

Major Findings

Curry County has the highest percentage of elderly population in Oregon with 27 percent of its residents age 65 or older – more than twice the state average. Most residents lived outside incorporated cities. These two demographics highlight the county’s transportation and medical service needs. However, 16 primary care providers served a population of nearly 21,500 people. If the ratio of primary care providers to population in Curry County matched the state as a whole, 24 primary care physicians would serve the county’s residents.

The US Census Bureau reported an average poverty rate of 12.1 percent in Curry County from 2005 through 2007. This rate remained unchanged from 2000 and below the state average of 13.5. Likewise, the 2007 Curry County unemployment rate of 6.8 percent was essentially the same as 2000. However, the number of jobs in the county decreased in each of the last two years (2005 to 2007). The Construction sector lost the most jobs in 2007, 93.

	Curry County	Oregon	United States	
2007 (3 year avg)	Number in Poverty	2,634	488,896	38,567,903
	Percent in Poverty	12.1%	13.5	13.3%
2000-2007	Percent change in Number in Poverty	3.1%	25.8%	13.8%
	Percent change in Population	3.0%	7.9%	6.2%
	Number of additional people in Poverty	+ 80	+ 100,156	+ 4,668,091
	Number of additional Population	+ 630	+ 263,630	+ 16,976,436

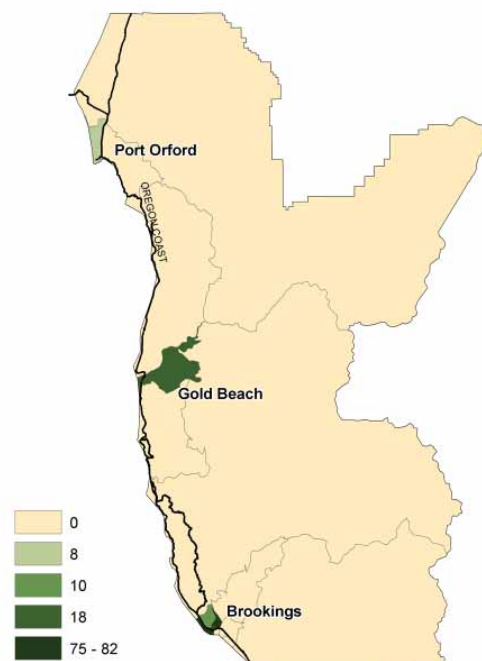
Among the more than 2,600 people estimated to be living below the poverty level, 19 percent were elderly and more than one-third (36 percent) had disabilities. Two-thirds (65 percent) of families in poverty had children under age 18.

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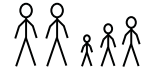
Affordable Housing Units by Census Block Group



Curry County

Basic Family Budget, an Alternative to the Federal Poverty Threshold

2007 Curry County's
Basic Family Budget



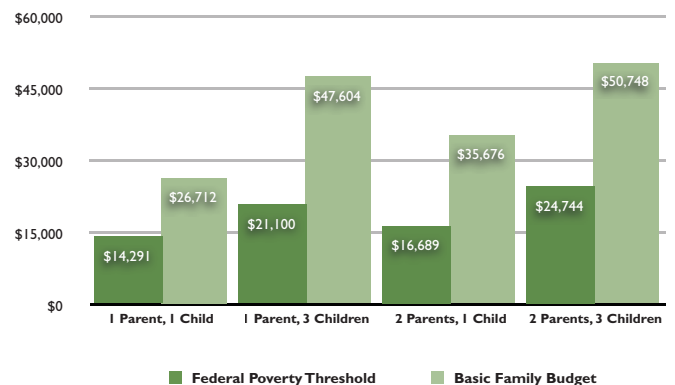
Householder(s)	1 Parent	1 Parent	2 Parents	2 Parents
Children	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old
Housing	\$617	\$901	\$617	\$901
Food	\$316	\$615	\$512	\$774
Child Care	\$403	\$985	\$403	\$985
Transportation	\$390	\$390	\$524	\$524
Healthcare	\$247	\$308	\$359	\$424
Other Necessities	\$289	\$470	\$350	\$519
Taxes	-\$36	\$298	\$208	\$102
Monthly Total	\$2,226	\$3,967	\$2,973	\$4,229
Annual Total	\$26,712	\$47,604	\$35,676	\$50,748
Hourly Wage needed for Basic Family Budget	\$12.84	\$22.89	\$8.58	\$12.20
Federal Poverty Threshold (FPT)	\$14,291	\$21,100	\$16,689	\$24,744
Percent of Basic Family Budget	53.5%	44.3%	46.8%	48.8%

Low-Income Needs

Oregon Coast Community Action (ORCCA) identified the following as the primary needs for the low-income population of Curry County:

- Housing for homeless families, individuals, and teens and more affordable housing
- Food and emergency services programs
- Head Start, especially for health, nutrition, and physical activity
- Emergency medical resources
- Community outreach
- Energy assistance
- Providing emergency food and shelter services as provided by EFSP
- Children's advocacy, child care, and after-school services
- Transportation







Basic Family Budget vs. Federal Poverty Threshold



Population and Economy

Curry County Employment	2007 Number of Positions	2006-2007 Change in Number of Positions	2007 Percent Gain in Positions	2007 Average Pay Per Position
Industries with the Largest Number of Employees, 2007				
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	1,257	-7	-1%	\$25,934
Leisure & Hospitality	1,136	0	0%	\$13,194
Local Government	961	-43	-4%	\$34,535
Greatest Increase in the Number of Positions				
Education & Health Services	656	32	5%	\$22,068
Other Services	219	9	4%	\$18,824
Professional & Business Services	417	8	2%	\$38,459
Greatest Decrease in the Number of Positions				
Construction	563	-93	-14%	\$28,511
Local Government	961	-43	-4%	\$34,535
Manufacturing	630	-13	-2%	\$45,339

Population Change Since 2000

	2000-2007 % Growth	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
OREGON	 9.0%	3,436,750	3,471,700	3,504,700	3,541,500	3,582,600	3,631,440	3,690,505	3,745,455
CURRY	 1.3%	21,200	21,550	21,250	21,100	21,150	21,190	21,365	21,475
Brookings	 17.9%	5,475	5,680	5,760	5,950	6,050	6,185	6,315	6,455
Gold Beach	 28.7%	1,900	1,920	1,930	1,930	1,930	1,930	2,445	2,445
Port Orford	 7.4%	1,155	1,180	1,200	1,190	1,190	1,225	1,225	1,240
Unincorporated	 -10.5%	12,670	12,770	12,360	12,030	11,980	11,850	11,380	11,335

Curry County

2007 Community Action Agency Activities

Homelessness and affordable housing

assisted Women's Safety and Resource Center to build new transitional housing for families

Hunger and food insecurity

offered Share Bear Snack Pack program to 150 local children whose homes had inadequate food for the weekends

provided over 100,000 pounds of high-quality food to local families on the South Coast through the Fresh Alliance

Head Start

established the Health in Action program at all Head Start sites focusing on physical activity

established first Head Start Food Pantry in the Gold Beach area to provide emergency food boxes

Emergency medical resources

strengthened funding stream for emergency medical efforts

Energy assistance

offered free Energy Assistance Education classes

provided additional funds to families in need on the South Coast

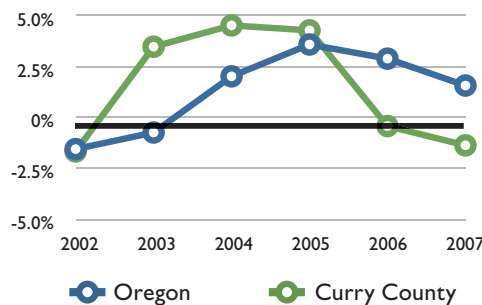
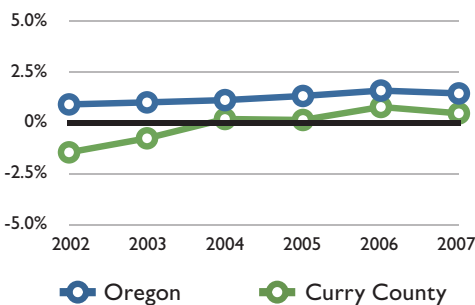
Self-sufficiency programs

developed Community Action Connect to bring local businesses, donors, and those in need together and provide a way for service agencies to fill the gaps between publicly funded services and individual and family self-sufficiency

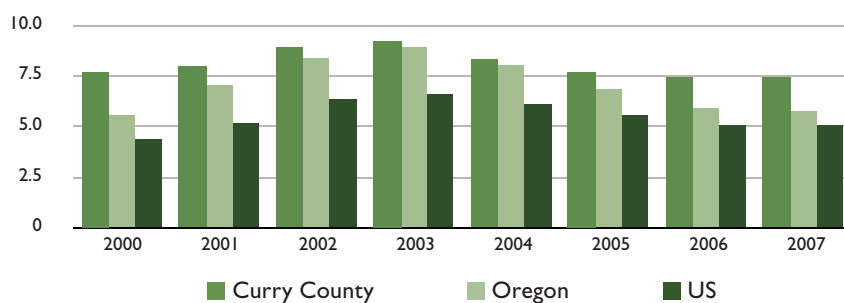
Increase capacities of local service programs

created a Resource Development Team to increase human service program capacity

Population Change vs. Employment Change Since 2001



Unemployment Rates



Birth Rates

2002-2005, average Birth Rate per 1,000

Curry County

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State of Oregon

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2002-2005, average Teenage Birth Rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19

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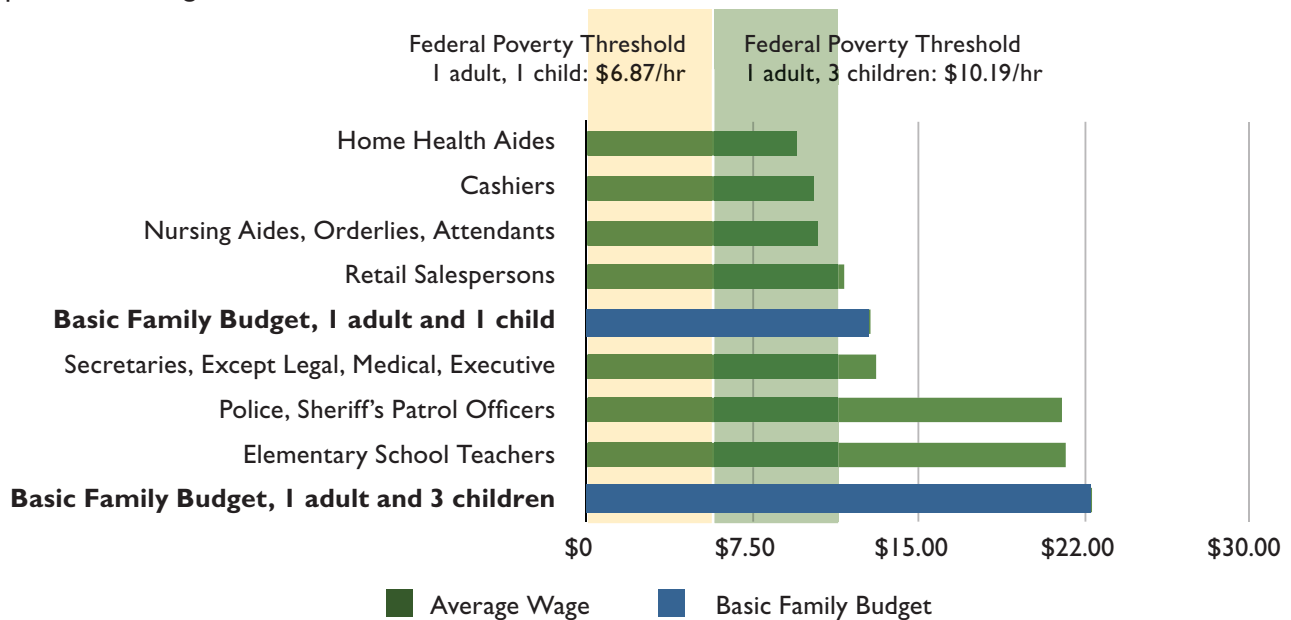
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Average Hourly Wages 2007

Occupational Earnings



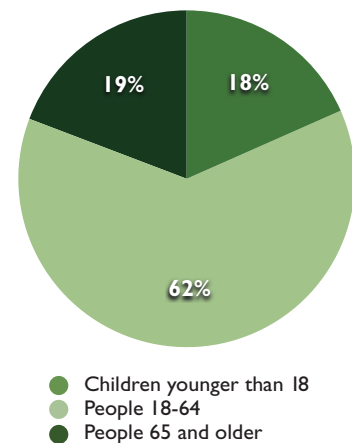
Poverty Population Characteristics

Poverty Rates by Age & Disability Status - 2005-2007 avg	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	12%	-	-
Children younger than 18	14%	18%	16%
People 18-64	13%	62%	57%
People 65 and older	9%	19%	27%
People with a disability	16%	36%	27%

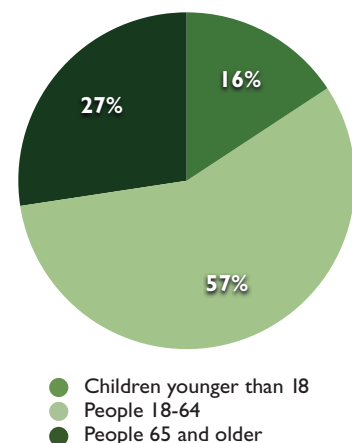
Poverty Rates by Family - 2005-2007 avg	% in Poverty	% of Families in Poverty	% of all Families
All Families	9%	-	-
Families with children under 18	17%	65%	33%
Single women with children under 18	43%	48%	10%

Poverty Rates by Race/Ethnicity - 2005-2007 avg	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	12%	-	-
White	11%	87%	93%
Black	--	--	--
American Indian	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--
Pacific Islander	--	--	--
Other	--	--	--
2 or more races	--	--	--
Hispanic origin	--	--	--

Poverty by Age – 2007



Population by Age – 2007



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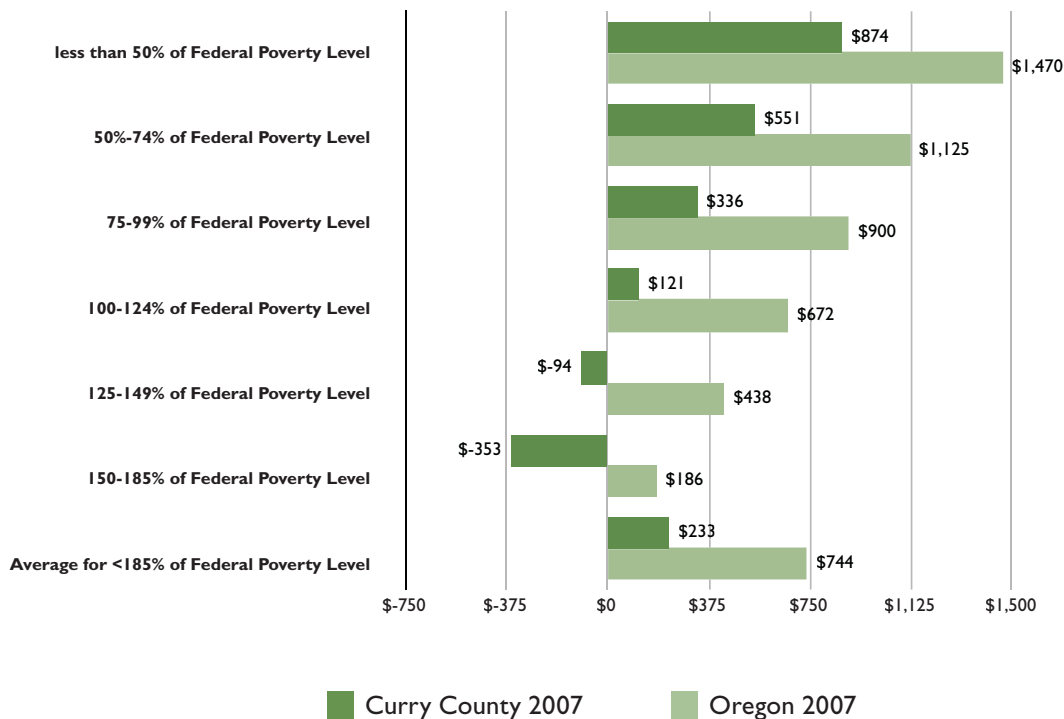
2005-2007 Household Incomes

	Curry County	Oregon	United States
Median Household Income	\$36,316	\$47,385	\$50,007
Owner Median Household Income	\$41,736	\$60,521	\$62,257
Renter Median Household Income	\$27,083	\$29,072	\$30,473
Total Households	10,364	1,447,409	111,609,629
Renters percent income spent on housing	30%	30%	30%
Owners percent income spent on housing	19%	23%	21%
Extremely Low Income (30% of Median Household Income)	\$10,895	\$14,216	\$15,002
Households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	1,238	181,434	14,381,176
Burdened households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	982	149,466	11,433,225
% Burdened	79%	82%	80%
Very Low Income (50% of Median Household Income)	\$18,158	\$23,693	\$25,004
Households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	826	135,298	10,783,159
Burdened households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	655	95,037	7,003,062
% Burdened	79%	70%	65%
Low Income (80% of Median Household Income)	\$29,053	\$37,908	\$40,006
Households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	1,673	231,309	17,296,662
Burdened households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	668	120,261	8,218,676
% Burdened	40%	52%	48%
Workforce (120% of Median Household Income)	\$43,579	\$56,862	\$60,008
Households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	1,902	257,185	18,942,358
Burdened households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	543	83,365	5,594,941
% Burdened	29%	32%	30%

Note: Burden is defined as spending more than 30 percent of household income on gross housing costs (includes utilities).

Energy

Individual Household Energy Shortfall



Health Indicators

2006 Percent of Population without Health Insurance (by Region)

Curry County	State of Oregon
16%	16%

2007 Number of Primary Care Providers per 100,000

Curry County	State of Oregon
75	112

2006 Percentage of 2 year olds who are "adequately" immunized

Curry County	State of Oregon
68%	71%

2002-2005, average % of adults who consume at least 5 servings of fruits & vegetables per day

Curry County	State of Oregon
33%	26%

2002-2005, average Percent of Adults who Smoke Cigarettes

Curry County	State of Oregon
26%	20%



Emergency food boxes help families make ends meet.

Curry County

How We Help

Curry County Services	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007
New units created with OHCS funding resources	24	0	36	36	8
OHCS funding for affordable housing	\$1,093,812	\$0	\$1,062,665	\$143	\$1,067,290
Single Family Loans for low-income households-#	0	2	3	1	3
Single Family Loans for low-income households-\$	\$0	\$248,286	\$404,820	\$202,730	\$558,500
Households receiving energy assistance-#	507	564	668	641	616
Units weatherized-#	--	19	20	6	5
Units weatherized-\$	--	\$37,969	\$51,051	\$15,413	\$33,934
Average per unit weatherized-\$	--	\$1,998	\$2,553	\$2,569	\$6,787
Oregon Health Plan enrollment-%	13%	12%*	11%	11%	11%
Students eligible for free/reduced lunch-#	1,344	1,607	1,569	1,346	1,343
Students eligible free/reduced lunch-%	44%	55%	56%	49%	50%
Population receiving Food Stamps-%	--	17%	16%	16%	17%
Population receiving TANF-%	--	3%	3%	2%	2%

* indicates that data cannot be compared to previous years due to changes in data collection.
 -- indicates data is not available.

Homelessness

One Night Overview

Curry County 2008 One Night Count	
Total Homeless Households	35
Total Homeless Population	40
Total in Emergency Shelter	25
Total in Transitional Housing	3
Total Turnaway & Street Count	12
Chronically Homeless Population	14
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	0
Households with Children	2
Stated Causes of Homelessness:**	
Unemployed	29%
Couldn't afford rent	26%
Domestic Violence	23%
Drug/Alcohol (In Home)	17%
Drug/Alcohol (Self)	17%
Evicted by landlord	17%
Mental or Emotional disorder	11%
Credit	9%
Kicked out by family/friends	9%
By Choice	9%

**Respondents may give more than one reason

Risk Factors

2006-2007, school year
High School Dropout Rate

Curry County
1%

State of Oregon
4%

2005-2006, school year
Percent of 8th graders who reported using illicit drugs in the previous 30 days

Curry County
6%

State of Oregon
16%

2006
Criminal Offenses,
percent of population

Curry County
7%

State of Oregon
12%