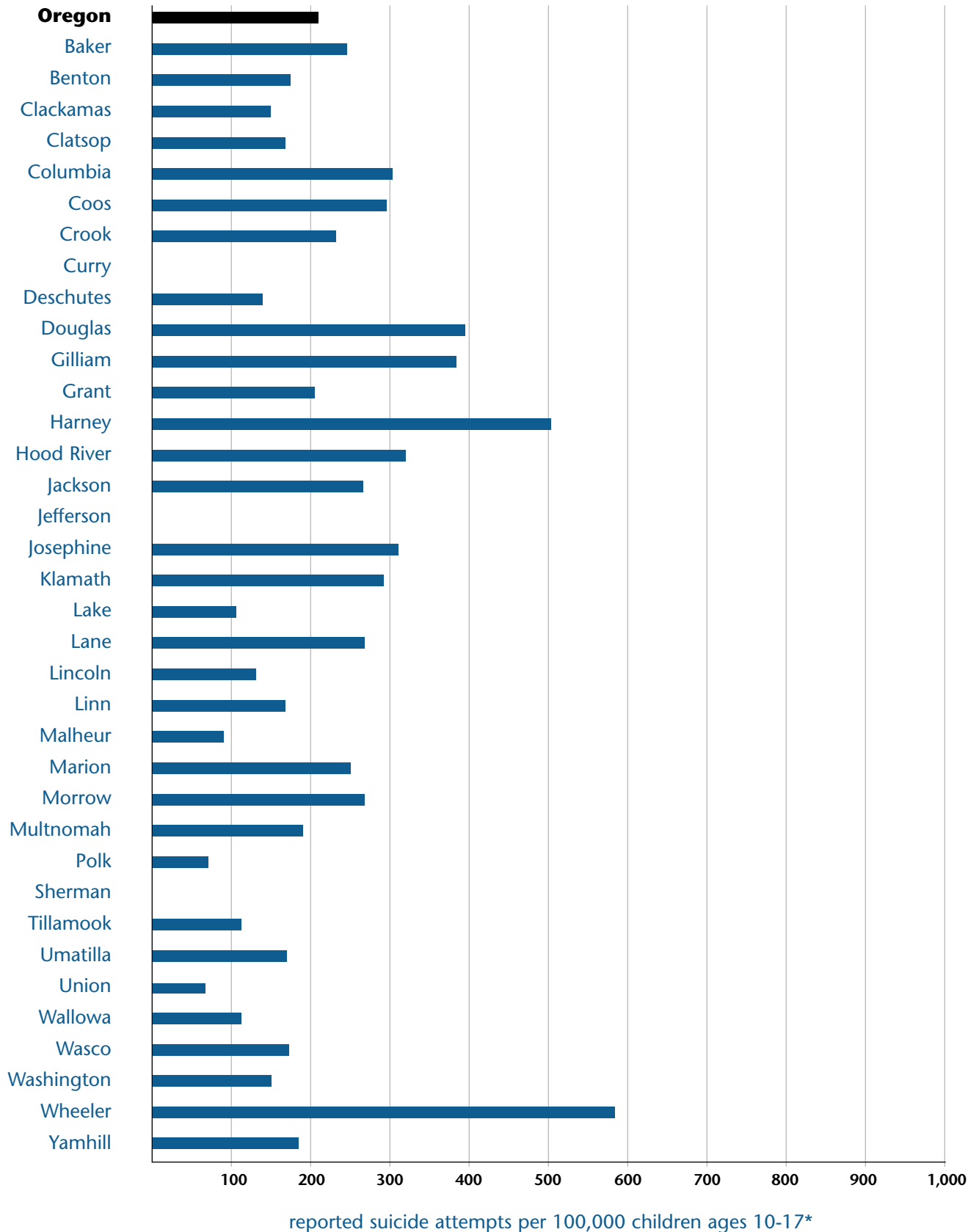
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Teen Pregnancy 1999 Rate



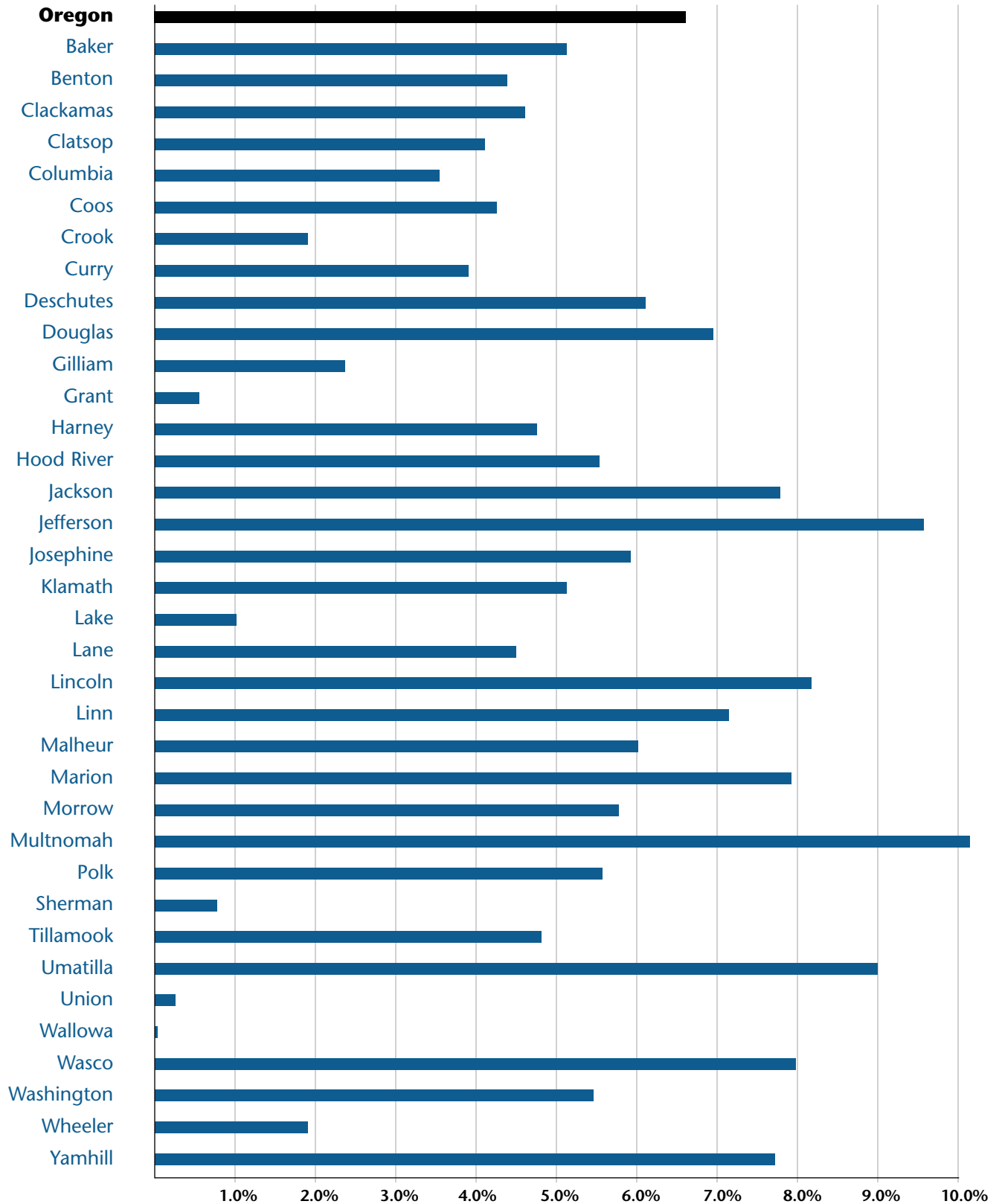
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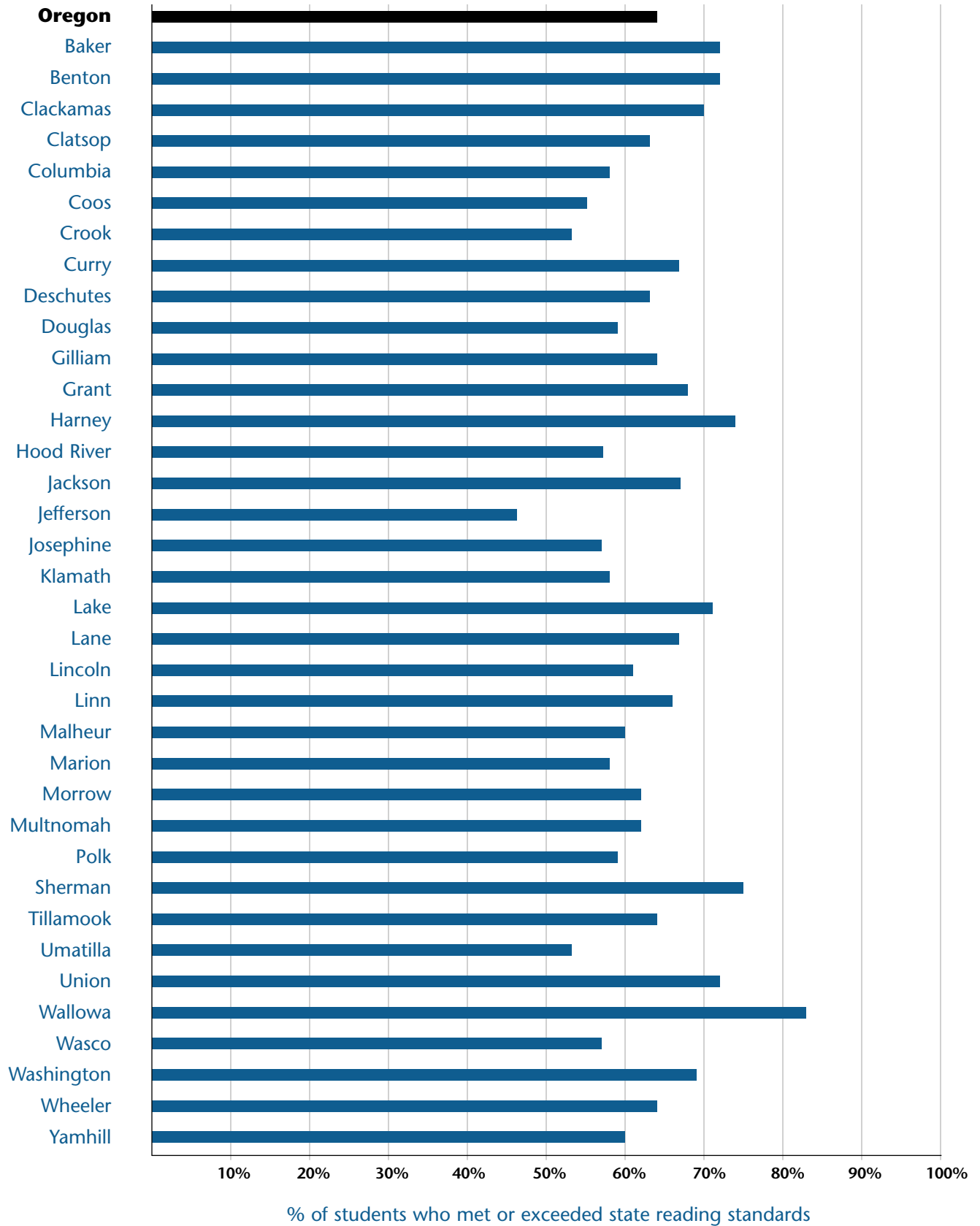
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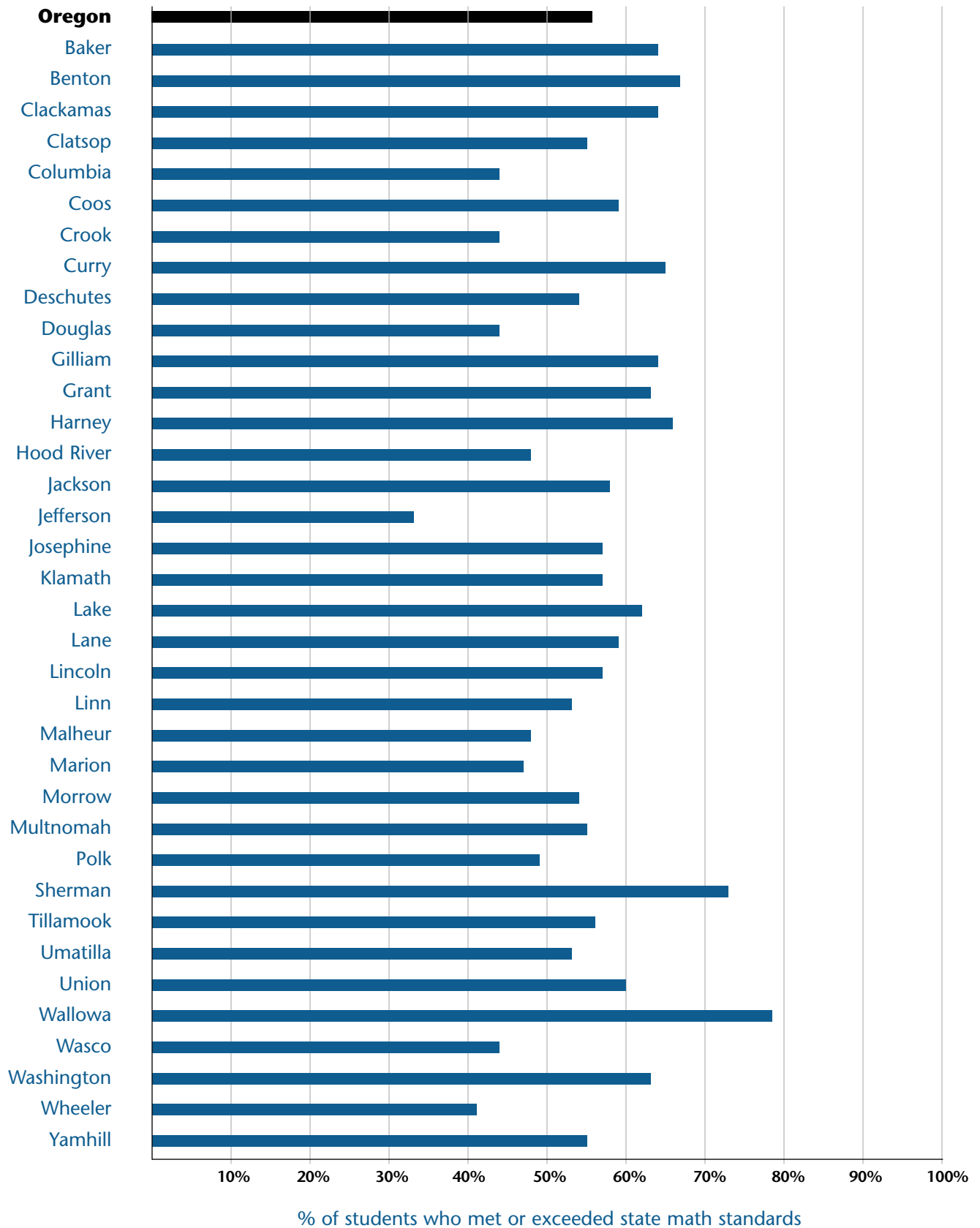
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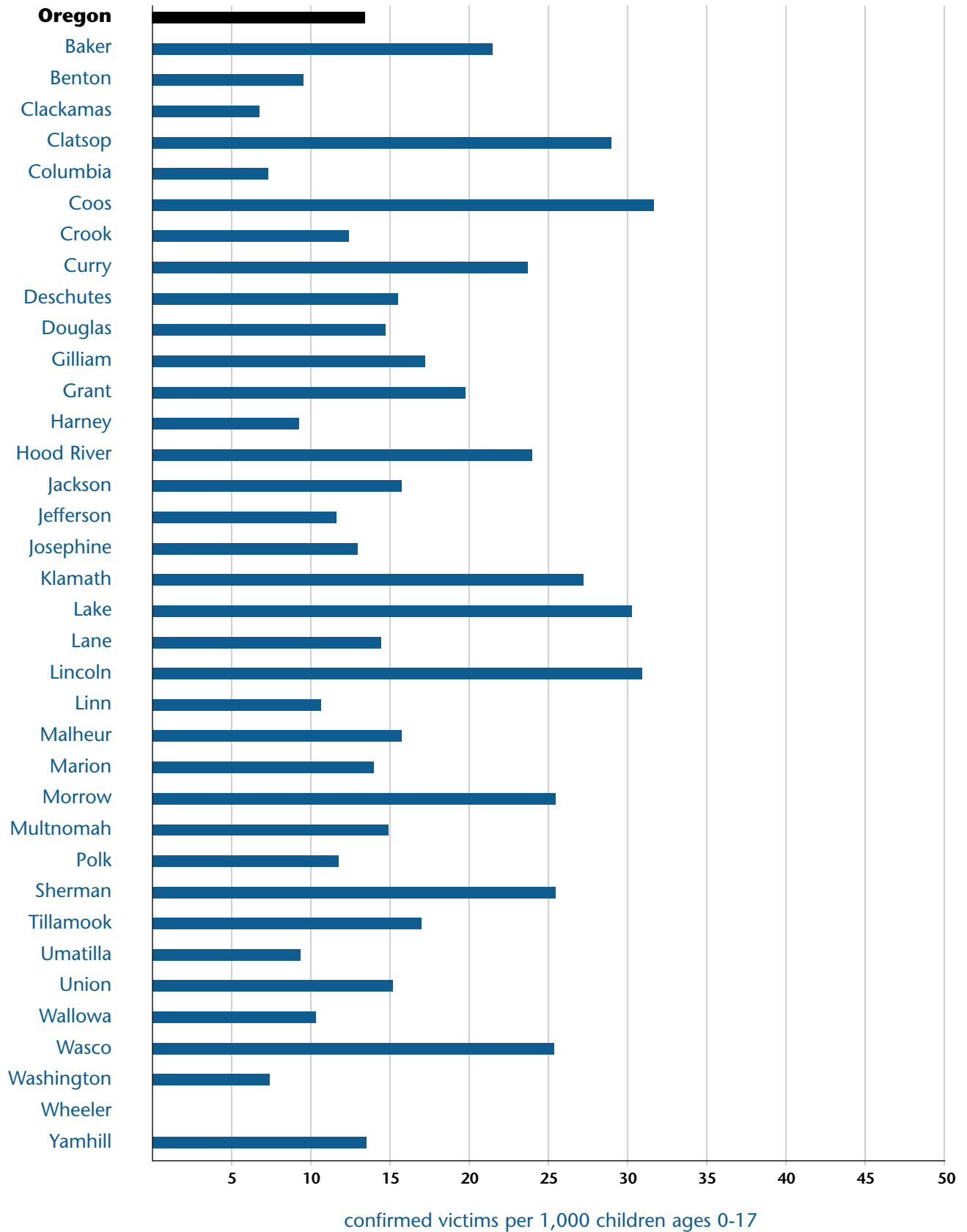
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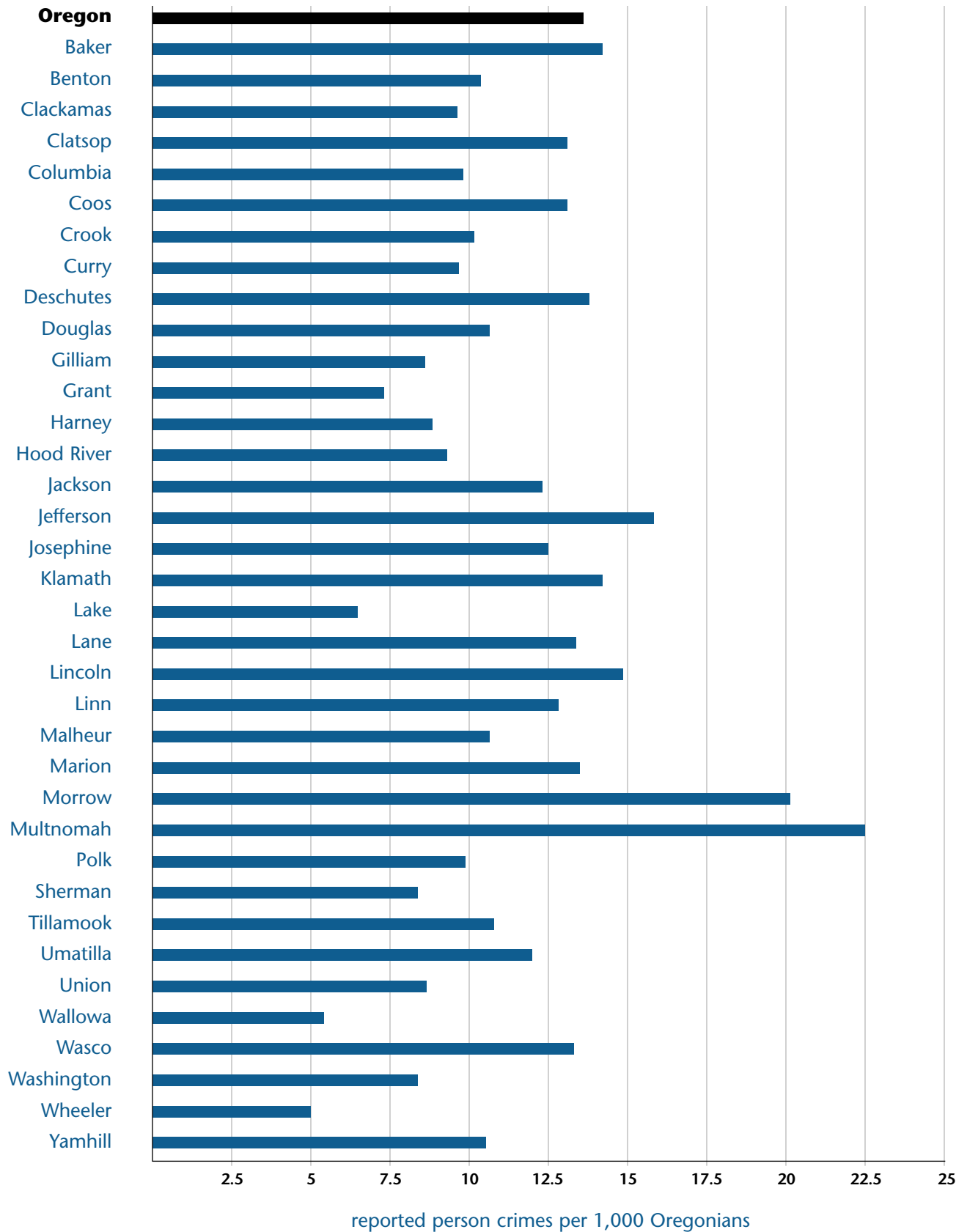
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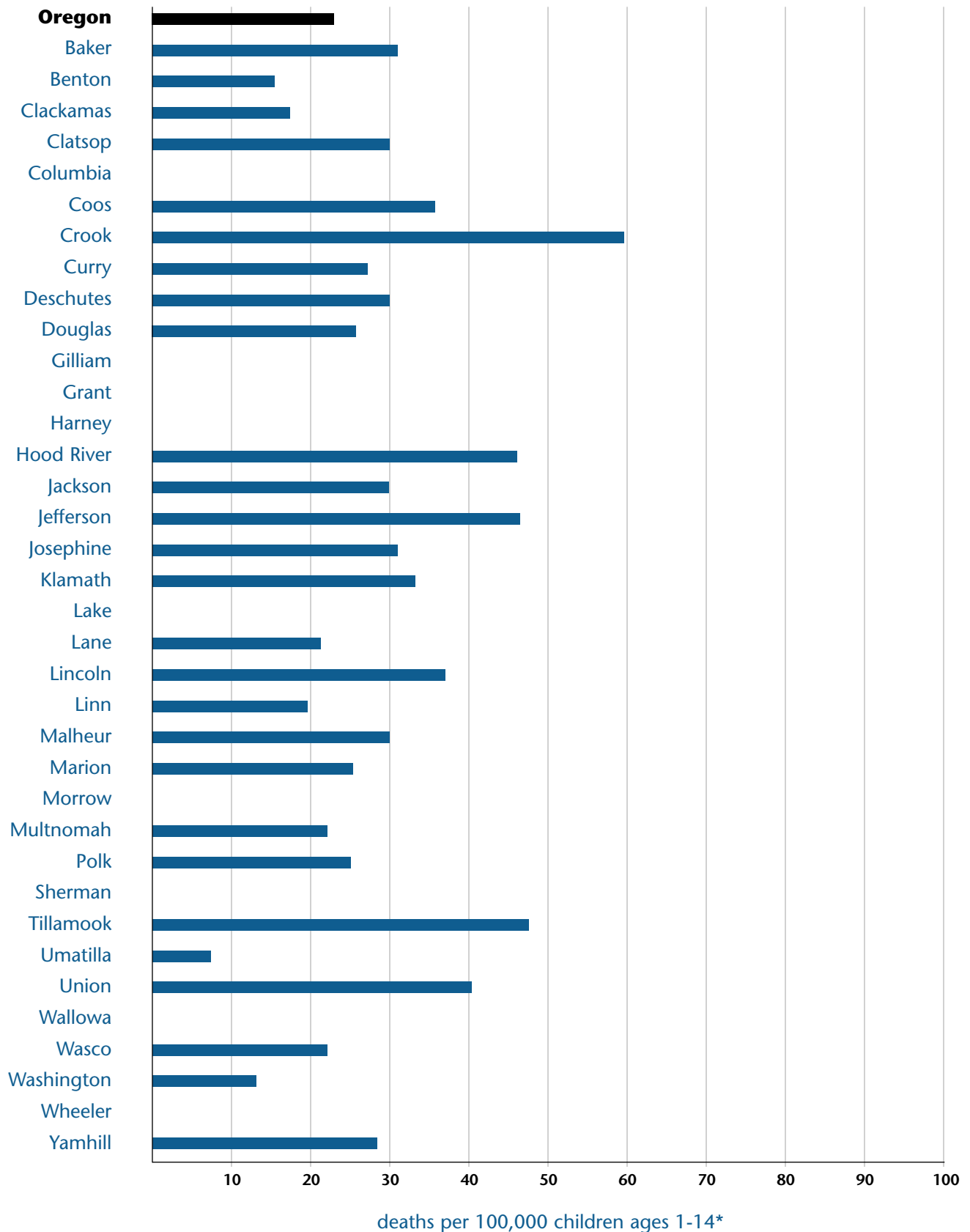


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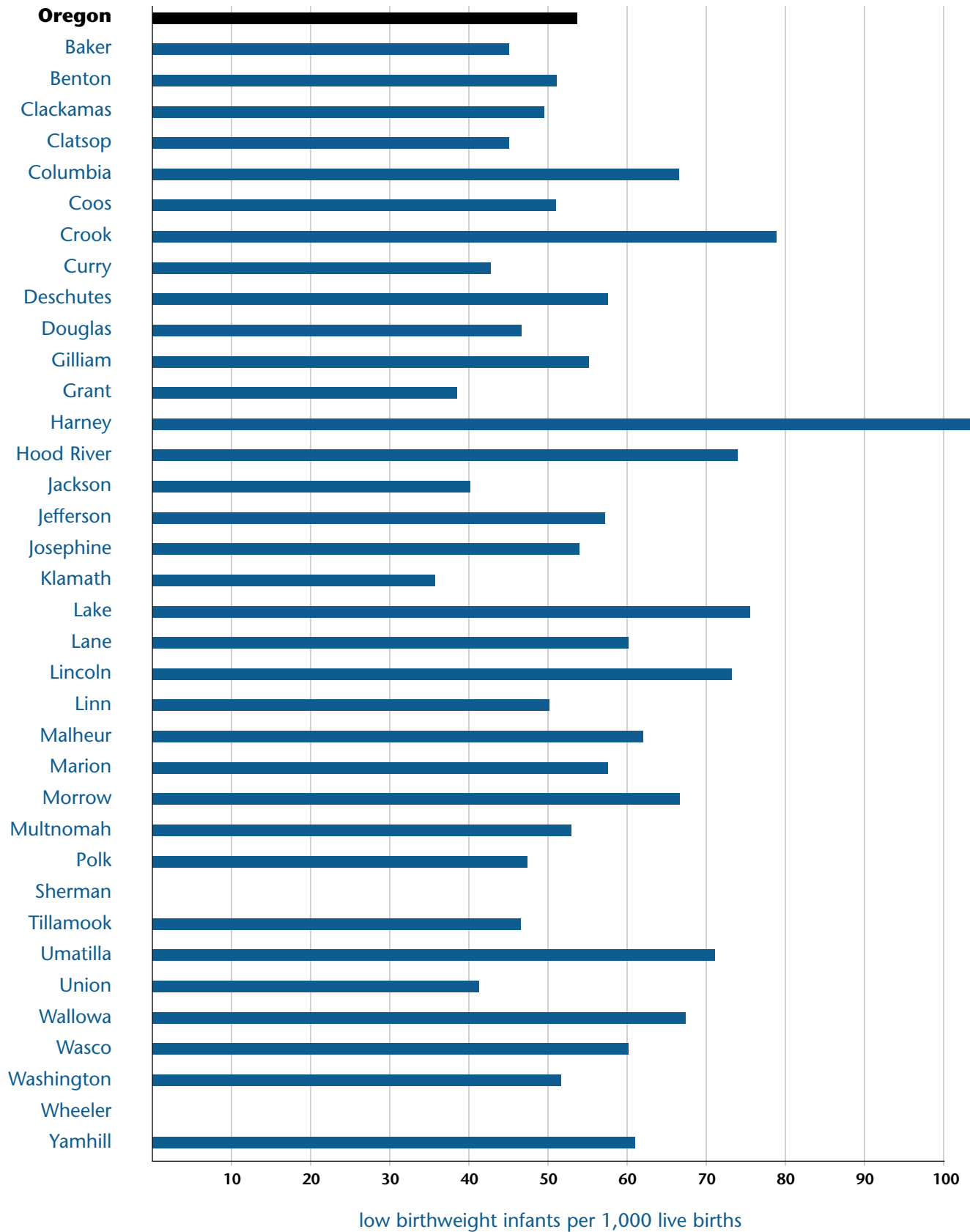
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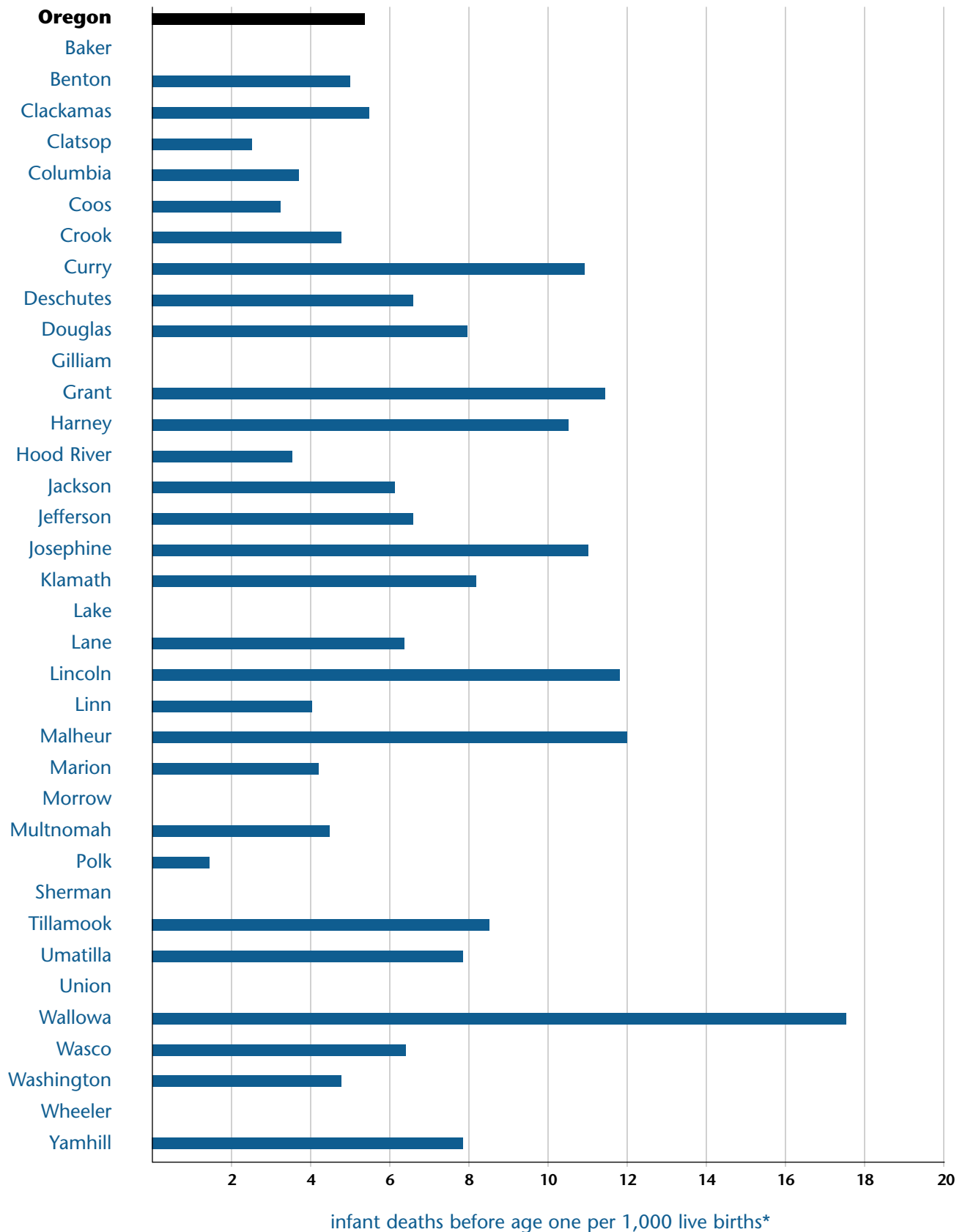


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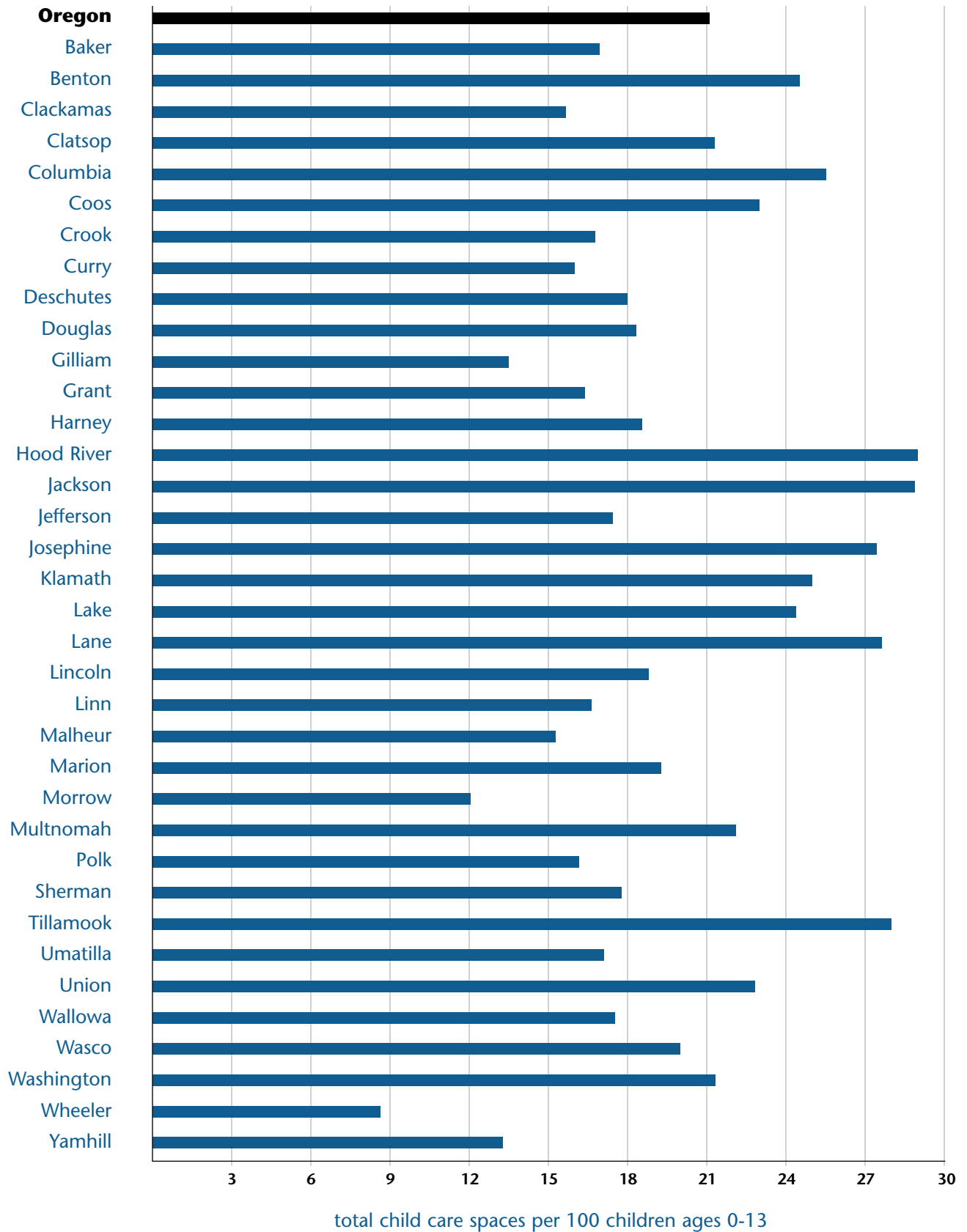


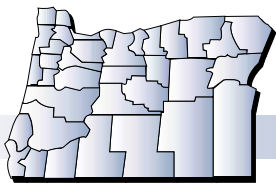
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Child Care Supply 1999 Rate





State of Oregon

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 17% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 40% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 21% reported fighting on school property.
- 14% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 15% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 3% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 6% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 13% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 21% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 12% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Statewide data

VIOLENCE

- 3,656 arrests were made among children under age 13 (5.7 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 3,402 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (12.2 per 1,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 39% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 26% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 13% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 14% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 6,895 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 618 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (45 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 99,576 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 879 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (1.0 percent).
- 22% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 25% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 23 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 24 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

STATE INDICATORS

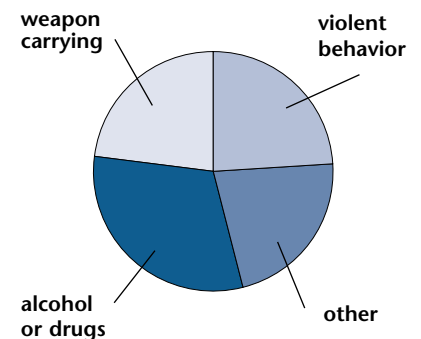
	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	Oregon Rate Compared to Benchmark
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	39,859	48.0	11% Better	55.7	2% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	2,961	15.9	8% Better	17.8	6% Worse
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	803	209.4	4% Worse	210.9	NA
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	10,622	6.6%	4% Better	NA	32% Worse
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	25,302	64%	16% Better	NA	2% Better
8th Grade Math Proficiency	22,348	56%	10% Better	NA	5% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	11,241	13.5	10% Worse	11.5	50% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	44,902	13.6	6% Better	15.2	NA
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	141	22.4	1% Better	24.8	NA
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	2,436	53.9	Same	54.2	NA
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	246	5.4	7% Better	6.0	10% Better
Child Care Supply (slots/100 under 13)	0	21	1% Worse	NA	Same

POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	3,300,800	+16%
All Children	829,798	+15%
Children ages 8-13	279,352	+15%

Student Expulsions

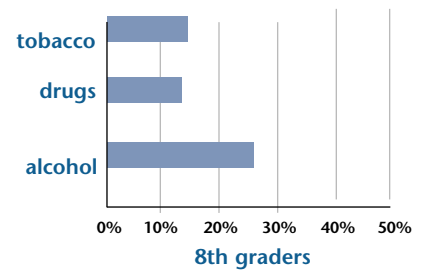
2,155 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.4% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



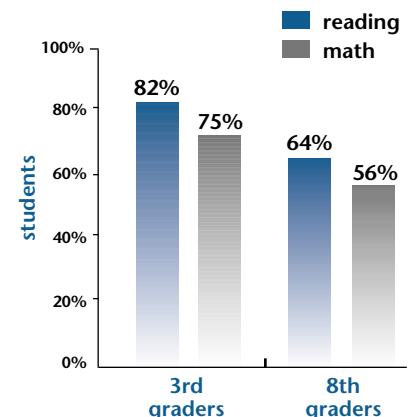
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the past month:



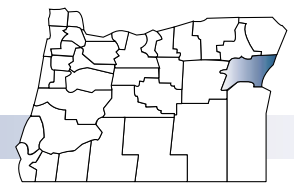
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



Baker County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000



POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	16,700	+9%
All Children	4,095	+2%
Children ages 8-13	1,500	+13%



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

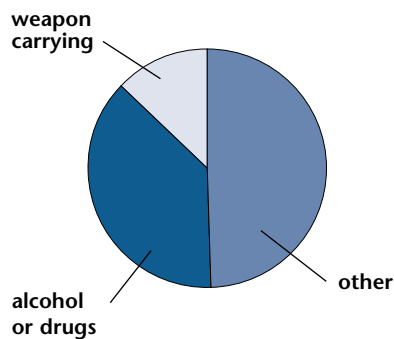
- 6% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 38% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 19% reported fighting on school property.
- 15% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 21% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 6% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 6% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 14% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 21% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 12% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 7

Student Expulsions

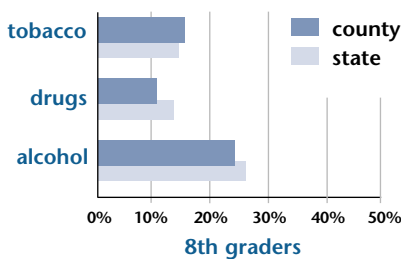
8 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.3% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the past month:



VIOLENCE

- 39 arrests were made among children under age 13 (12.6 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 27 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (18 per 1,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 37% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 24% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 11% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 16% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 43 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

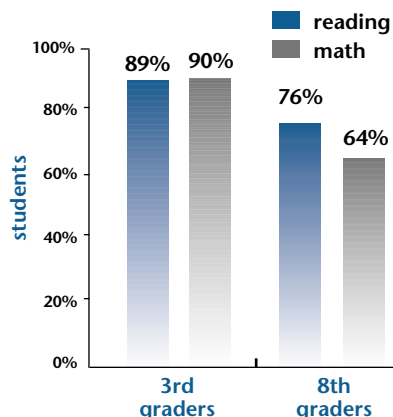
- 3 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (41 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 491 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 3 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.7 percent).
- 15% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 29% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 18 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 17 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

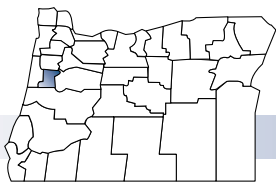
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	286	69.8	Better	102.9	45% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	10	10.8	Worse	10.2	32% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	5	246.3	Worse	146.0	18% Worse
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	48	5.1%	Better	NA	22% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	165	76%	Better	NA	19% Better
8th Grade Math Proficiency	139	64%	Better	NA	14% Better
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	88	21.5	Better	23.1	59% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	237	14.2	Better	20.2	4% Worse
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	1	30.9	Worse	12.0	38% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	8	47.1	Worse	42.9	13% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.0	Better	8.9	100% Better
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	480	17.0	Better	NA	20% Worse



Benton County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 7% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 39% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 21% reported fighting on school property.
- 12% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 18% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 5% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 6% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 13% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 20% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 11% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 4

VIOLENCE

- 73 arrests were made among children under age 13 (5.8 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 48 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (8.3 per 1,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 46% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 23% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 14% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 9% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 141 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 22 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (77 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 2003 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 9 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.5 percent).
- 16% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 15% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 27 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 26 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

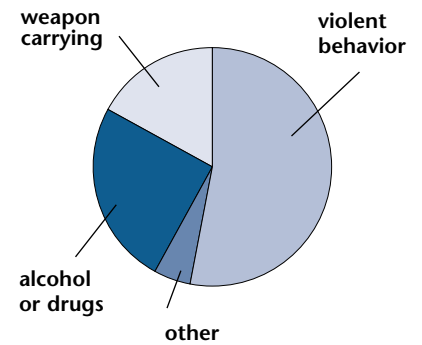
	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	583	34.9	6% Better	42.7	27% Better
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	41	10.7	35% Worse	9.3	33% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	14	176.7	21% Better	243.1	16% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	147	4.4%	9% Worse	NA	33% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	565	72%	6% Better	NA	13% Better
8th Grade Math Proficiency	526	67%	8% Better	NA	20% Better
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	158	9.5	32% Worse	8.7	30% Better
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	805	10.4	8% Worse	10.0	24% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	2	15.4	Worse	6.2	31% Better
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	42	51.0	9% Better	51.0	5% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	4	5.0	39% Worse	5.4	7% Better
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	2,858	24.5	Same	NA	16% Better

POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	77,100	+9%
All Children	16,688	+6%
Children ages 8-13	5,750	+7%

Student Expulsions

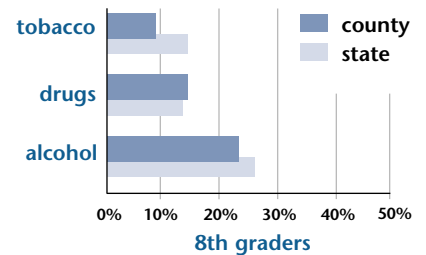
59 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.6% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



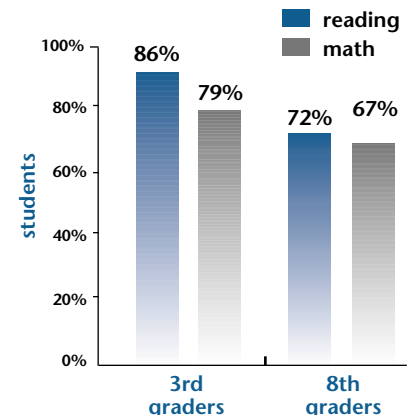
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the past month:



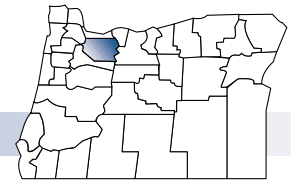
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



Clackamas County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000



POPULATION		
	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	326,850	+17%
All Children	83,819	+13%
Children ages 8-13	28,984	+20%



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

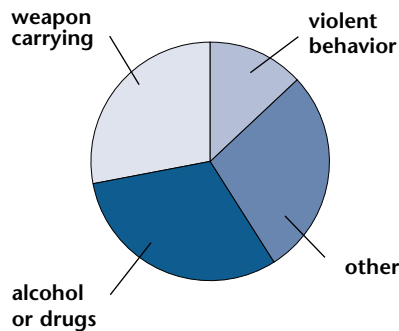
- 9% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 40% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 20% reported fighting on school property.
- 14% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 13% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 3% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 5% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 11% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 19% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 10% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 1

Student Expulsions

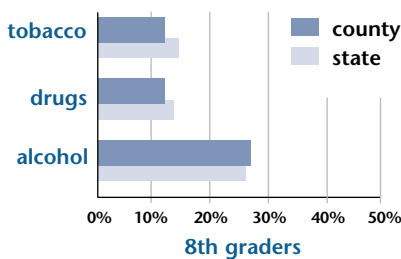
186 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.3% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



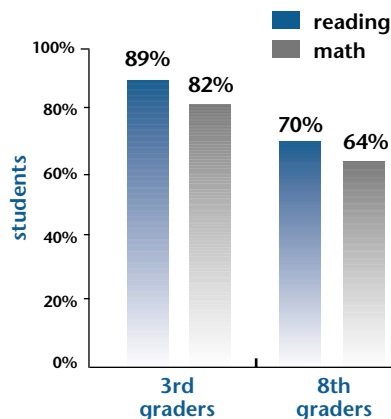
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the past month:



Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



VIOLENCE

- 133 arrests were made among children under age 13 (2.1 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 196 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (6.8 per 1,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 46% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 27% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 12% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 12% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 697 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

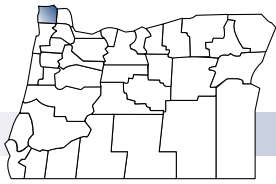
- 43 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (31 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 10,058 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 50 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.6 percent).
- 21% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 22% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 25 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 26 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	2,038	24.3	18% Better	32.7	49% Better
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	234	11.9	16% Better	13.6	25% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	60	147.0	20% Worse	139.6	30% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	744	4.7%	5% Better	NA	29% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	2,855	70%	17% Better	NA	9% Better
8th Grade Math Proficiency	2,662	64%	10% Better	NA	14% Better
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	562	6.7	16% Worse	5.2	50% Better
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	3,146	9.6	14% Better	11.0	29% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	11	17.3	36% Better	25.2	23% Better
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	204	49.7	13% Better	53.8	8% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	23	5.5	26% Better	6.4	2% Worse
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	9,135	15.8	14% Worse	NA	25% Worse



Clatsop County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 16% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 41% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 22% reported fighting on school property.
- 15% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 21% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
 - 4% reported carrying a weapon to school.
 - 6% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
 - 11% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 20% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 14% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 2

VIOLENCE

- 42 arrests were made among children under age 13 (6.3 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 72 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (24.1 per 1,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 42% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 26% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 13% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 21% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 73 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 11 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (74 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 1,030 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 16 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (1.7 percent).
- 28% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 30% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 22 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 21 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

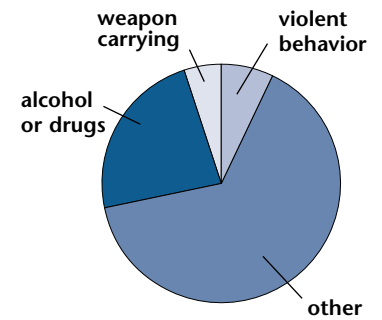
	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	638	74.3	Worse	78.1	55% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	26	12.9	Better	17.8	19% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	7	168.0	Better	319.2	20% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	77	4.1%	Better	NA	38% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	275	63%	Same	NA	2% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	245	55%	Same	NA	2% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	241	28.1	Worse	19.5	108% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	456	13.1	Worse	13.3	4% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	2	30.0	Better	18.0	34% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	17	45.2	Worse	55.8	16% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1	2.5	Worse	5.8	54% Better
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	1,268	21.4	Worse	NA	1% Better

POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	34,750	+4%
All Children	8,582	Same
Children ages 8-13	2,986	+1%

Student Expulsions

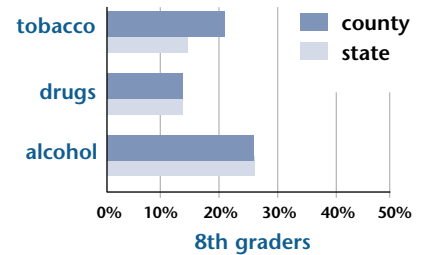
73 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (1.3% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



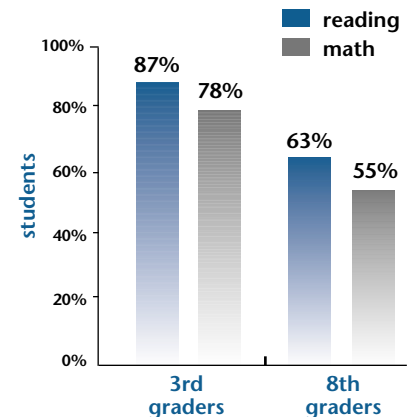
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the past month:



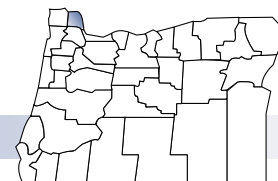
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



Columbia County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000



POPULATION		
	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	42,650	+14%
All Children	11,501	+7%
Children ages 8-13	4,204	+14%

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

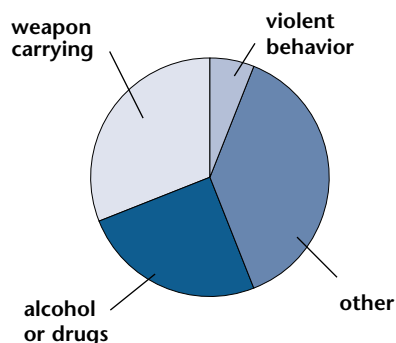
- 16% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 41% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 22% reported fighting on school property.
- 15% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 21% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 4% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 6% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 11% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 20% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 14% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 2

Student Expulsions

64 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.7% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



VIOLENCE

- 70 arrests were made among children under age 13 (8.2 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 21 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (5.0 per 1,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 33% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 31% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 13% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 25% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 117 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

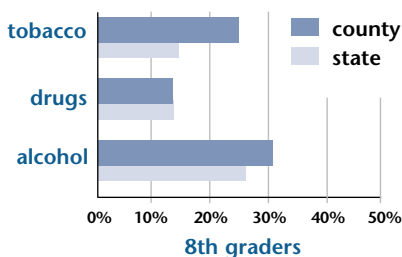
- 8 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (40 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 1,380 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 4 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.3 percent).
- 30% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 45% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 23 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 21 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

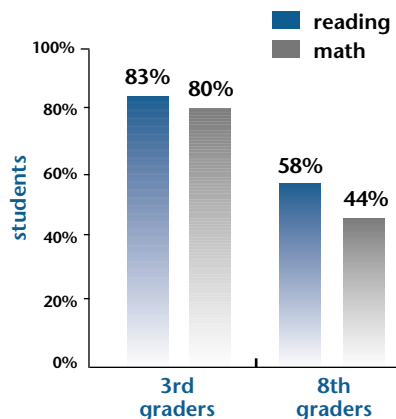
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the past month:



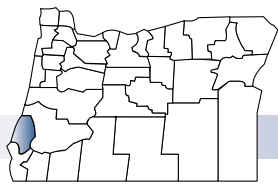
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	588	51.1	Better	64.8	6% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	29	10.1	Better	15.3	36% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	18	302.4	Worse	109.2	44% Worse
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	92	3.5%	Worse	NA	46% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	366	58%	Better	NA	9% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	279	44%	Better	NA	21% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	83	7.2	Better	8.1	47% Better
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	418	9.8	Worse	9.8	28% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	0	0.0	Better	12.1	100% Better
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	38	66.5	Worse	45.6	23% Worse
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	2	3.7	Better	4.8	31% Better
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	1,987	25.6	Better	NA	21% Better



Coos County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 34% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 39% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 21% reported fighting on school property.
- 14% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 18% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 3% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 5% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 12% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 21% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 12% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 5

VIOLENCE

- 71 arrests were made among children under age 13 (6.7 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 138 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (27.4 per 1,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 37% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 23% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month (regional data).
- 12% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month (regional data).
- 15% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month (regional data).
- 146 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 8 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (32 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 1,710 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 6 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.4 percent).
- 32% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 20% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 20 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 22 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

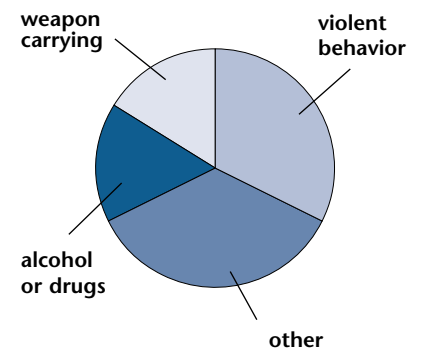
	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	830	58.3	13% Better	83.2	21% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	51	14.9	9% Better	15.7	6% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	21	298.0	76% Worse	258.4	42% Worse
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	138	4.3%	13% Better	NA	36% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	411	55%	12% Better	NA	14% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	418	59%	16% Better	NA	5% Better
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	473	33.2	37% Worse	21.6	146% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	803	13.1	19% Better	15.8	4% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	4	35.8	30% Worse	41.0	60% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	33	51.0	3% Better	50.7	5% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	2	3.2	47% Better	5.6	41% Better
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	2,259	23.1	32% Better	NA	10% Better

POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	61,350	+2%
All Children	14,248	-6%
Children ages 8-13	5,042	-6%

Student Expulsions

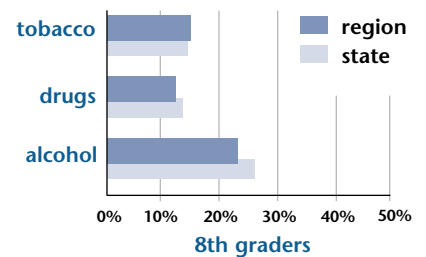
62 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.6% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



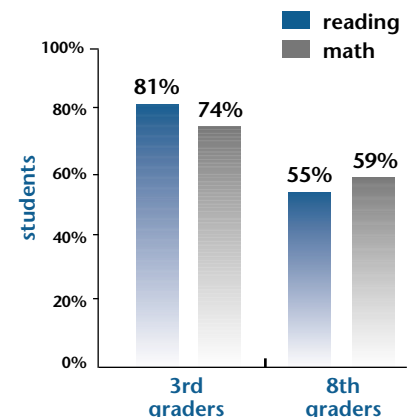
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the past month:



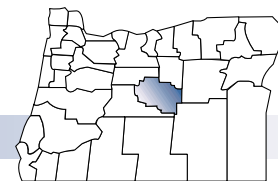
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



Crook County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000



POPULATION		
	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	16,800	+19%
All Children	4,416	+14%
Children ages 8-13	1,488	+17%

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

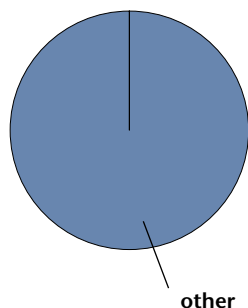
- 9% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 44% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 29% reported fighting on school property.
- 17% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 19% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 6% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 10% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 15% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 23% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 15% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 6

Student Expulsions

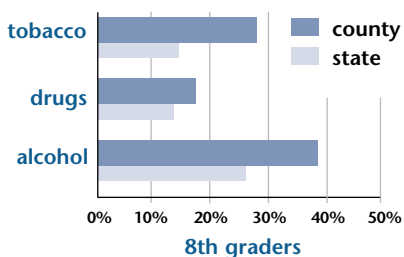
4 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.1% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



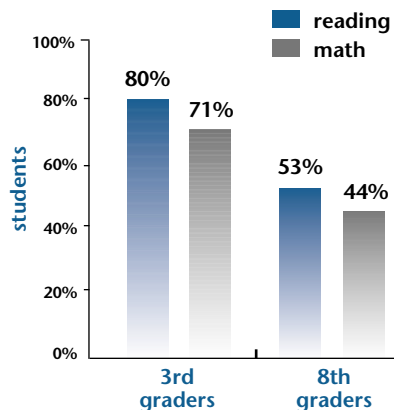
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the past month:



Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



VIOLENCE

- 35 arrests were made among children under age 13 (10.6 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 17 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (11.4 per 1,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 18% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 38% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 17% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 28% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 40 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

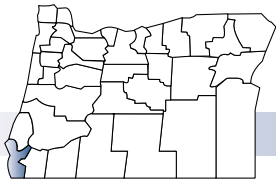
- 0 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (0 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 530 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 1 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.2 percent).
- 34% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 38% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 24 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 24 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	320	72.5	Better	83.3	51% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	11	11.3	Better	17.3	29% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	5	236.1	Worse	62.9	13% Worse
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	18	1.9%	Better	NA	71% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	128	53%	Worse	NA	17% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	104	44%	Worse	NA	21% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	56	12.7	Worse	12.8	6% Better
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	169	10.1	Better	13.6	26% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	2	59.7	Worse	30.1	167% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	17	78.7	Worse	61.6	46% Worse
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1	4.3	Better	5.5	20% Better
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	513	16.8	Better	NA	20% Worse



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 34% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 39% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 21% reported fighting on school property.
- 14% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 18% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 3% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 5% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 12% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 21% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 12% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 5

VIOLENCE

- 7 arrests were made among children under age 13 (2.2 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 38 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (24.2 per 1,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 50% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 27% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 18% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 23% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 45 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 1 child age 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (12 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 505 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 2 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.4 percent).
- 24% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 22% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 21 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 19 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

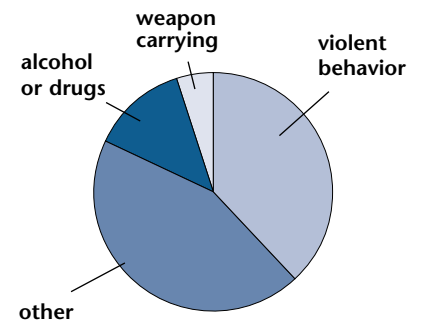
	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	256	60.9	Worse	49.7	27% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	11	10.2	Worse	12.5	36% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	0	0.0	Better	162.7	100% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	40	3.9%	Worse	NA	40% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	159	67%	Better	NA	5% Better
8th Grade Math Proficiency	155	65%	Better	NA	16% Better
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	100	23.8	Worse	17.1	76% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	211	9.6	Better	11.9	29% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	1	27.0	Worse	38.0	21% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	6	42.6	Better	52.9	21% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	2	11.8	Worse	6.6	119% Worse
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	462	16.1	Better	NA	24% Worse

POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	22,050	+14%
All Children	4,206	+5%
Children ages 8-13	1,569	+22%

Student Expulsions

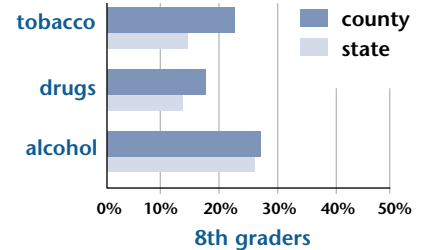
94 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (2.9% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



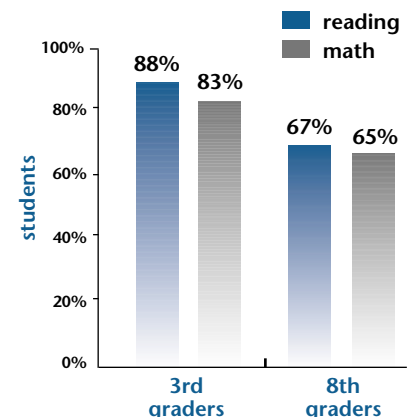
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the past month:



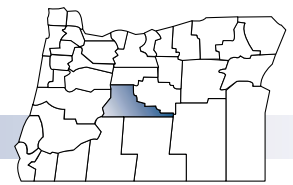
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



Deschutes County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000



POPULATION		
	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	106,700	+42%
All Children	26,635	+38%
Children ages 8-13	9,282	+44%



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

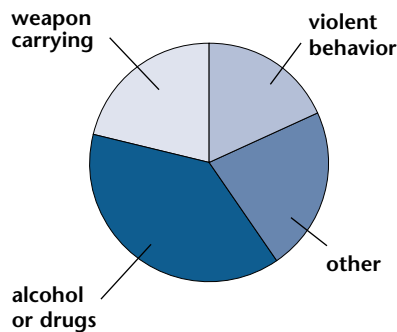
- 9% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 44% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 29% reported fighting on school property.
- 17% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 19% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 6% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 10% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 15% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 23% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 15% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 6

Student Expulsions

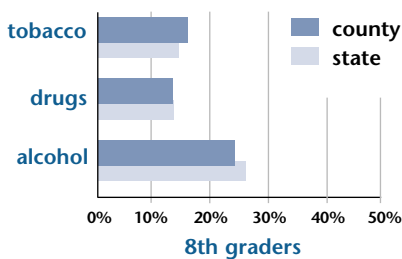
76 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.4% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



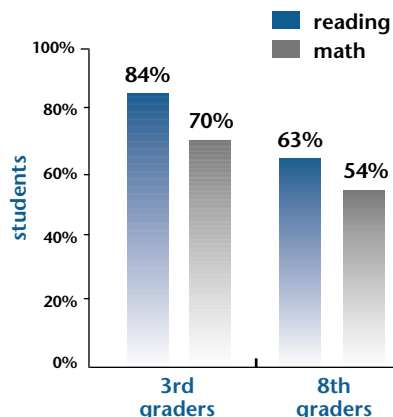
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the past month:



Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



VIOLENCE

- 268 arrests were made among children under age 13 (13.3 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 144 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (15.5 per 1,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 46% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 24% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 13% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 16% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 236 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

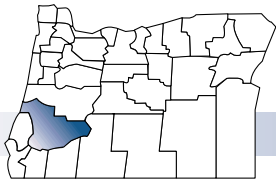
- 17 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (39 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 3,196 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 32 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (1.1 percent).
- 25% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 23% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 26 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 26 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	2,027	76.1	11% Better	78.3	58% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	70	11.6	20% Better	15.1	27% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	18	140.9	22% Better	231.7	33% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	356	6.1%	19% Better	NA	8% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	918	63%	15% Better	NA	2% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	785	54%	4% Better	NA	4% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	414	15.5	41% Worse	10.8	15% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	1,472	13.8	5% Worse	13.0	1% Worse
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	6	30.0	54% Worse	31.8	34% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	76	57.8	3% Worse	52.7	7% Worse
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	9	6.6	43% Worse	6.2	22% Worse
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	3,359	18.1	4% Worse	NA	14% Worse



Douglas County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 34% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 39% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 21% reported fighting on school property.
- 14% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 18% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 3% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 5% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 12% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 21% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 12% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 5

VIOLENCE

- 85 arrests were made among children under age 13.*
- 135 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (15.5 per 1,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 35% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 24% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 14% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 16% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 234 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 37 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (87 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 2,978 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 14 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.5 percent).
- 23% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 37% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 21 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 20 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	2,408	97.0	24% Worse	71.2	102% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	106	17.8	6% Worse	17.7	12% Worse
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	49	394.6	Same	257.7	88% Worse
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	377	7.0%	3% Better	NA	6% Worse
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	773	59%	13% Better	NA	8% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	580	44%	8% Worse	NA	21% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	364	14.7	20% Worse	13.6	9% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	1,070	10.6	25% Worse	12.3	22% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	5	25.9	40% Better	34.8	16% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	52	46.4	9% Better	55.7	14% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	9	7.9	25% Better	6.3	46% Worse
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	3,089	18.3	3% Better	NA	13% Worse

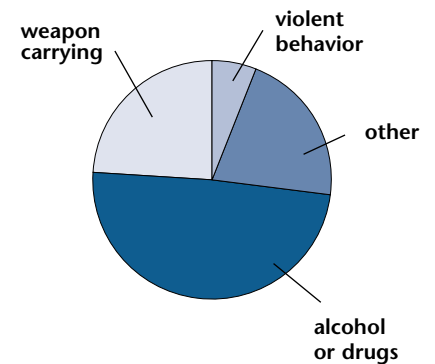
*Arrest of children under the age of 13 does not include county sherriff or City of Roseburb police arrests. arrests)

POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	100,850	+7%
All Children	24,818	-3%
Children ages 8-13	8,723	Same

Student Expulsions

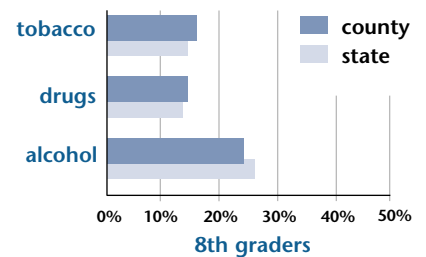
85 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.5% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



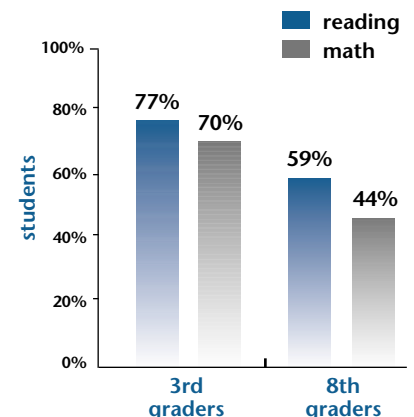
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the past month:



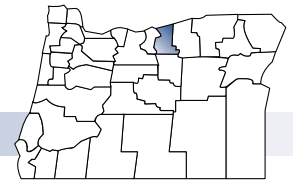
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



Gilliam County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000



POPULATION		
	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	2,100	+22%
All Children	524	+14%
Children ages 8-13	218	+25%

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

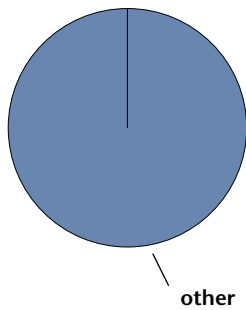
- 9% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 44% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 29% reported fighting on school property.
- 17% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 19% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 6% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 10% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 15% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 23% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 15% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 6

Student Expulsions

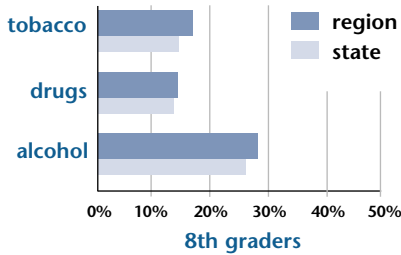
1 student grade K-12 was expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.3% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



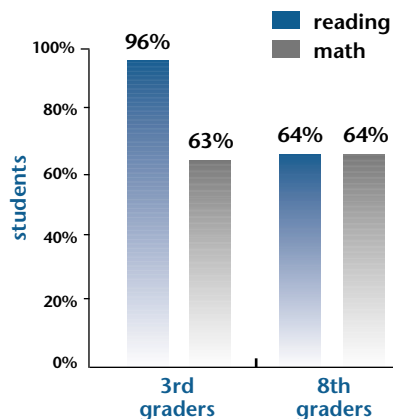
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the past month:



Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



VIOLENCE

- 3 arrests were made among children under age 13 (7.4 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 2 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (9.2 per 1,000 children, ages 8-13).

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 28% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month (regional data).
- 14% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month (regional data).
- 17% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month (regional data).
- 6 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

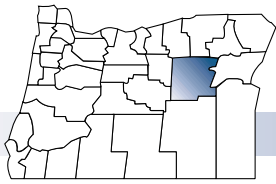
- 0 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (0 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 63 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 3 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (4.6 percent).
- 33% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 2% more students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 12 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 7 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	22	42.0	Worse	43.3	13% Better
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	0	0.0	NA	NA	100% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	1	381.7	Worse	0.0	82% Worse
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	3	2.4%	Worse	NA	63% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	21	64%	Better	NA	Same
8th Grade Math Proficiency	21	64%	Better	NA	14% Better
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	9	17.2	Worse	16.9	27% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	18	8.6	Worse	9.4	37% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	0	0.0	Same	0.0	100% Better
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	1	55.6	Better	99.1	3% Worse
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.0	Same	0.0	100% Better
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	50	13.5	Better	NA	36% Worse



Grant County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 6% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 38% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 19% reported fighting on school property.
- 15% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 21% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
 - 6% reported carrying a weapon to school.
 - 6% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 14% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 21% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 12% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 7

VIOLENCE

- 3 arrests were made among children under age 13 (2.0 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 11 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (15.5 per 1,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 46% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 50% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 25% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 13% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 23 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 0 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (0 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 242 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 1 seventh or eighth grader dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.4 percent).
- 22% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 26% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 16 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 13 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

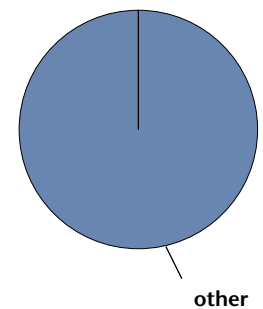
	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	40	19.8	Worse	25.8	59% Better
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	7	14.5	Worse	11.8	9% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	2	201.8	Better	313.5	4% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	3	0.6%	Worse	NA	91% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	73	68%	Worse	NA	6% Better
8th Grade Math Proficiency	69	63%	Better	NA	13% Better
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	40	19.8	Better	18.9	47% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	58	7.3	Better	9.8	46% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	0	0.0	Same	11.9	100% Better
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	3	38.5	Better	43.6	29% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1	11.4	Worse	6.4	111% Worse
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	228	16.4	Better	NA	22% Worse

POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	8,000	+2%
All Children	2,020	-5%
Children ages 8-13	708	-9%

Student Expulsions

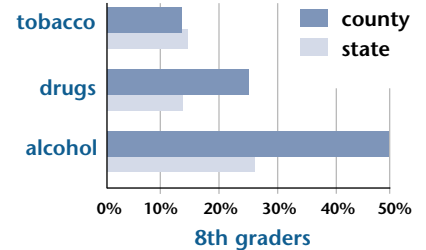
1 student grade K-12 was expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.1% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



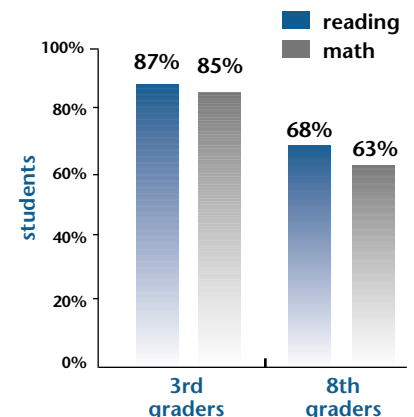
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the past month:



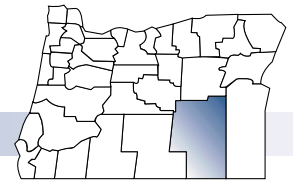
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



Harney County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000



POPULATION		
	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	7,600	+8%
All Children	1,937	-2%
Children ages 8-13	695	-9%

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

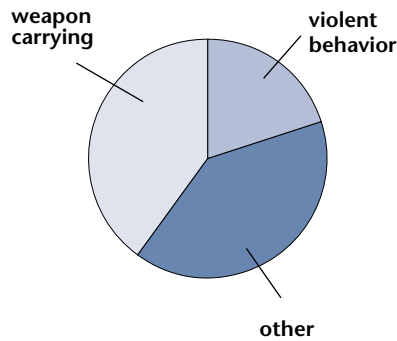
- 6% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 38% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 19% reported fighting on school property.
- 15% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 21% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 6% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 6% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 14% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 21% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 12% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 7

Student Expulsions

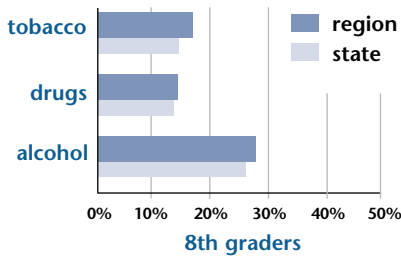
5 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.3% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the past month:



VIOLENCE

- 8 arrests were made among children under age 13 (5.6 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 5 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (7.2 per 1,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 60% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 28% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month (regional data).
- 14% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month (regional data).
- 17% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month (regional data).
- 19 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

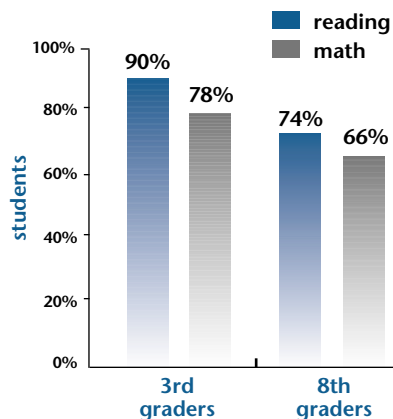
- 3 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (88 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 232 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 1 seventh or eighth grader dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.5 percent).
- 18% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 15% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 17 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 16 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

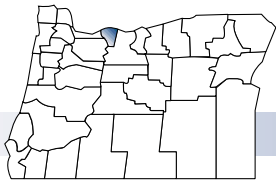
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	22	11.4	Better	16.6	76% Better
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	10	20.0	Worse	15.2	26% Worse
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	5	507.6	Worse	196.7	142% Worse
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	21	4.7%	Worse	NA	28% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	78	74%	Better	NA	16% Better
8th Grade Math Proficiency	72	66%	Better	NA	18% Better
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	16	8.3	Better	17.9	39% Better
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	67	8.8	Better	11.0	35% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	0	0.0	Same	42.0	100% Better
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	10	108.7	Worse	66.5	102% Worse
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1	10.5	Worse	7.0	94% Worse
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	244	18.6	Better	NA	12% Worse



Hood River County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 9% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 44% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 29% reported fighting on school property.
- 17% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 19% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 6% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 10% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 15% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 23% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 15% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 6

VIOLENCE

- 15 arrests were made among children under age 13 (3.6 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 47 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (25.9 per 1,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 34% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 22% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 11% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 14% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 46 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 1 child age 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (11 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 656 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 3 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.5 percent).
- 34% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 39% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 21 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 20 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

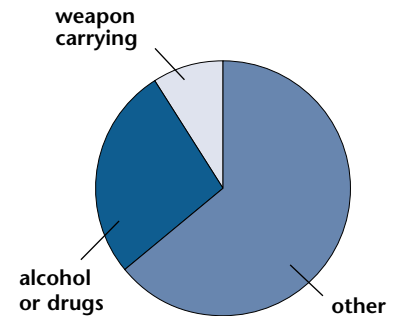
	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	311	56.9	Better	56.5	19% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	14	11.6	Better	14.6	27% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	8	321.5	Worse	260.3	54% Worse
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	63	5.6%	Worse	NA	16% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	152	57%	Better	NA	11% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	133	48%	Better	NA	14% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	131	24.0	Worse	18.7	78% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	183	9.3	Better	10.2	32% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	2	46.0	Better	37.9	105% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	25	74.0	Worse	56.2	37% Worse
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1	3.5	Worse	4.8	35% Better
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	1,127	29.0	Better	NA	37% Better

POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	19,700	+17%
All Children	5,463	+18%
Children ages 8-13	1,816	+18%

Student Expulsions

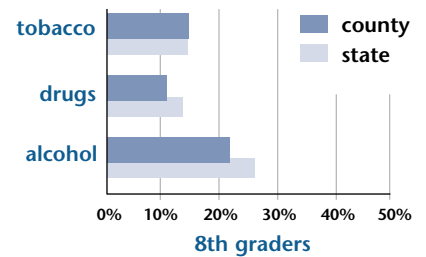
22 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.6% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



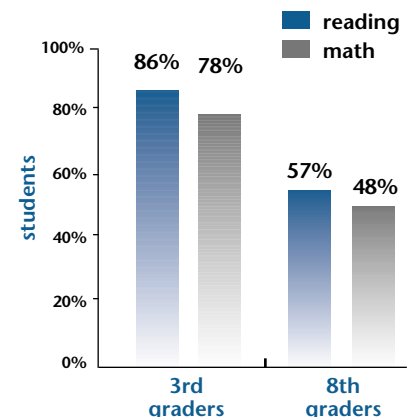
Substance Abuse

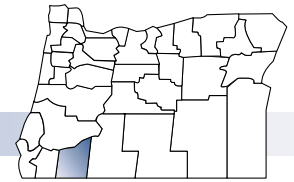
Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the past month:



Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



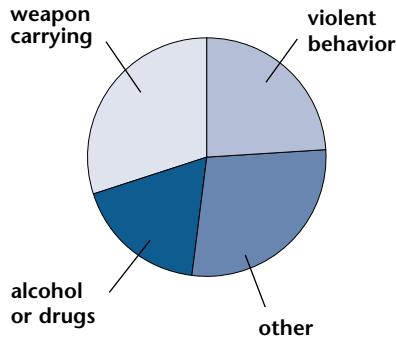


POPULATION		
	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	174,550	+19%
All Children	42,348	+15%
Children ages 8-13	14,518	+18%

Student Expulsions

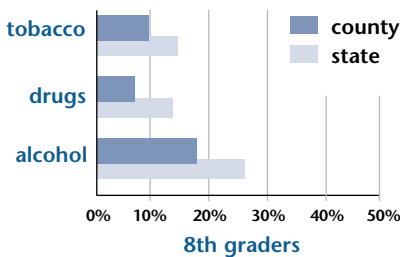
116 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.4% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



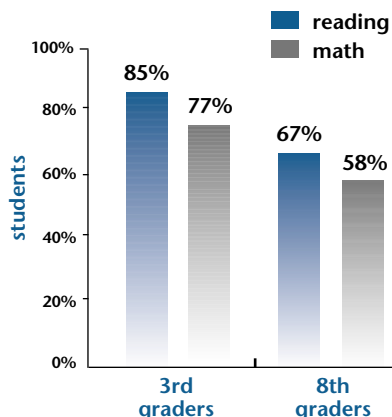
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the past month:



Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 34% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 39% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 21% reported fighting on school property.
- 14% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 18% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 3% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 5% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 12% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 21% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 12% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 5

VIOLENCE

- 303 arrests were made among children under age 13 (9.5 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 169 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (11.6 per 1,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 40% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 18% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 7% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 10% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 367 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

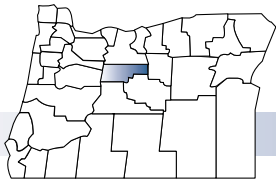
- 46 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (65 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 5,082 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 52 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (1.1 percent).
- 21% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 25% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 24 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 23 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	3,241	76.5	13% Better	85.7	59% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	114	11.5	16% Better	14.6	28% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	54	266.5	129% Worse	217.0	27% Worse
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	693	7.7%	21% Worse	NA	17% Worse
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	1,378	67%	24% Better	NA	5% Better
8th Grade Math Proficiency	1,245	58%	21% Better	NA	4% Better
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	671	15.8	11% Worse	13.5	17% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	2,143	12.3	8% Better	13.8	10% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	10	29.7	45% Worse	22.4	33% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	84	40.4	23% Better	52.5	25% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	13	6.1	15% Worse	6.3	13% Worse
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	8,520	28.9	24% Better	NA	37% Better



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 9% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 44% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 29% reported fighting on school property.
- 17% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 19% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 6% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 10% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 15% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 23% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 15% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 6

VIOLENCE

- 114 arrests were made among children under age 13 (28.2 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 19 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (11.4 per 1,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 16% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 20% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 17% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 18% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 38 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 3 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (34 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 620 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 30 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (5.4 percent).
- 41% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 48% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 22 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 20 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

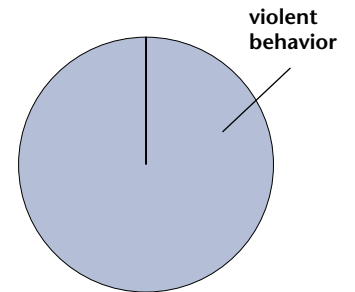
	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	448	86.7	Worse	83.9	81% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	33	30.6	Better	30.4	92% Worse
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	0	0.0	Better	182.2	100% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	82	9.6%	Better	NA	45% Worse
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	99	46%	Better	NA	28% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	79	33%	Better	NA	41% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	60	11.6	Worse	8.4	14% Better
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	288	16.3	Better	18.9	20% Worse
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	2	46.2	Better	92.2	106% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	17	57.2	Worse	56.4	6% Worse
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	2	6.6	Worse	9.7	22% Worse
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	657	17.4	Better	NA	17% Worse

POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	17,650	+29%
All Children	5,167	+21%
Children ages 8-13	1,670	+24%

Student Expulsions

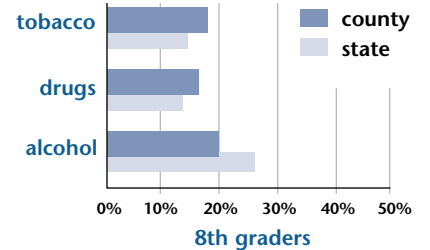
8 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.2% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



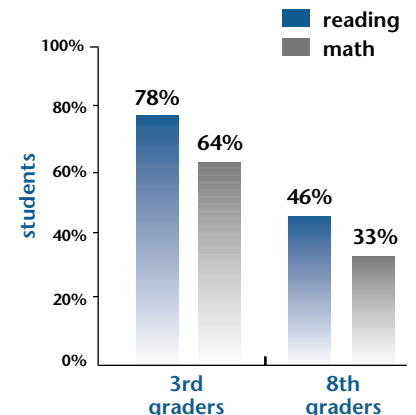
Substance Abuse

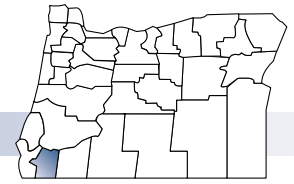
Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the past month:



Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



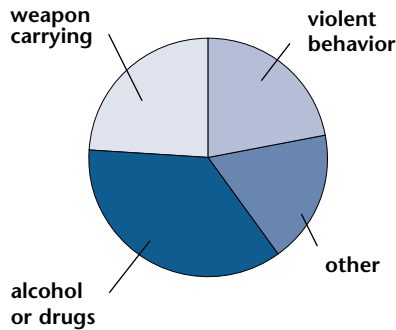


POPULATION		
	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	73,400	+17%
All Children	17,031	+12%
Children ages 8-13	5,918	+18%

Student Expulsions

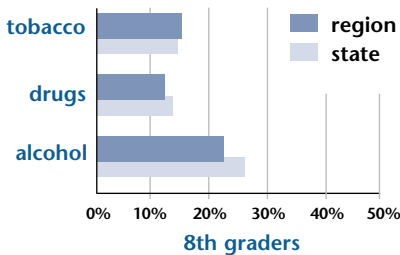
137 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (1.2% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



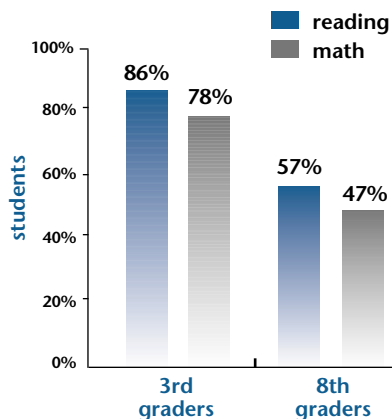
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the past month:



Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 34% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 39% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 21% reported fighting on school property.
- 14% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 18% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 3% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 5% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 12% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 21% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 12% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 5

VIOLENCE

- 69 arrests were made among children under age 13 (5.4 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 79 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (13.3 per 1,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 46% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 23% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month (regional data).
- 12% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month (regional data).
- 15% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month (regional data).
- 151 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

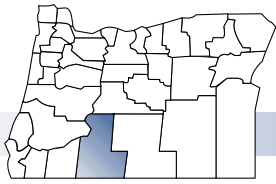
- 16 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (55 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 2,044 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 28 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (1.5 percent).
- 34% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 40% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 21 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 23 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	996	58.5	11% Better	61.4	22% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	66	16.6	8% Worse	15.5	4% Worse
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	26	310.6	13% Worse	245.0	48% Worse
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	212	6.0%	15% Better	NA	9% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	516	57%	4% Better	NA	11% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	428	47%	2% Better	NA	16% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	222	13.0	30% Better	15.1	4% Better
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	915	12.5	16% Better	13.5	8% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	4	30.9	Worse	28.5	38% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	45	54.1	8% Better	53.1	Same
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	9	11.0	686% Worse	5.5	104% Worse
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	3,208	27.4	9% Better	NA	30% Better



Klamath County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 9% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 44% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 29% reported fighting on school property.
- 17% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 19% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 6% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 10% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 15% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 23% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 15% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 6

VIOLENCE

- 71 arrests were made among children under age 13 (5.83 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 133 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (24.4 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).
- 34% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 20% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 8% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 11% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 148 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 24 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (89 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 1942 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 31 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (1.8 percent).
- 29% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 38% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 21 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 20 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

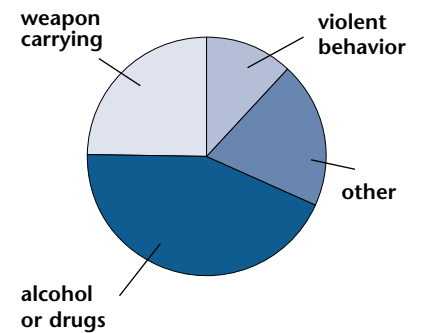
	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	622	38.4	1% Worse	35.2	20% Better
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	61	16.8	23% Better	20.0	6% Worse
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	23	297.6	11% Better	334.3	42% Worse
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	166	5.2%	39% Worse	NA	22% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	495	58%	18% Better	NA	9% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	402	47%	18% Better	NA	16% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	441	27.2	114% Worse	19.4	101% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	882	14.2	9% Better	15.7	4% Worse
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	4	32.9	35% Worse	27.2	47% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	29	35.7	29% Better	51.8	34% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	7	8.2	17% Better	8.7	52% Worse
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	2,690	23.9	6% Worse	NA	13% Better

POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	62,300	+8%
All Children	16,184	+5%
Children ages 8-13	5,443	+3%

Student Expulsions

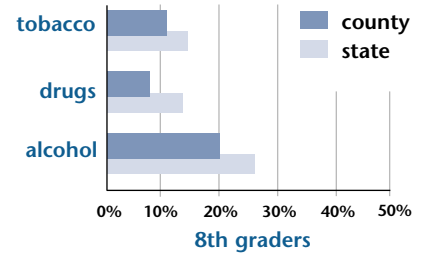
101 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.9% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



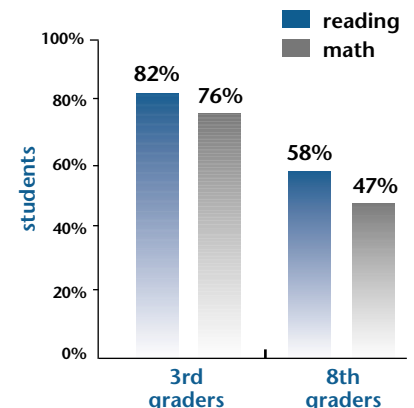
Substance Abuse

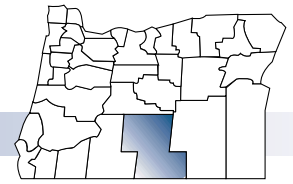
Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:





POPULATION		
	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	7,400	+3%
All Children	1,885	-7%
Children ages 8-13	692	-2%



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

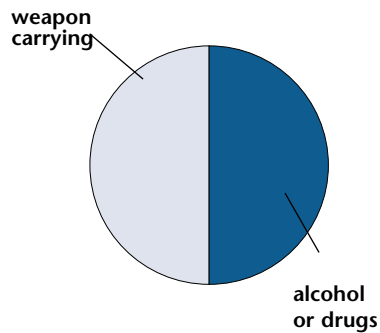
- 9% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 44% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 29% reported fighting on school property.
- 17% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 19% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 6% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 10% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 15% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 23% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 15% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 6

Student Expulsions

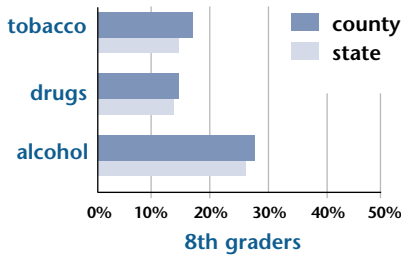
6 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year, or 0.4% of all students.

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



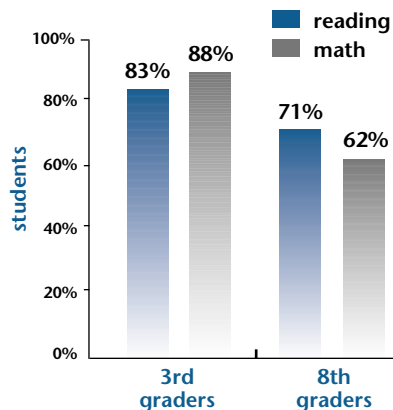
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



VIOLENCE

- 5 arrests were made among children under age 13 (3.6 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 20 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (28.9 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).
- 20% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 28% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month (regional data).
- 14% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month (regional data).
- 17% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month (regional data).
- 22 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

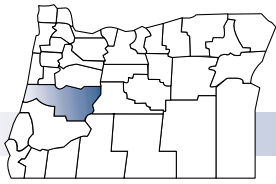
- 1 child age 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (28 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 226 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 2 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.8 percent).
- 15% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 30% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 19 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 18 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	52	27.6	Better	53.0	43% Better
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	5	10.5	Better	14.6	34% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	1	102.1	Better	208.9	51% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	5	1.0%	Better	NA	84% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	62	71%	Better	NA	11% Better
8th Grade Math Proficiency	56	62%	Better	NA	11% Better
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	57	30.2	Worse	30.7	124% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	48	6.5	Worse	6.2	52% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	0	0.0	Same	0.0	100% Better
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	5	75.8	Worse	59.4	41% Worse
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.0	Same	12.4	100% Better
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	309	24.4	Better	NA	16% Better



Lane County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 7% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 39% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 21% reported fighting on school property.
- 12% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 18% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 5% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 6% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 13% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 20% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 11% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 4

VIOLENCE

- 365 arrests were made among children under age 13 (6.5 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 324 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (12.7 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).
- 33% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 29% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 13% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 8% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 630 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 64 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (51 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 8909 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 74 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (1.0 percent).
- 22% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 27% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 24 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 24 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

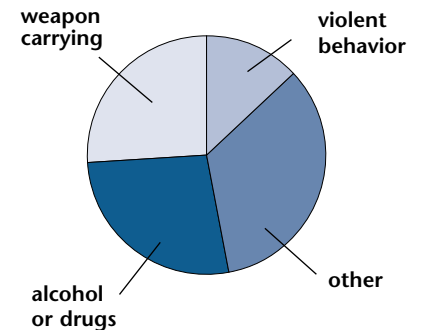
	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	3,562	48.0	8% Better	56.5	Same
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	264	15.3	16% Better	17.2	4% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	95	270.2	3% Better	230.0	29% Worse
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	673	4.5%	17% Better	NA	32% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	2,463	67%	16% Better	NA	5% Better
8th Grade Math Proficiency	2,193	59%	7% Better	NA	5% Better
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	1,080	14.5	63% Worse	10.1	7% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	4,233	13.4	9% Better	15.0	1% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	12	21.1	30% Better	19.1	6% Better
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	226	60.2	16% Worse	55.0	12% Worse
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	24	6.4	28% Worse	6.0	19% Worse
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	14,384	27.6	12% Better	NA	31% Better

POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	315,700	+12%
All Children	74,244	+7%
Children ages 8-13	25,585	+7%

Student Expulsions

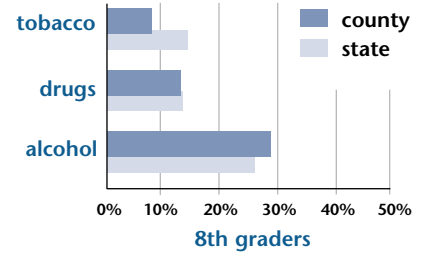
128 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.3% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



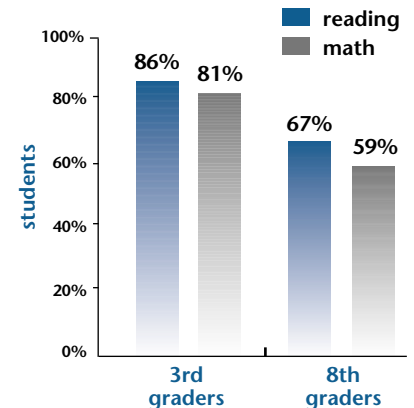
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



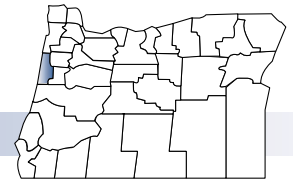
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



Lincoln County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

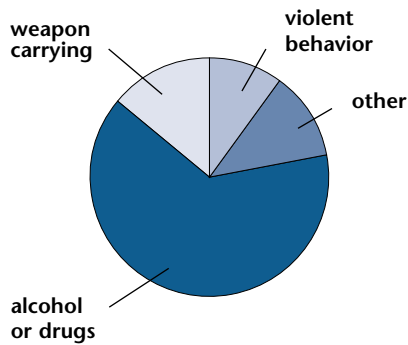


POPULATION		
	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	43,350	+11%
All Children	9,488	+4%
Children ages 8-13	3,380	+10%

Student Expulsions

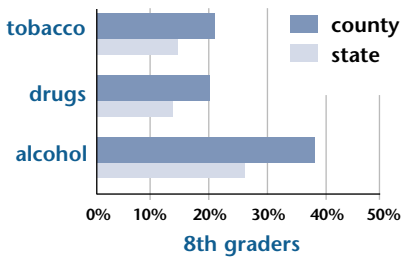
50 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.7% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



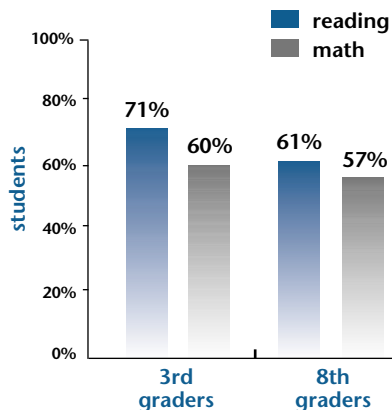
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 7% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 39% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 21% reported fighting on school property.
- 12% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 18% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 5% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 6% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 13% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 20% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 11% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 4

VIOLENCE

- 75 arrests were made among children under age 13 (10.4 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 104 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (30.8 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).
- 68% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 38% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 20% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 21% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 98 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

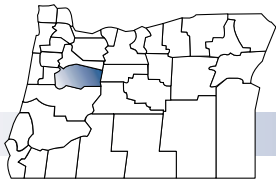
- 10 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (58 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 1,139 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 2 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.2 percent).
- 14% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 5% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 26 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 25 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	631	66.5	Worse	73.8	39% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	38	16.8	Better	18.3	6% Worse
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	6	132.7	Better	196.7	37% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	188	8.2%	Worse	NA	24% Worse
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	299	61%	Better	NA	5% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	278	57%	Better	NA	2% Better
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	301	31.7	Worse	25.4	135% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	646	14.9	Worse	14.6	10% Worse
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	3	36.9	Better	31.0	65% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	31	73.3	Worse	51.6	36% Worse
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	5	11.8	Worse	5.0	119% Worse
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	1,256	18.8	Better	NA	11% Worse



Linn County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 7% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 39% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 21% reported fighting on school property.
- 12% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 18% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 5% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 6% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 13% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 20% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 11% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 4

VIOLENCE

- 134 arrests were made among children under age 13 (6.6 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 79 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (8.8 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).
- 47% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 28% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month (regional data).
- 15% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month (regional data).
- 14% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month (regional data).
- 240 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 24 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (55 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 3,228 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 12 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.4 percent).
- 18% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 28% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 24 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 24 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

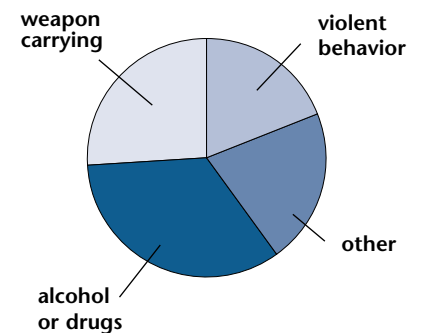
	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	1,811	67.3	12% Better	89.9	40% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	98	16.2	20% Worse	17.2	2% Worse
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	21	167.2	17% Better	185.1	20% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	384	7.2%	20% Better	NA	9% Worse
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	903	66%	32% Better	NA	3% Better
8th Grade Math Proficiency	733	53%	13% Better	NA	5% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	285	10.6	9% Worse	10.1	21% Better
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	1,316	12.8	11% Better	15.7	6% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	4	19.7	44% Better	36.9	12% Better
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	73	50.2	6% Better	50.6	7% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	6	4.0	43% Better	7.2	26% Better
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	3,144	16.6	4%Worse	NA	21% Worse

POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	103,000	+13%
All Children	26,896	+10%
Children ages 8-13	8,992	+9%

Student Expulsions

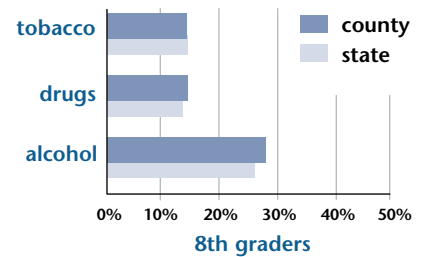
77 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.4% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



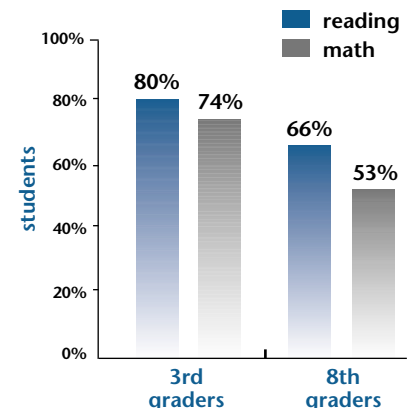
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



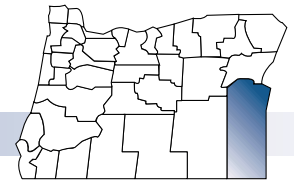
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



Malheur County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

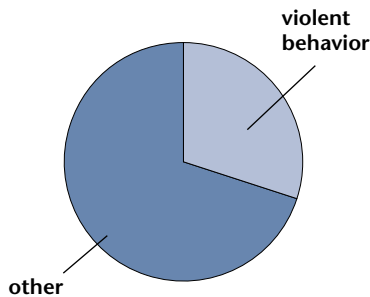


POPULATION		
	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	30,700	+18%
All Children	9,470	+19%
Children ages 8-13	3,145	+15%

Student Expulsions

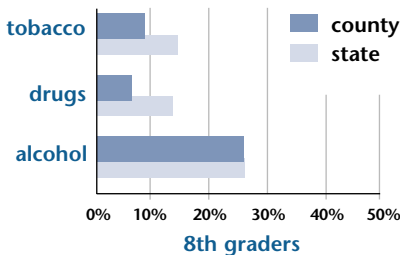
10 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.2% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



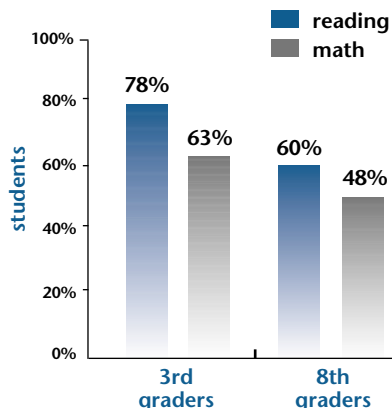
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 6% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 38% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 19% reported fighting on school property.
- 15% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 21% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 6% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 6% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 14% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 21% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 12% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 7

VIOLENCE

- 88 arrests were made among children under age 13 (12.3 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 46 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (14.6 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).
- 54% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 26% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 6% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 9% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 75 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

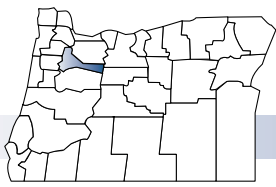
- 2 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (14 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 1,136 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 5 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.5 percent).
- 23% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 24% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 21 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 20 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	514	54.3	Better	72.8	13% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	21	9.8	Better	18.7	38% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	4	90.5	Worse	137.6	57% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	100	6.0%	Better	NA	9% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	253	60%	Better	NA	6% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	204	48%	Better	NA	14% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	150	15.8	Better	16.8	17% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	326	10.6	Better	16.5	22% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	2	30.1	Worse	32.3	34% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	31	62.1	Worse	51.4	15% Worse
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	7	13.1	Worse	8.7	143% Worse
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	1,011	15.2	Better	NA	28% Worse



Marion County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 9% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 41% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 21% reported fighting on school property.
- 15% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 15% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 3% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 7% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 14% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 23% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 13% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 3

VIOLENCE

- 502 arrests were made among children under age 13 (8.6 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 300 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (12.2 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).
- 37% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 25% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 21% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 20% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 613 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 67 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (57 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 9,082 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 80 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (1.0 percent).
- 25% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 31% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 20 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 22 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

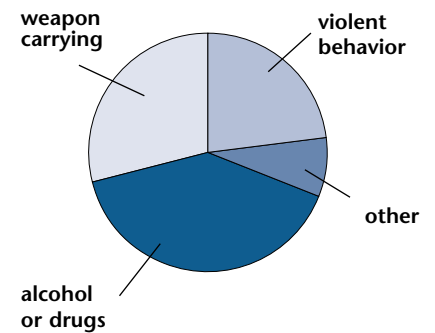
	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	3,756	49.6	20% Better	58.4	3% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	335	20.7	1% Better	23.5	30% Worse
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	84	251.1	24% Better	322.1	20% Worse
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	1,152	7.9%	9% Better	NA	20% Worse
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	2,122	58%	23% Better	NA	9% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	1,770	47%	4% Better	NA	16% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	1,056	14.0	7% Worse	11.5	4% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	3,707	13.5	11% Better	16.1	1% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	14	25.3	3% Worse	28.2	13% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	262	57.6	13% Worse	53.1	7% Worse
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	19	4.2	47% Better	7.1	22% Better
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	10,512	19.3	17% Worse	NA	9% Worse

POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	275,250	+20%
All Children	75,686	+26%
Children ages 8-13	24,519	+21%

Student Expulsions

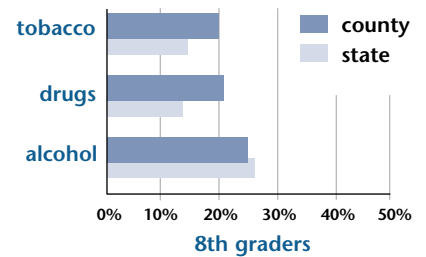
342 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.7% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



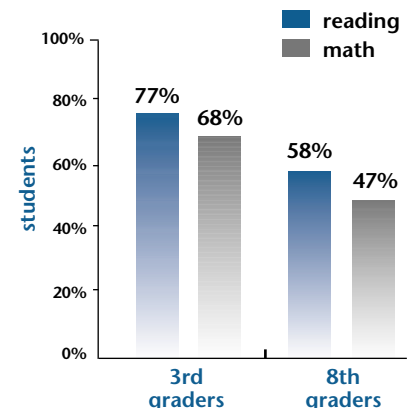
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



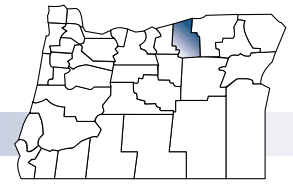
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



Morrow County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000



POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	9,550	+25%
All Children	3,127	+35%
Children ages 8-13	1,085	+39%

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

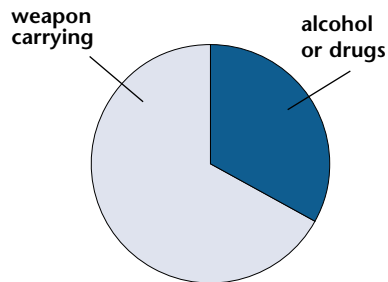
- 6% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 38% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 19% reported fighting on school property.
- 15% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 21% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
 - 6% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 6% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 14% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 21% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 12% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 7

Student Expulsions

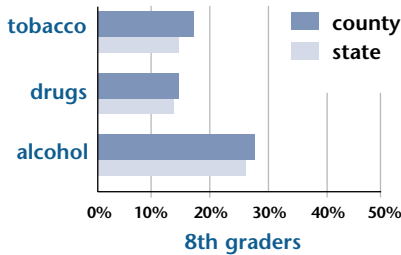
6 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.3% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



VIOLENCE

- 25 arrests were made among children under age 13 (10.5 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 31 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (28.6 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).
- 23% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 28% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month (regional data).
- 14% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month (regional data).
- 17% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month (regional data).
- 27 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

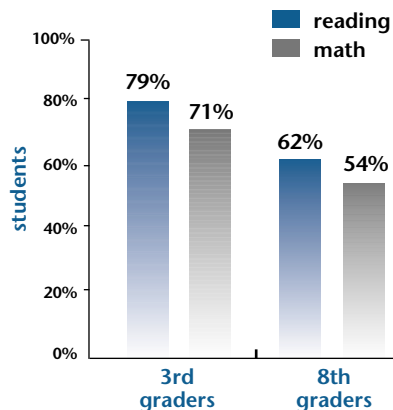
- 0 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (0 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 375 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 5 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (1.4 percent).
- 22% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 24% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 20 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 16 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

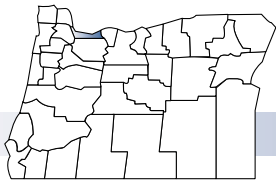
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	160	51.2	Worse	48.8	7% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	16	23.8	Worse	22.3	50% Worse
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	4	269.2	Worse	82.0	29% Worse
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	38	5.8%	Better	NA	13% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	85	62%	Better	NA	3% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	73	54%	Better	NA	4% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	80	25.6	Worse	30.3	90% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	192	20.1	Worse	18.1	48% Worse
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	0	0.0	Same	29.1	100% Better
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	12	66.7	Worse	50.6	24% Worse
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.0	Better	2.8	100% Better
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	264	12.1	Better	NA	43% Worse



Multnomah County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 9% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 40% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 20% reported fighting on school property.
- 14% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 13% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 3% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 5% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 11% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 19% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 10% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 1

VIOLENCE

- 318 arrests were made among children under age 13 (2.7 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 621 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (12.8 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).
- 37% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 24% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 11% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 12% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 1,155 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 120 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (48 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 18,210 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 251 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (1.9 percent).
- 21% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 25% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 23 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 25 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

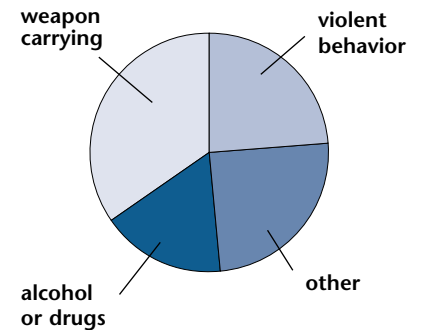
	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	5,217	34.4	17% Better	42.2	28% Better
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	652	20.3	6% Better	22.6	28% Worse
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	123	188.8	14% Worse	218.4	10% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	2,719	10.2%	8% Worse	NA	55% Worse
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	4,010	62%	19% Better	NA	3% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	3,524	55%	10% Better	NA	2% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	2,260	14.9	8% Better	13.6	10% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	14,572	22.5	Same	24.8	65% Worse
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	25	22.0	98% Worse	21.1	2% Better
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	489	53.1	10% Better	58.8	1% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	42	4.5	10% Better	5.6	17% Better
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	24,574	22.2	10% Worse	NA	5% Better

POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	646,850	+11%
All Children	151,750	+12%
Children ages 8-13	48,701	+8%

Student Expulsions

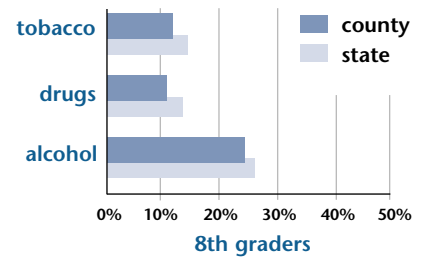
102 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.1% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



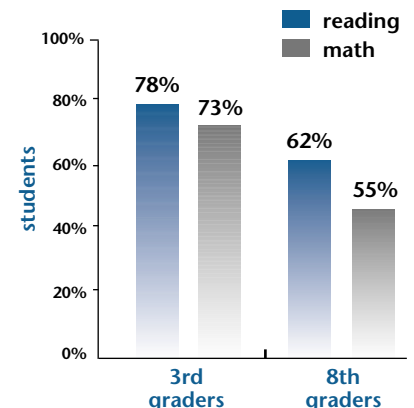
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



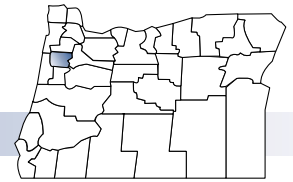
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



Polk County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000



POPULATION		
	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	60,100	+21%
All Children	15,297	+17%
Children ages 8-13	5,532	+32%



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

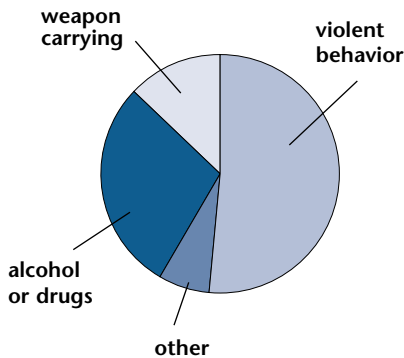
- 9% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 41% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 21% reported fighting on school property.
- 15% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 15% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 3% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 7% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 14% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 23% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 13% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 3

Student Expulsions

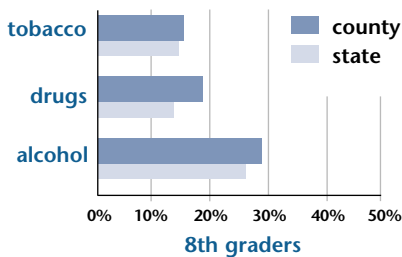
56 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.9% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



VIOLENCE

- 125 arrests were made among children under age 13 (10.8 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 55 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (9.9 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).
- 49% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 29% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 19% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 15% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 88 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

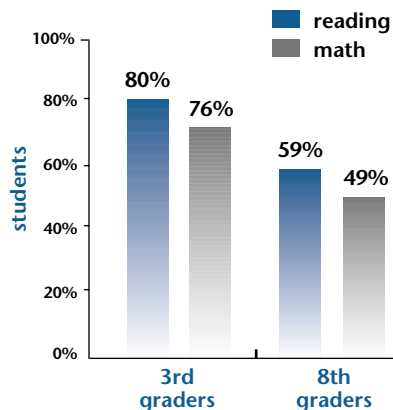
- 7 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (28 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 1836 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 6 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.6 percent).
- 26% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 36% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 24 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 21 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

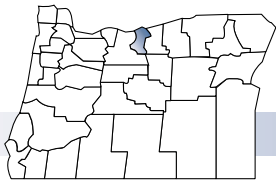
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	785	51.3	10% Better	68.4	7% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	41	11.2	23% Better	14.6	30% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	5	66.5	49% Better	164.9	68% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	108	5.6%	4% Better	NA	15% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	271	59%	3%Worse	NA	8% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	225	49%	4%Worse	NA	13% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	180	11.8	12% Worse	8.8	13% Better
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	597	9.9	6% Better	12.2	27% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	3	25.0	Worse	25.4	12% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	31	47.7	7% Worse	48.1	12% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1	1.4	75% Better	4.8	74% Better
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	1,719	16.2	26% Worse	NA	23% Worse



Sherman County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 9% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 44% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 29% reported fighting on school property.
- 17% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 19% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 6% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 10% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 15% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 23% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 15% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 6

VIOLENCE

- 0 arrests were made among children under age 13 (0.0 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 56 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (25.0 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).*
- 38% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 28% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month (regional data).
- 14% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month (regional data).
- 17% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month (regional data).
- 6 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 0 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (0 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 56 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 0 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.0 percent).
- 5% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 8% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 14 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 12 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	14	29.8	Better	37.0	38% Better
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	0	0.0	NA	NA	100% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	0	0.0	Same	0.0	100% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	1	0.8%	Better	NA	88% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	87	75%	Better	NA	17% Better
8th Grade Math Proficiency	27	73%	Better	NA	30% Better
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	164	25.5	Better	25.0	89% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	16	8.4	Better	11.9	38% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	0	0.0	Same	0.0	100% Better
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	0	0.0	Better	34.1	100% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.0	Same	0.0	100% Better
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	55	17.8	Better	NA	15% Worse

* Sherman and Wasco child abuse and neglect data are combined.

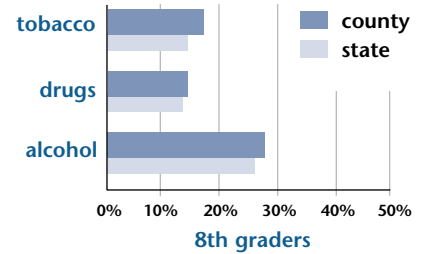
POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	1,900	+1%
All Children	469	+12%
Children ages 8-13	173	+28%

Student Expulsions

0 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year.

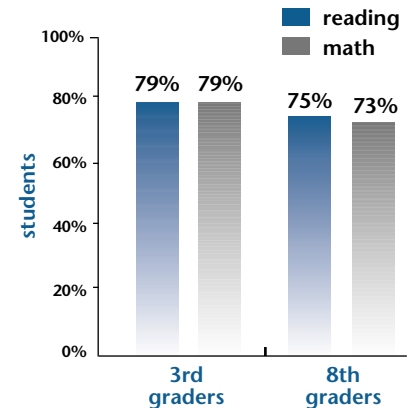
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



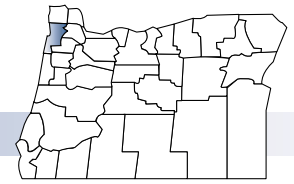
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



Tillamook County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000



POPULATION		
	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	24,100	+12%
All Children	5,353	+5%
Children ages 8-13	1,954	+8%

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

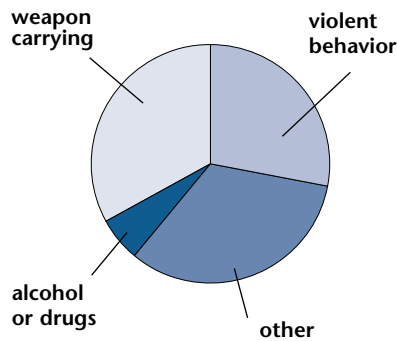
- 16% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 41% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 22% reported fighting on school property.
- 15% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 21% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 4% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 6% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 11% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 20% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 14% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 2

Student Expulsions

18 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.5% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



VIOLENCE

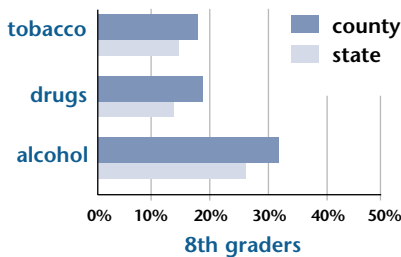
- 36 arrests were made among children under age 13 (8.9 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 37 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (18.9 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).
- 30% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 32% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 19% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 18% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 55 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



MENTAL HEALTH

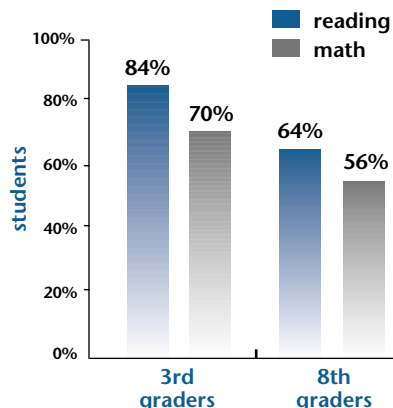
- 3 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (31 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 642 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 7 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (1.2 percent).
- 24% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 20% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 21 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 20 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

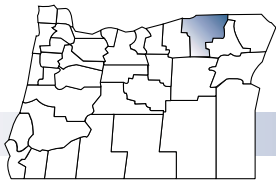
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	332	62.0	Better	85.0	29% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	27	21.0	Worse	17.0	32% Worse
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	3	112.1	Worse	220.2	46% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	63	4.9%	Worse	NA	26% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	173	64%	Better	NA	Same
8th Grade Math Proficiency	162	56%	Better	NA	Same
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	91	17.0	Better	18.4	26% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	257	10.7	Better	12.6	21% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	2	47.5	Better	19.1	112% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	10	46.5	Worse	50.9	14% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	2	8.5	Worse	4.9	57% Worse
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	1,034	28.0	Better	NA	33% Better



Umatilla County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 6% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 38% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 19% reported fighting on school property.
- 15% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 21% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 6% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 6% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 14% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 21% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 12% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 7

VIOLENCE

- 104 arrests were made among children under age 13 (7.2 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 49 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (7.6 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).
- 35% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 30% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 14% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 16% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 159 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 15 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (49 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 2,285 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 36 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (1.7 percent).
- 28% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 20% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 21 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 19 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

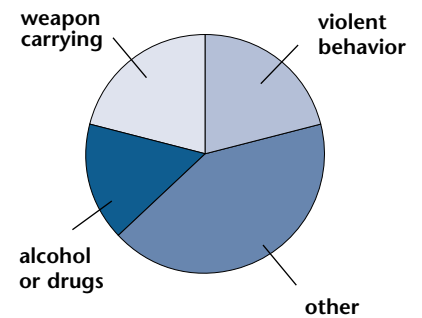
	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	1,353	71.1	13% Better	78.3	48% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	90	21.3	2% Worse	21.8	34% Worse
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	15	169.0	3% Worse	154.2	19% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	333	9.0%	2% Better	NA	37% Worse
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	497	53%	10% Better	NA	17% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	497	53%	20% Better	NA	5% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	175	9.2	1% Better	10.0	32% Better
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	817	12.0	22% Better	14.9	12% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	1	7.1	75% Better	22.3	68% Better
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	81	71.6	47% Worse	56.8	33% Worse
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	8	7.8	34% Worse	7.1	44% Worse
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	2,291	17.1	2% Better	NA	19% Worse

POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	68,000	+15%
All Children	19,040	+15%
Children ages 8-13	6,411	+10%

Student Expulsions

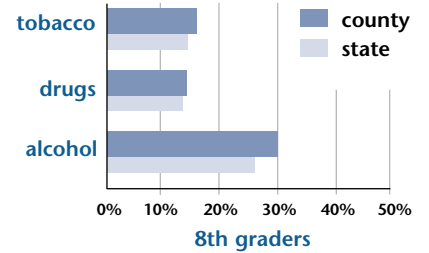
19 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.1% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



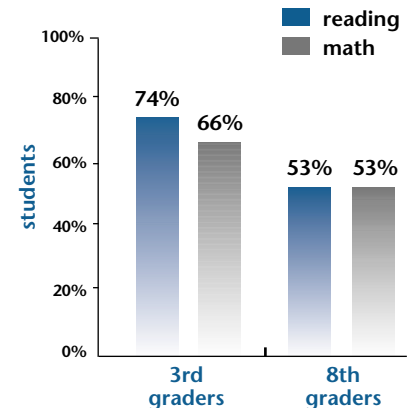
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



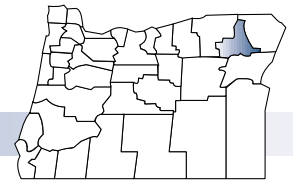
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



Union County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000



POPULATION		
	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	24,500	+4%
All Children	6,478	-1%
Children ages 8-13	2,304	Same



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

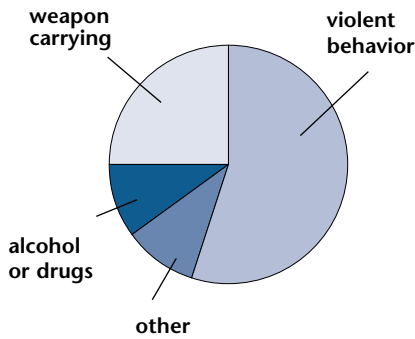
- 6% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 38% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 19% reported fighting on school property.
- 15% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 21% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 6% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 6% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 14% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 21% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 12% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 7

Student Expulsions

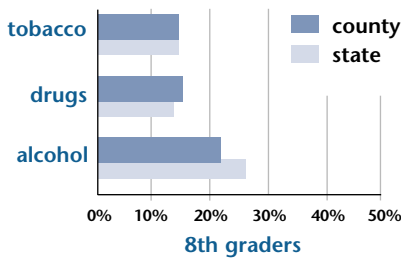
20 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.5% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



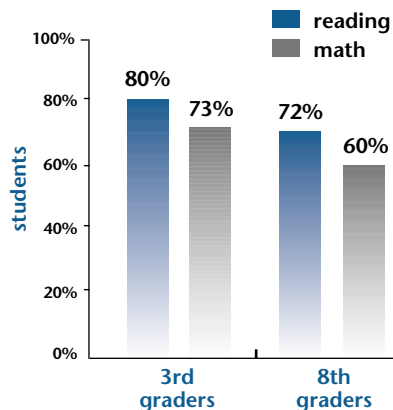
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



VIOLENCE

- 38 arrests were made among children under age 13 (7.9 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 34 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (14.8 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).
- 32% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 22% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 15% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 14% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 68 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

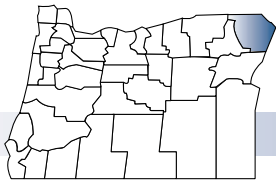
- 2 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (18 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 777 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 3 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.4 percent).
- 10% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 18% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 21 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 21 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	392	60.5	Worse	60.9	26% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	21	13.1	Worse	12.5	18% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	2	61.2	Better	170.7	71% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	34	2.3%	Better	NA	65% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	233	72%	Better	NA	13% Better
8th Grade Math Proficiency	202	60%	Better	NA	7% Better
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	98	15.1	Better	18.7	12% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	211	8.6	Better	9.4	37% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	2	40.3	Worse	45.2	80% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	13	41.5	Worse	43.2	23% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.0	Better	4.1	100% Better
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	1,007	22.8	Better	NA	8% Better



Wallowa County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 6% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 38% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 19% reported fighting on school property.
- 15% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 21% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
 - 6% reported carrying a weapon to school.
 - 6% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
 - 14% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
 - 21% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
 - 12% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 7

VIOLENCE

- 1 arrests were made among children under age 13 (0.8 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 4 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (6.0 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).
- 25% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 28% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month (regional data).
- 14% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month (regional data).
- 17% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month (regional data).
- 19 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 1 child age 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (30 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 208 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 0 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.0 percent).
- 11% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 7% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 15 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 15 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

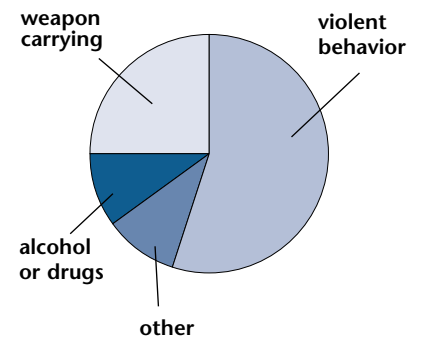
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TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	38	21.9	Better	48.4	54% Better
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	5	11.6	Better	10.8	27% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	1	110.4	Better	105.2	47% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	1	0.2%	Worse	NA	97% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	80	84%	Better	NA	31% Better
8th Grade Math Proficiency	74	78%	Better	NA	39% Better
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	19	10.9	Worse	8.7	19% Better
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	39	5.4	Better	6.6	60% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	0	0.0	Same	28.4	100% Better
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	4	67.8	Worse	43.6	26% Worse
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1	17.5	Same	8.7	224% Worse
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	205	17.5	Better	NA	17% Worse

POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	7,200	+4%
All Children	1,737	-6%
Children ages 8-13	665	+4%

Student Expulsions

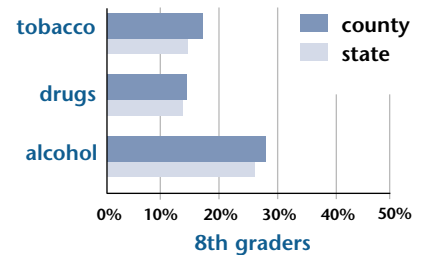
1 student grade K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.1% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



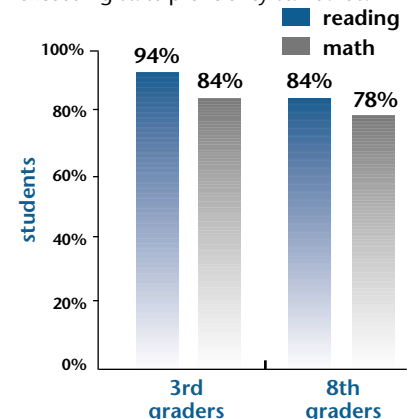
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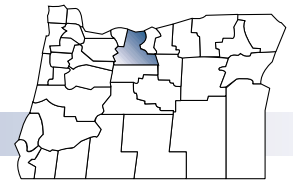
Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:





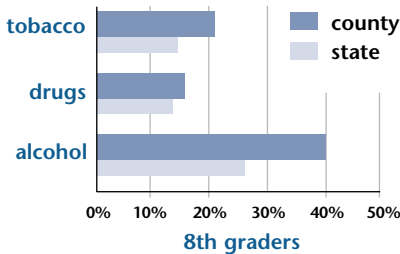
POPULATION		1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL		22,650	+4%
All Children		5,959	+2%
Children ages 8-13		2,065	+3%

Student Expulsions

0 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year.

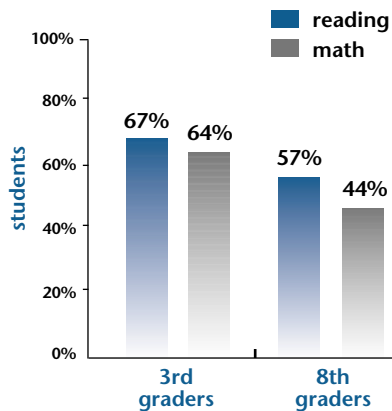
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 9% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 44% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 29% reported fighting on school property.
- 17% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 19% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 6% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 10% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 15% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 23% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 15% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 6

VIOLENCE

- 54 arrests were made among children under age 13 (12.0 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 56 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (25.0 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).*
- 38% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 40% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 16% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 21% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 52 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 3 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (30 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 715 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

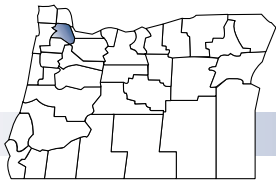
EDUCATION

- 6 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (1.0 percent).
- 15% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 31% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 21 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 18 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	581	97.5	Better	98.0	103% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	22	16.0	Worse	17.0	1% Worse
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	5	173.7	Worse	187.6	17% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	97	8.0%	Better	NA	21% Worse
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	146	57%	Better	NA	11% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	117	44%	Worse	NA	21% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	164	25.5	Better	25.0	89% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	291	12.8	Better	14.3	6% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	1	22.0	Worse	31.0	2% Better
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	17	60.1	Better	49.8	12% Worse
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	2	6.4	Better	6.1	19% Worse
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	832	20.1	Better	NA	5% Worse

* Sherman and Wasco child abuse and neglect data are combined.



Washington County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 9% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 40% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 20% reported fighting on school property.
- 14% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 13% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 3% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 5% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 11% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 19% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 10% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 1

VIOLENCE

- 222 arrests were made among children under age 13 (2.6 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 241 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (6.8 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).
- 35% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 21% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 11% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 8% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 811 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 40 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (23 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 13,159 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 86 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.8 percent).
- 19% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 20% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 25 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 26 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

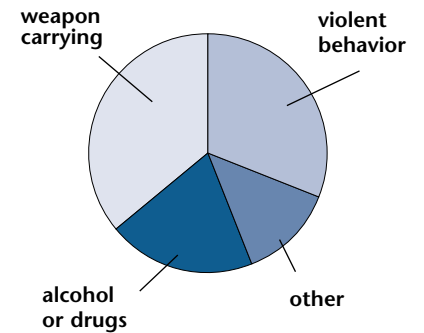
	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	3,384	30.9	12% Better	33.3	36% Better
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	349	15.1	12% Better	16.1	5% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	72	151.6	7% Better	154.8	28% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	1,076	5.5%	17% Better	NA	17% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	3,454	69%	15% Better	NA	8% Better
8th Grade Math Proficiency	3,206	63%	13% Better	NA	13% Better
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	801	7.3	3% Better	5.9	46% Better
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	3,410	8.4	5% Better	8.7	38% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	11	13.6	2% Worse	19.1	39% Better
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	368	51.8	3% Better	52.6	4% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	33	4.8	2% Better	4.5	11% Better
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	17,004	21.3	4%Worse	NA	1% Better

POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	404,750	+30%
All Children	109,662	+31%
Children ages 8-13	35,307	+34%

Student Expulsions

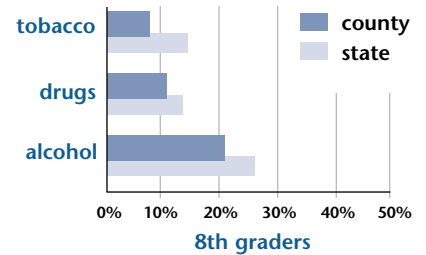
129 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.2% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



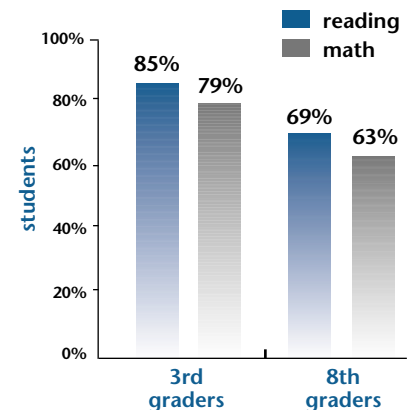
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



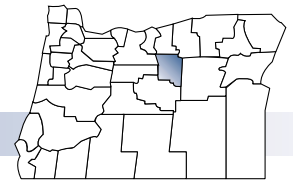
Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



Wheeler County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000



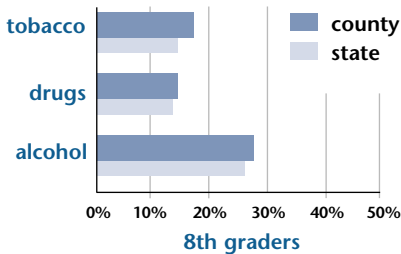
POPULATION		
	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	1,600	+15%
All Children	331	+7%
Children ages 8-13	116	+10%

Student Expulsions

0 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year.

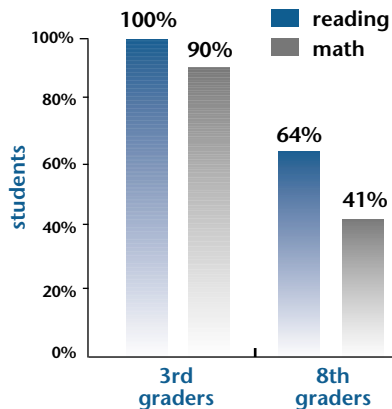
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 9% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 44% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 29% reported fighting on school property.
- 17% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 19% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 6% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 10% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 15% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 23% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 15% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 6

VIOLENCE

- 0 arrests were made among children under age 13 (0.0 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 1 child age 8-13 is a known victim of abuse or neglect (8.6 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 28% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month (regional data).
- 14% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month (regional data).
- 17% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 4 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

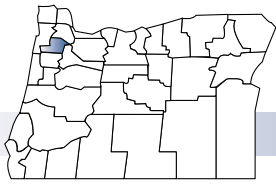
- 0 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (0 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 40 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 0 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.0 percent).
- 36% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 54% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 9 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 8 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	0	0.0	Better	3.4	100% Better
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	0	0.0	NA	NA	100% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	1	581.4	Same	103.6	178% Worse
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	2	1.9%	Worse	NA	71% Better
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	14	64%	Worse	NA	Same
8th Grade Math Proficiency	9	41%	Better	NA	27% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	0	0.0	Better	8.7	100% Better
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	8	5.0	Better	8.8	63% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	0	0.0	Same	0.0	100% Better
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	0	0.0	Better	40.4	100% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.0	Same	0.0	100% Better
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	19	8.7	Better	NA	59% Worse



Yamhill County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2000

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

- 9% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they did not feel safe.
- 41% reported being in a physical fight in the past year.
- 21% reported fighting on school property.
- 15% reported being purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by an adult family member.
- 15% reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife or club in the past month.
- 3% reported carrying a weapon to school.
- 7% reported attempting suicide in the past year.
- 14% reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year.
- 23% reported feeling sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.
- 13% reported that they do not have a caring adult to talk to when worried or scared.

Source: 1999 YRBS Regional data – Region 3

VIOLENCE

- 155 arrests were made among children under age 13 (8.7 arrests per 1,000 children, ages 0-12).
- 99 children ages 8-13 are known victims of abuse or neglect (12.1 per 1,000 children ages 8-13).
- 40% of those abused or neglected children are victims of physical violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 25% of 8th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 9% of 8th grade students reported using illicit drugs in the past month.
- 13% of 8th grade students reported using tobacco in the past month.
- 203 children and youth are estimated to need treatment for alcohol or other drug abuse.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 16 children ages 8-13 attempted suicide in the past five years (42 per 100,000 children, ages 8-13).
- 2,789 children and youth are estimated to need some level of mental health services.

EDUCATION

- 18 seventh and eighth graders dropped out of school in the 1998-99 school year (0.7 percent).
- 27% fewer students met state reading standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 29% fewer students met state math standards in grade 8 compared to grade 3.
- 22 students are enrolled in the average secondary English class; 22 students are enrolled in the average secondary math class.

COUNTY INDICATORS

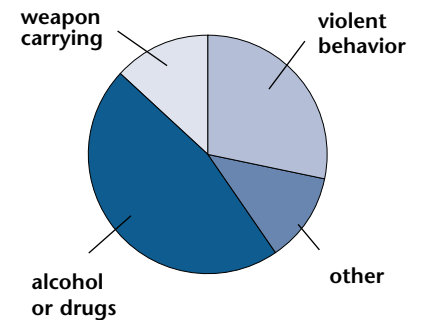
	Current Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5-years	County Rate Compared to Oregon
TEEN					
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000, ages 0-17)	1,509	64.9	3% Better	81.3	35% Worse
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls, ages 10-17)	83	15.5	24% Better	18.5	3% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000, ages 10-17)	20	181.4	39% Better	257.7	13% Better
SCHOOL					
High School Dropouts	368	7.8%	10% Better	NA	18% Worse
8th Grade Reading Proficiency	723	60%	5% Better	NA	6% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	656	55%	4% Better	NA	2% Worse
SAFETY					
Child Abuse & Neglect Victims (per 1,000)	315	13.6	11% Worse	12.9	1% Worse
Crimes Against Persons (per 1,000)	875	10.5	4% Better	12.4	23% Better
Child Deaths (per 100,000, ages 1-14)	5	28.2	16% Worse	24.1	26% Worse
EARLY CHILDHOOD					
Low Birthweight Infants (per 1,000 births)	76	61.0	20% Worse	52.8	13% Worse
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	9	7.8	15% Better	5.9	44% Worse
Child Care Supply (spaces per 100, ages 0-13)	2,164	13.2	29% Worse	NA	37% Worse

POPULATION	1999	% Change since 1990
TOTAL	83,100	+27%
All Children	23,240	+25%
Children ages 8-13	8,212	+35%

Student Expulsions

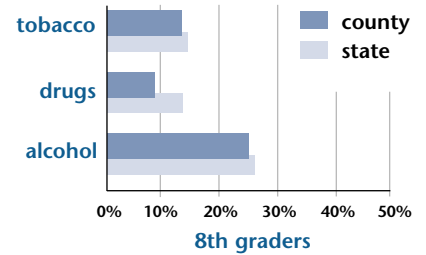
89 students grades K-12 were expelled in the 1998-99 school year (0.6% of all students).

Reported reasons for student expulsions:



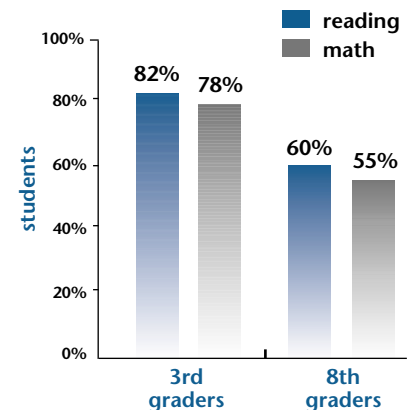
Substance Abuse

Percentage of 8th grade students who used alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in the past month:



Assessment Scores

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards:



Beware of Small Numbers

Counties vary significantly in population, size, and geography and this variance should be considered when interpreting the differences among counties. Be aware that small counties may have a small number of events (e.g., child deaths, suicide attempts) that can cause rates to vary considerably from year to year; such variations may not reflect significant changes in the indicators. Rates based on less than five events are considered unstable. Similarly, percent changes in the rates are not reported for counties with less than 45,000 people.

Understand What is Being Measured

Several types of data information are available for each indicator, and it is important to distinguish among them. The number, rate, percentage change between years, the five-year average, and the county rate compared to Oregon are all very different measures. A relevant column heading explains the information presented in the county indicator box. To get a better understanding of how the indicators themselves are defined, refer to Definitions and Sources.

Let the Data User Beware

For many of these indicators, there are no perfect methods to measure data outcomes. Counties have varying reliability in their record keeping systems or resources committed to counting occurrences. For example, it is very difficult to get a perfect count on the number of teens who attempt suicide in a given year. In this year's data book, the Health Division's record of reported suicide attempts and the Youth Risk Behavior Survey self-reported suicide attempts are both provided. The difference between these two rates highlights the limitations of both administrative and survey data.

Children First relies on the data that is available from various state agencies. Many of these measures are in need of improvement. However, interpreted carefully, data presented here can be very useful tools for developing a meaningful assessment of child well-being.

Remember the Limits and Uses of Data

While these data provide important baseline information, they must be understood in a broader context. Remember that a data snapshot provides one way to look at how children are doing in the county. There are many other important perspectives to include and consider in piecing together an accurate composite. Some of the other sources of critical viewpoints include: human service agencies, government, schools, parents, and youth themselves.



COUNTY INDICATORS KEY

Current Number

Number of incidents for the most recent year of data.

Current Rate

County rate for the most recent year of data.

Rate Change from Previous Year

Percentage change between rate in previous year and most recent year of data. Percentage change is not reported for counties with less than 45,000 people due to small number of events.

Average Rate Previous 5-years

Average of the previous five years of data, not including most recent year of data.

Current Rate Compared to Oregon

Comparison of most recent county rate with Oregon rate for same year.

NA

Data not available.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT NEED The number of youth estimated to need treatment for alcohol or drug abuse (1999). *Source:* Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE The number of students in secondary English and math classes per teacher (1999-2000). Secondary grades are defined by non-self-contained classrooms, usually 6th through 12th grade. *Source:* Oregon Department of Education

CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT VICTIMS Number of confirmed child victims of abuse or neglect per 1,000 children under 18 years old. Also reported, confirmed victims of abuse and/or neglect among children ages 8-13 per 1,000 children ages 8-13 (1999). Data for Wasco and Sherman counties are combined. *Source:* State Office for Services to Children and Families

CHILD CARE SUPPLY Number of identified child care slots available for every 100 children under 13 years old (1999). Comparison to previous year and five year average not available in some counties due to change in methodology. *Source:* Child Care Division of the Oregon Employment Department

CHILD DEATHS Number of child deaths (ages 1-14) per 100,000 children (1998 - Provisional Data). *Source:* Center for Health Statistics, Oregon Health Division

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS The number of crimes against persons (negligent homicide, forcible rape, other sex crimes, kidnapping, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault) reported per 1,000 Oregonians (1999). *Source:* Uniform Crime Reporting Program of the Department of State Police

HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT Percentage of students who dropped out of high school during the school year and did not complete a General Equivalency Degree (1998-99). Previous 5-year average not available due to change in methodology. *Source:* Oregon Department of Education

INFANT MORTALITY Number of infant deaths under one year of age per 1,000 live births (1998 - Provisional). *Source:* Center for Health Statistics, Oregon Health Division

JUVENILE ARRESTS Juvenile arrests per 1,000 children ages 0-17. Also reported, juvenile arrests per 1,000 children ages 0-12 (1999). *Source:* Uniform Crime Reporting Program of the Department of State Police

LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS Low birthweight infants born weighing less than 2500 grams per 1,000 births (1999 - Provisional Data). *Source:* Center for Health Statistics, Oregon Health Division

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE NEEDS Estimated need for mental health service among children and youth. Estimated need is determined by applying the national prevalence rate of 12% for children needing mental health services to county populations ages 0-17 (based on 1999 population estimates).

POPULATION ESTIMATES Population estimates for Oregon and its counties by age (July 1, 1999). *Source:* Center for Population Research and Census, Portland State University.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE DROPOUT The number and percentage of seventh and eighth grade students who leave school during the school year and whose records are not requested by

another school or do not re-enroll in the same school the following year (1998-99). *Source:* Oregon Department of Education

STUDENT EXPULSIONS The number of students expelled from school during the 1998-99 school year reported by reason for expulsion. *Source:* Oregon Department of Education

SUBSTANCE ABUSE The percentage of 8th grade students who reported drinking alcohol, using illicit drugs, and/or using tobacco products within the previous 30 days in the Oregon Public Schools Drug Use Survey (2000). Regional data are reported for the following counties due to small numbers: Lake, Sherman, Wallowa, Wheeler, Harney, Gilliam, Linn, Josephine, and Coos. *Source:* Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs Student Use Survey.

SUICIDE ATTEMPTS Number of reported suicide attempts resulting in hospitalization or death per 100,000 children ages 10-17 (1999 - Provisional Data). Also reported, the number and average rate of suicide attempts among children ages 8-13 between 1995 and 1999 per 100,000 children ages 8-13. *Source:* Center for Health Statistics, Oregon Health Division

TEEN PREGNANCY The sum of resident live births and induced abortions among females ages 10-17 per 1,000 females ages 10-17 (1999 - Provisional Data). *Source:* Center for Health Statistics, Oregon Health Division

YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY (YRBS) Data reported are from the 1999 Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Region totals are grade-adjusted but not weighted.

Data provided in the following regions:

Region 1: Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington

Region 2: Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook

Region 3: Marion, Polk, Yamhill

Region 4: Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn

Region 5: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine

Region 6: Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Sherman, Wasco, Wheeler

Region 7: Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Oregon Health Division.

3RD and 8TH GRADE MATH PROFICIENCY Percentage of 3rd and 8th grade students who met or exceeded state standards in math (1999-00). Five year average not available due to change in methodology over five year period. *Source:* Oregon Department of Education

3RD and 8TH GRADE READING PROFICIENCY Percentage of 3rd and 8th grade students who met or exceeded state standards in reading (1999-00). Five year average not available due to change in methodology over five year period. *Source:* Oregon Department of Education

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