

## Major Findings

In 2007, 15,695 people in Linn County lived on incomes less the federal poverty level. This represented 14 percent of the population, up from 11 percent in 2000. In those seven years, the number of people with very low incomes rose 35 percent.

While poverty grew, the county's unemployment reached its lowest point of any year since 1999. However, at 6.4 percent it was still 1.2 percentage points higher than the state average. Job growth almost kept up with population growth, adding between 2 and 6 percent each of the last three years. In 2007, governments and local businesses added 1,035 positions. The economic sectors of Natural Resources and Mining; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; and Construction saw the greatest growth—sectors that typically pay \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year. The high-paying Manufacturing sector lost 344 jobs.

	Linn County	Oregon	United States	
2007	<b>Number in Poverty</b>	<b>15,695</b>	<b>474,189</b>	<b>38,052,247</b>
	<b>Percent in Poverty</b>	14.0%	12.9%	13.0%
2000-2007	<b>Percent change in Number in Poverty</b>	35.1%	22.0%	12.2%
	<b>Percent change in Population</b>	9.9%	9.5%	7.2%
	<b>Number of additional people in Poverty</b>	<b>+ 4,077</b>	<b>+ 85,449</b>	<b>+ 4,152,435</b>
	<b>Number of additional Population</b>	<b>+ 10,195</b>	<b>+ 326,056</b>	<b>+ 20,199,253</b>

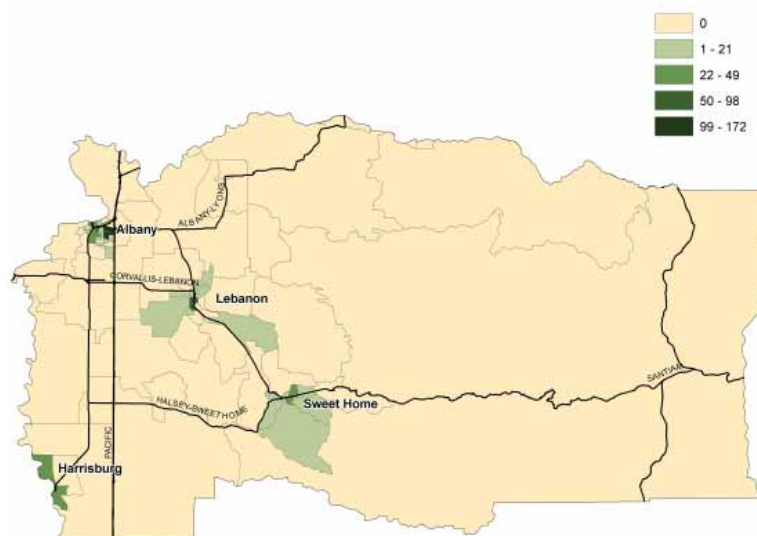
Living costs in Linn County were higher than many other places in Oregon. Renters paid an average of 31 percent of their income on housing. A single parent of a preschool-aged child needed to make more than \$15.00 per hour in a full-time job to afford child care, healthcare, transportation, and other necessities. Most jobs in the county – including retail clerks, nursing aides, and secretaries – paid average hourly wages of \$10.00 to \$13.00. Nearly half (46 percent) of single mothers had incomes below the poverty level and more than one child in five (22 percent) lived in poverty.

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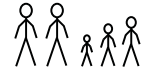
## Affordable Housing Units by Census Block Group



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## Basic Family Budget, an Alternative to the Federal Poverty Threshold

2007 Linn County's  
Basic Family Budget



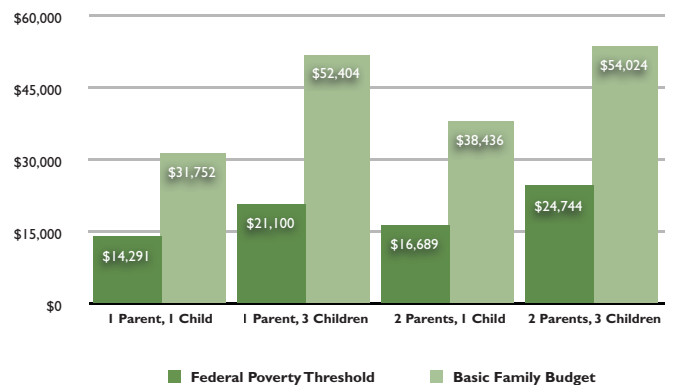
Householder(s)	1 Parent	1 Parent	2 Parents	2 Parents
Children	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old
Housing	\$686	\$946	\$686	\$946
Food	\$316	\$615	\$512	\$774
Child Care	\$424	\$1,042	\$424	\$1,042
Transportation	\$390	\$390	\$524	\$524
Healthcare	\$247	\$308	\$359	\$424
Other Necessities	\$311	\$484	\$371	\$533
Taxes	\$272	\$582	\$327	\$259
Monthly Total	\$2,646	\$4,367	\$3,203	\$4,502
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$31,752</b>	<b>\$52,404</b>	<b>\$38,436</b>	<b>\$54,024</b>
Hourly Wage needed for Basic Family Budget	\$15.27	\$25.19	\$9.24	\$12.99
Federal Poverty Threshold (FPT)	\$14,291	\$21,100	\$16,689	\$24,744
<b>Percent of Basic Family Budget</b>	<b>45.0%</b>	<b>40.3%</b>	<b>43.4%</b>	<b>45.8%</b>

### Low-Income Needs

Community Services Consortium (CSC) identified the following needs of the low-income population of Linn County:

- Housing; including support and transitional housing, and mortgage assistance and education
- Home weatherization and rehabilitation
- Hunger: prevention and nutrition education
- Youth employment readiness

**Basic Family Budget vs. Federal Poverty Threshold**



## Population and Economy

Linn 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	8,960	297	3%	\$32,531
Manufacturing	8,144	-344	-4%	\$52,149
Local Government	5,947	164	3%	\$31,085
Greatest Increase in the Number of Positions				
Natural Resources & Mining	2,110	362	21%	\$31,922
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	8,960	297	3%	\$32,531
Construction	2,733	205	8%	\$41,511
Greatest Decrease in the Number of Positions				
Manufacturing	8,144	-344	-4%	\$52,149
Financial Activities	1,389	-150	-10%	\$29,987

## 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
LINN	5.8%	103,350	103,500	104,000	104,900	106,350	107,150	108,250	109,320
Albany (part)*	13.5%	36,005	36,410	36,895	37,565	37,815	38,905	40,075	40,871
Brownsville	20.6%	1,455	1,460	1,470	1,500	1,510	1,530	1,610	1,755
Gates (part)*	12.5%	40	45	45	45	45	45	45	45
Halsey	7.6%	725	730	730	740	750	760	780	780
Harrisburg	20.6%	2,820	2,850	2,880	2,930	3,010	3,275	3,355	3,400
Idanha (part)*	0.0%	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85
Lebanon	13.0%	13,010	13,190	13,110	13,140	13,550	13,940	14,355	14,705
Lyons	9.4%	1,010	1,040	1,050	1,060	1,070	1,090	1,105	1,105
Mill City (part)*	4.6%	1,235	1,245	1,195	1,220	1,230	1,240	1,260	1,292
Millersburg	58.5%	650	680	680	720	760	830	935	1,030
Scio	9.4%	695	690	700	710	710	725	725	760
Sodaville	-1.7%	295	290	290	290	290	290	290	290
Sweet Home	11.7%	8,050	8,160	8,235	8,330	8,380	8,500	8,790	8,995
Tangent	2.6%	945	940	910	920	930	955	870	970
Waterloo	-12.5%	240	240	240	240	230	230	230	210
Unincorporated	-8.5%	36,090	35,445	35,485	35,405	35,985	34,750	33,740	33,027

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## 2007 Community Action Agency Activities

### Housing

coordinated development of plans to address homelessness and other housing needs

### Home weatherization and rehabilitation

weatherized and/or rehabilitated 24 more residences than the previous year

### Hunger prevention and food distribution

increased Linn-Benton Food Share's overall distribution by 167,830 pounds of food, 1,000 individual food boxes, and 2,750 soup kitchen and meal-site meals

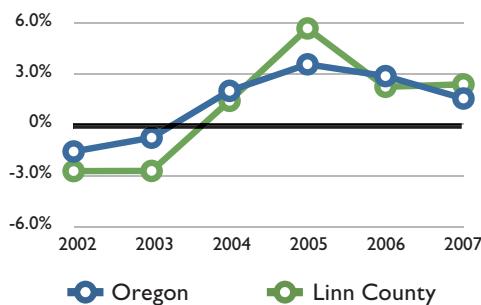
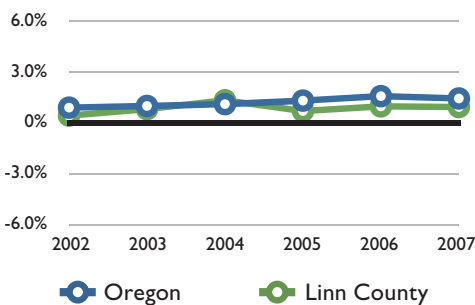
expanded the gleaning program and promoted self-help for thousands of Linn and Benton County households

### Emergency needs

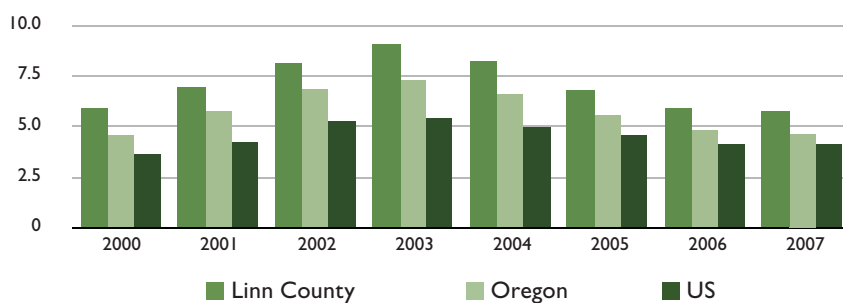
provided 5,941 households with energy assistance, 241 more than the previous year

combined energy conservation education with bill-paying assistance

## Population Change vs. Employment Change Since 2001



## Unemployment Rates



### Birth Rates

2002-2005, average Birth Rate per 1,000

Linn 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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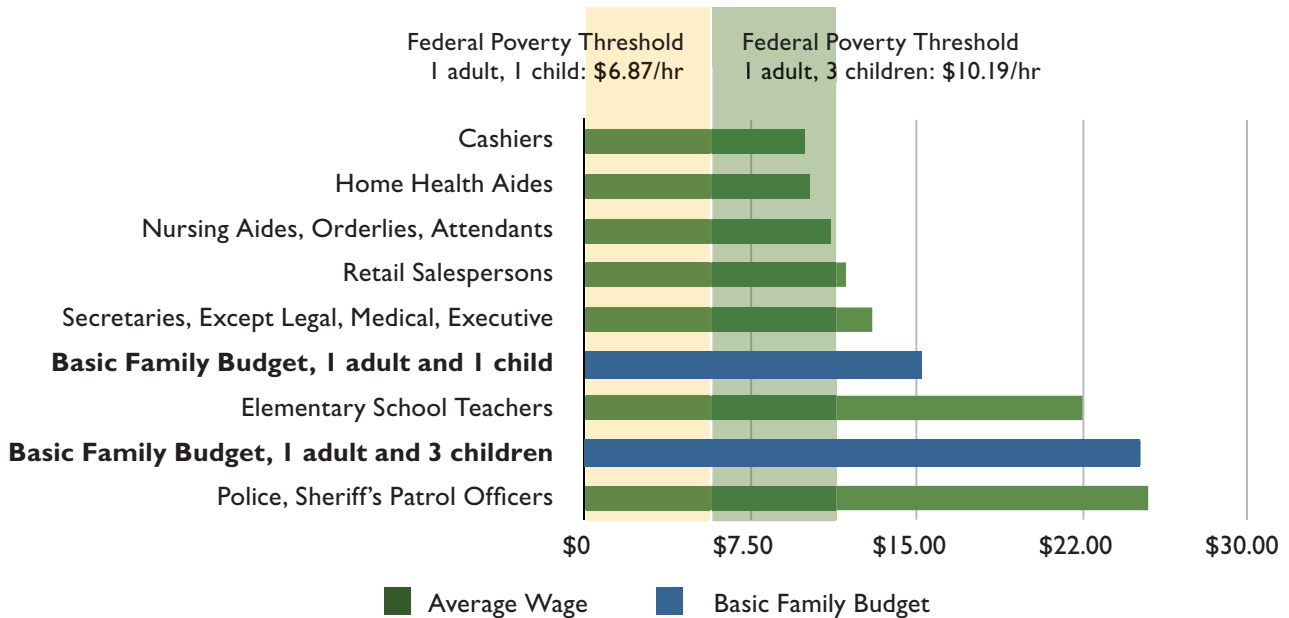
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## Average Hourly Wages 2007

### Occupational Earnings



## Poverty Population Characteristics

Poverty Rates by Age & Disability Status - 2007	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	14%	-	-
Children younger than 18	22%	37%	23%
People 18-64	12%	53%	62%
People 65 and older	9%	10%	15%
People with a disability	17%	26%	20%

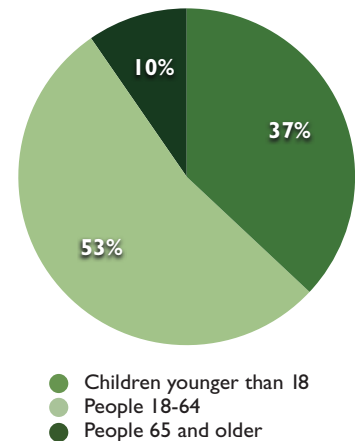
  

Poverty Rates by Family - 2007	% in Poverty	% of Families in Poverty	% of all Families
All Families	11%	-	-
Families with children under 18	21%	89%	49%
Single women with children under 18	46%	51%	12%

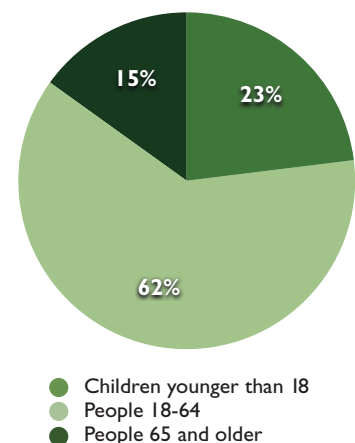
  

Poverty Rates by Race/Ethnicity - 2005-2007 avg.	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	15%	-	-
White	15%	89%	92%
Black	--	--	0%
American Indian	21%	2%	1%
Asian	--	--	1%
Pacific Islander	--	--	0%
Other	27%	5%	3%
2 or more races	17%	3%	2%
Hispanic origin	24%	9%	6%

## Poverty by Age – 2007



## Population by Age – 2007



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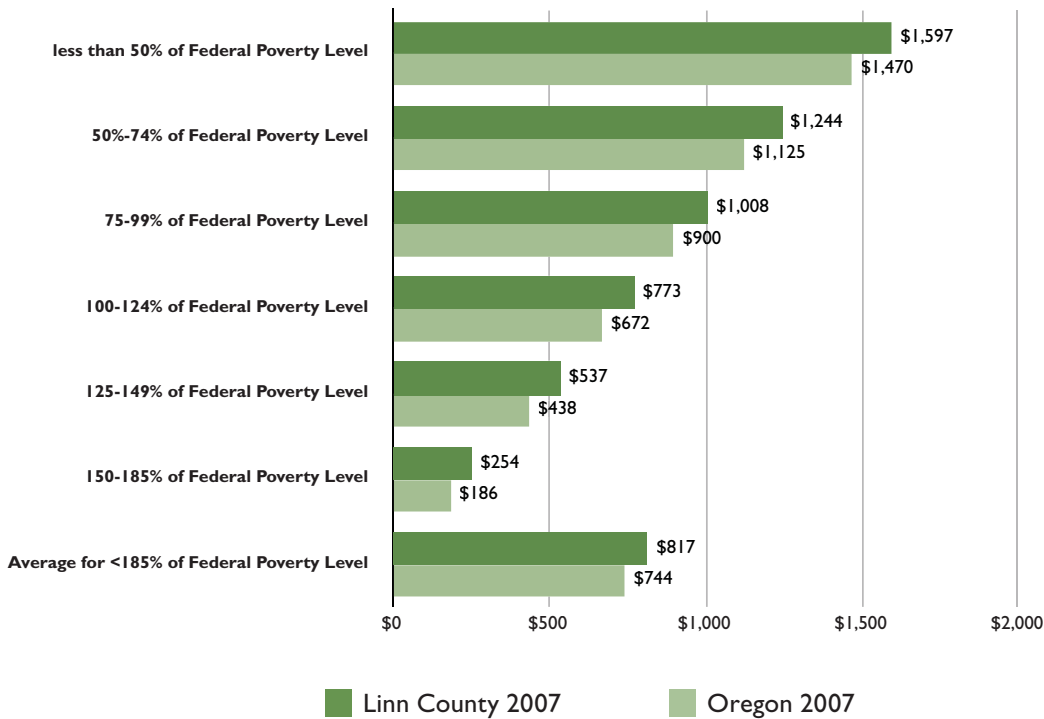
## 2007 Household Income

	Linn County	Oregon	United States
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$44,397</b>	<b>\$48,730</b>	<b>\$50,740</b>
Owner Median Household Income	\$61,056	\$61,690	\$63,059
Renter Median Household Income	\$25,858	\$30,186	\$30,915
Total Households	44,444	1,471,965	112,377,977
Renters percent income spent on housing	31%	29%	30%
Owners percent income spent on housing	21%	23%	22%
<b>Extremely Low Income (30% of Median Household Income)</b>	<b>\$13,319</b>	<b>\$14,619</b>	<b>\$15,222</b>
Households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	6,054	179,761	14,253,915
Burdened households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	5,056	149,621	11,355,585
% Burdened	84%	83%	80%
<b>Very Low Income (50% of Median Household Income)</b>	<b>\$22,199</b>	<b>\$24,365</b>	<b>\$25,370</b>
Households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	4,214	139,492	10,880,250
Burdened households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	3,119	96,863	7,043,215
% Burdened	74%	69%	65%
<b>Low Income (80% of Median Household Income)</b>	<b>\$35,518</b>	<b>\$38,984</b>	<b>\$40,592</b>
Households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	7,084	238,001	17,456,318
Burdened households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	3,462	122,962	8,364,889
% Burdened	49%	52%	48%
<b>Workforce (120% of Median Household Income)</b>	<b>\$53,276</b>	<b>\$58,476</b>	<b>\$60,888</b>
Households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	7,416	263,859	19,191,149
Burdened households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	2,105	85,103	5,823,144
% Burdened	28%	32%	30%

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

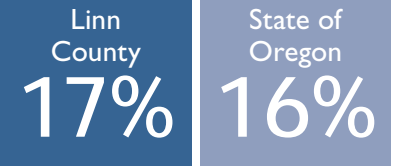
## Energy

### Individual Household Energy Shortfall



## Health Indicators

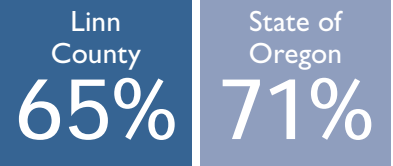
2006 Percent of Population without Health Insurance (by Region)



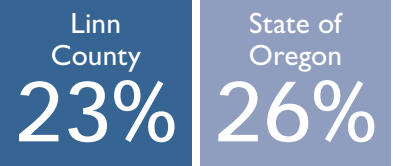
2007 Number of Primary Care Providers per 100,000



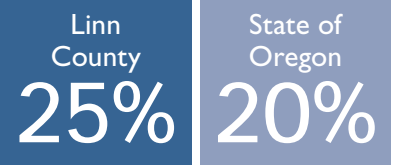
2006 Percentage of 2 year olds who are "adequately" immunized



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



2002-2005, average Percent of Adults who Smoke Cigarettes



Homeless fair connects people with service providers.

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## How We Help

Linn County Services	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007
New units created with OHCS funding resources	9	2	42	74	4
OHCS funding for affordable housing	\$858,737	\$175,000	\$1,828,333	\$1,993,021	\$917,637
Single Family Loans for low-income households-#	17	13	19	27	20
Single Family Loans for low-income households-\$	\$1,474,913	\$1,390,942	\$2,172,731	\$3,156,270	\$2,396,207
Households receiving energy assistance-#	3,723	3,726	3,688	3,498	3,393
Units weatherized-#	--	123	108	98	76
Units weatherized-\$	--	\$421,200	\$434,915	\$496,651	\$340,769
Average per unit weatherized-\$	--	\$3,424	\$4,027	\$5,068	\$4,484
Oregon Health Plan enrollment-%	14%	14%*	14%	14%	13%
Students eligible for free/reduced lunch-#	6,527	8,593	8,489	8,937	8,308
Students eligible free/reduced lunch-%	37%	47%	44%	45%	40%
Population receiving Food Stamps-%	--	21%	21%	21%	21%
Population receiving TANF-%	--	3%	3%	3%	2%

\* indicates that data cannot be compared to previous years due to changes in data collection.  
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## Homelessness

### One Night Overview

Linn County 2008 One Night Count	
Total Homeless Households	88
<b>Total Homeless Population</b>	<b>144</b>
<i>Total in Emergency Shelter</i>	<b>64</b>
<i>Total in Transitional Housing</i>	<b>67</b>
<i>Total Turnaway &amp; Street Count</i>	<b>13</b>
<b>Chronically Homeless Population</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Households with Children</b>	<b>25</b>
Stated Causes of Homelessness:**	
Couldn't afford rent	<b>50%</b>
Unemployed	<b>50%</b>
Evicted by landlord	<b>31%</b>
Poor Rental History	<b>24%</b>
Kicked out by family/friends	<b>23%</b>
Medical Problem	<b>18%</b>
Domestic Violence	<b>14%</b>
Mental or Emotional disorder	<b>14%</b>
Drug/Alcohol (Self)	<b>13%</b>
Credit	<b>9%</b>

\*\*Respondents may give more than one reason

### Risk Factors

2006-2007, school year  
High School Dropout Rate

Linn  
County  
**4%**

State of  
Oregon  
**4%**

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

Linn  
County  
**14%**

State of  
Oregon  
**16%**

2006  
Criminal Offenses,  
percent of population

Linn  
County  
**16%**

State of  
Oregon  
**12%**