

Major Findings

In 2007, more than one-fifth (22 percent) of all Oregonians with incomes less than the federal poverty level lived in Multnomah County. Between 2000 and 2007 the number of people experiencing poverty increased 28 percent. Poverty most greatly affected Hispanics, American Indians, and Blacks who had poverty rates of 28, 31, and 36 percent, respectively. Two-fifths of single mothers with children under age 18 fell below the federal poverty level.

Despite the high poverty rate (15 percent), Multnomah County had one of the lowest unemployment rates in 2007 at 4.9 percent. However, the total number of jobs in 2007 was less than a 1 percent increase over the number in 2000.

A study of living costs showed that a single parent of a 4-year-old needed to earn \$17.09 an hour to cover all her living expenses. However, typical entry-level jobs such as cashiers, health aides, and retail sales persons paid less than \$13.50.

	Multnomah County	Oregon	United States
2007	Number in Poverty	104,619	474,189
	Percent in Poverty	15.2%	12.9%
2000-2007	Percent change in Number in Poverty	28.0%	12.2%
	Percent change in Population	6.3%	7.2%
	Number of additional people in Poverty	+ 22,908	+ 85,449
	Number of additional Population	+ 41,500	+ 20,199,253

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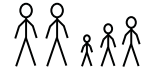
Affordable Housing Units by Census Block Group



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Basic Family Budget, an Alternative to the Federal Poverty Threshold

2007 Multnomah County's
Basic Family Budget



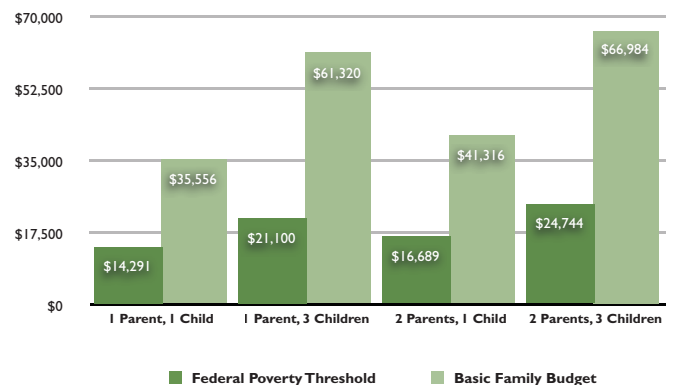
Householder(s)	1 Parent	1 Parent	2 Parents	2 Parents
Children	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old
Housing	\$737	\$1,073	\$737	\$1,073
Food	\$316	\$615	\$512	\$774
Child Care	\$575	\$1,473	\$575	\$1,473
Transportation	\$318	\$318	\$447	\$447
Healthcare	\$230	\$295	\$325	\$393
Other Necessities	\$326	\$523	\$387	\$573
Taxes	\$461	\$813	\$460	\$849
Monthly Total	\$2,963	\$5,110	\$3,443	\$5,582
Annual Total	\$35,556	\$61,320	\$41,316	\$66,984
Hourly Wage needed for Basic Family Budget	\$17.09	\$29.48	\$9.93	\$16.10
Federal Poverty Threshold (FPT)	\$14,291	\$21,100	\$16,689	\$24,744
Percent of Basic Family Budget	40.2%	34.4%	40.4%	36.9%

Low-Income Needs

Multnomah County, Department of County Human Services identified the following needs of the low-income population of Multnomah County:

- A need for 2,200 new units of permanent supportive housing for singles and 400 new units for families by 2015
- Rental assistance
- Economic opportunity for low-income households to secure living wage jobs and build assets
- Energy assistance and weatherization
- Food




Basic Family Budget vs. Federal Poverty Threshold



Population and Economy

Multnomah 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	87,390	1,409	2%	\$39,752
Professional & Business Services	66,427	-47	-0%	\$55,466
Education & Health Services	57,553	1,809	3%	\$41,919
Greatest Increase in the Number of Positions				
Leisure & Hospitality	46,341	1,961	4%	\$19,772
Education & Health Services	57,553	1,809	3%	\$41,919
Local Government	45,814	1,492	3%	\$47,410
Greatest Decrease in the Number of Positions				
Manufacturing	37,510	-158	-0%	\$49,545
Professional & Business Services	66,427	-47	-0%	\$55,466

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
MULTNOMAH	 7.2%	662,400	666,350	670,250	677,850	685,950	692,825	701,545	710,025
Fairview	 20.4%	8,055	8,070	8,400	8,590	9,250	9,425	9,585	9,695
Gresham	 9.2%	90,835	91,420	92,620	93,660	94,250	95,900	97,745	99,225
Lake Oswego (part)*	 1.3%	2,285	2,295	2,305	2,310	2,315	2,315	2,315	2,315
Maywood Park	 -3.8%	780	780	750	750	750	750	750	750
Portland (part)*	 6.9%	529,455	534,075	536,010	542,940	548,340	554,130	560,405	566,072
Troutdale	 10.4%	13,975	13,980	14,240	14,300	14,380	14,880	15,110	15,430
Wood Village	 8.4%	2,860	2,860	2,850	2,870	2,870	2,880	2,965	3,100
Unincorporated	 -5.1%	14,155	12,870	13,075	12,430	13,795	12,545	12,670	13,438

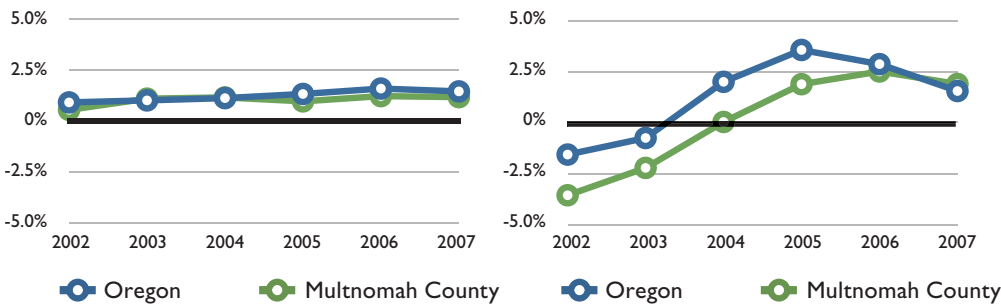
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2007 Community Action Agency Activities

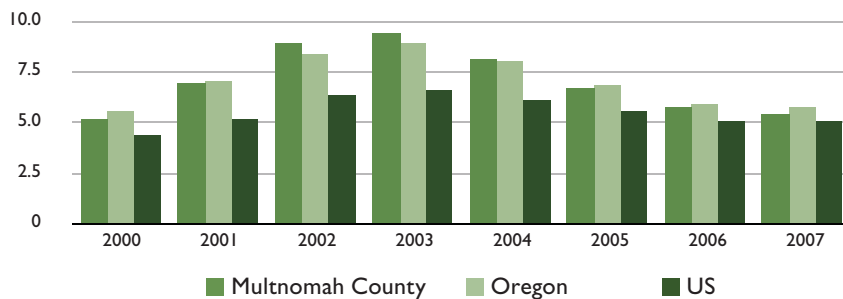
held the nation's first Project Homeless Connect for Families in 2006 to connect clients with housing assistance, employment, and other health and social services

continued Project Homeless Connect events semi-annually serving over 1,000 people at each event

Population Change vs. Employment Change Since 2001



Unemployment Rates



Birth Rates

2002-2005, average Birth Rate per 1,000

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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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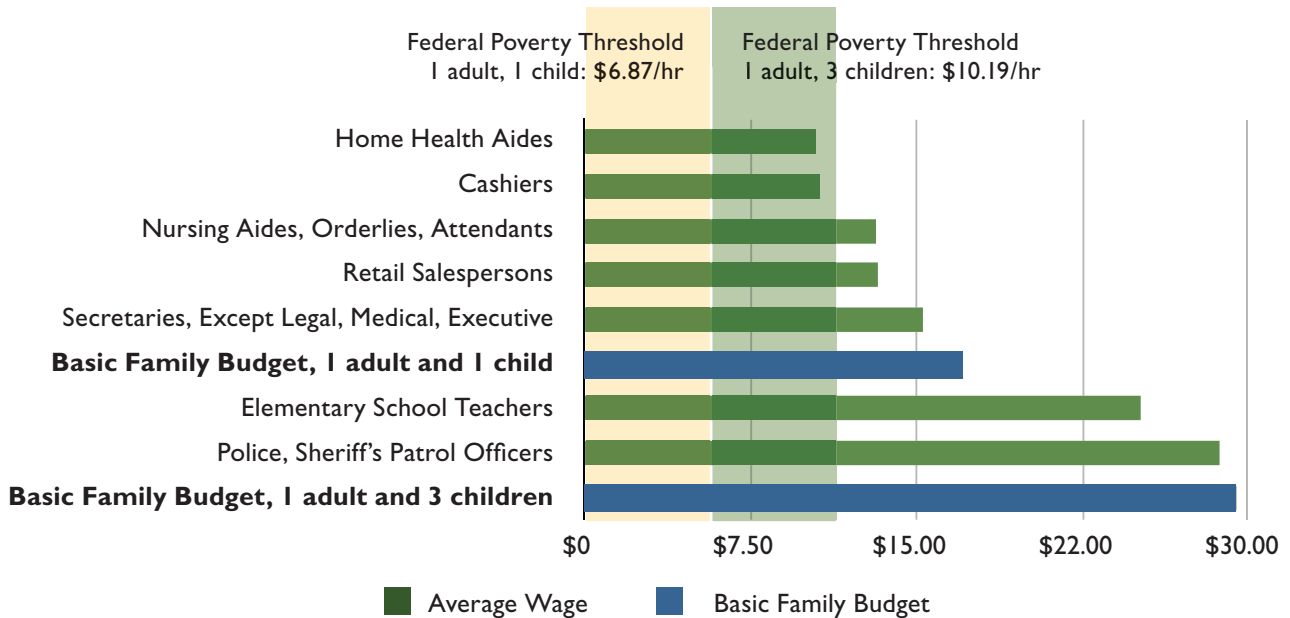
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Average Hourly Wages 2007

Occupational Earnings



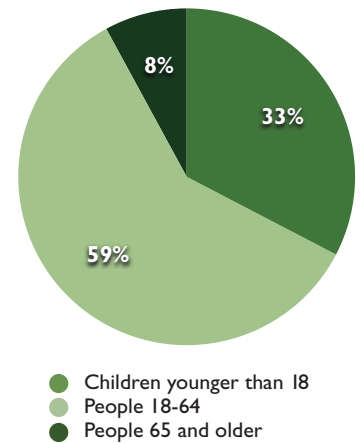
Poverty Population Characteristics

Poverty Rates by Age & Disability Status - 2007	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	15%	-	-
Children younger than 18	22%	33%	23%
People 18-64	14%	59%	67%
People 65 and older	12%	8%	10%
People with a disability	29%	29%	14%

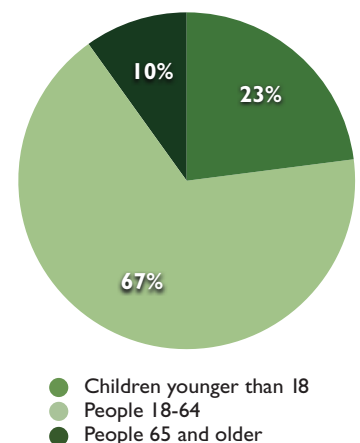
Poverty Rates by Family - 2007	% in Poverty	% of Families in Poverty	% of all Families
All Families	10%	-	-
Families with children under 18	17%	80%	48%
Single women with children under 18	41%	52%	13%

Poverty Rates by Race/Ethnicity - 2005-2007 avg.	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	16%	-	-
White	14%	68%	80%
Black	36%	12%	6%
American Indian	31%	3%	2%
Asian	18%	7%	6%
Pacific Islander	15%	0%	0%
Other	25%	4%	3%
2 or more races	26%	5%	3%
Hispanic origin	28%	17%	10%

Poverty by Age – 2007



Population by Age – 2007



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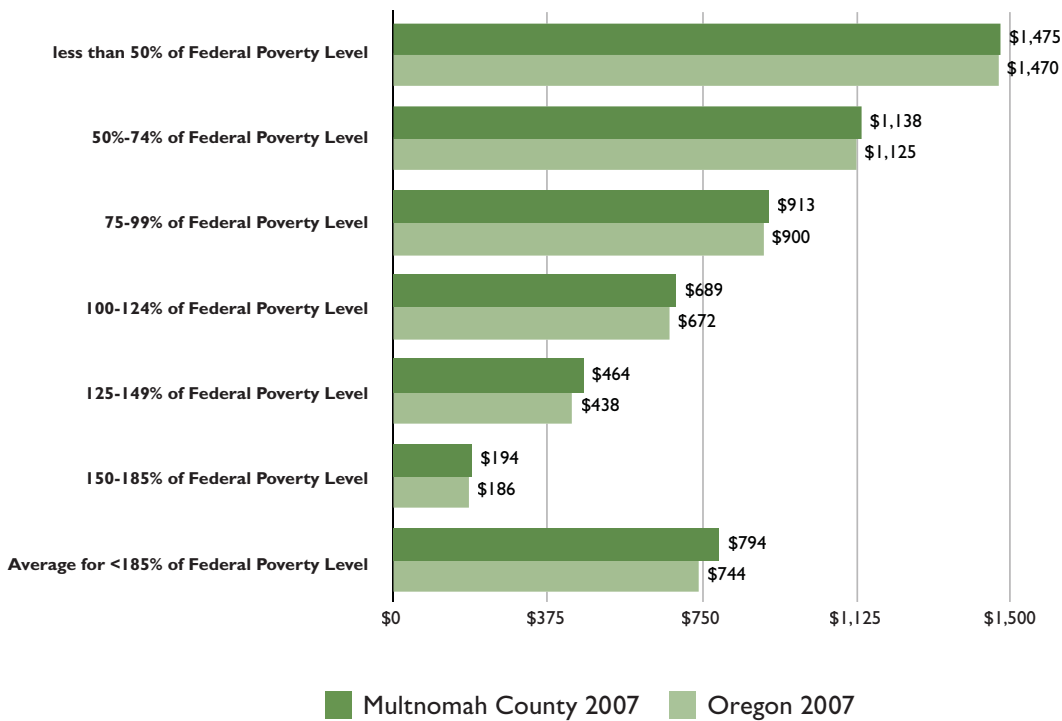
2007 Household Income

	Multnomah County	Oregon	United States
Median Household Income	\$48,883	\$48,730	\$50,740
Owner Median Household Income	\$65,897	\$61,690	\$63,059
Renter Median Household Income	\$29,170	\$30,186	\$30,915
Total Households	291,576	1,471,965	112,377,977
Renters percent income spent on housing	31%	29%	30%
Owners percent income spent on housing	25%	23%	22%
Extremely Low Income (30% of Median Household Income)	\$14,665	\$14,619	\$15,222
Households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	36,803	179,761	14,253,915
Burdened households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	32,781	149,621	11,355,585
% Burdened	89%	83%	80%
Very Low Income (50% of Median Household Income)	\$24,442	\$24,365	\$25,370
Households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	28,030	139,492	10,880,250
Burdened households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	21,622	96,863	7,043,215
% Burdened	77%	69%	65%
Low Income (80% of Median Household Income)	\$39,106	\$38,984	\$40,592
Households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	46,419	238,001	17,456,318
Burdened households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	28,012	122,962	8,364,889
% Burdened	60%	52%	48%
Workforce (120% of Median Household Income)	\$58,660	\$58,476	\$60,888
Households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	51,171	263,859	19,191,149
Burdened households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	19,665	85,103	5,823,144
% Burdened	38%	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)

Multnomah County	State of Oregon
15%	16%

2007 Number of Primary Care Providers per 100,000

Multnomah County	State of Oregon
178	112

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

Multnomah County	State of Oregon
72%	71%

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

Multnomah County	State of Oregon
28%	26%

2002-2005, average Percent of Adults who Smoke Cigarettes

Multnomah County	State of Oregon
21%	20%



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Project Homeless Connect for Families provides needed medical care.

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How We Help

Multnomah County Services	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007
New units created with OHCS funding resources	510	844	973	485	913
OHCS funding for affordable housing	\$15,077,880	\$7,724,481	\$10,660,318	\$11,731,752	\$51,356,143
Single Family Loans for low-income households-#	330	351	268	253	300
Single Family Loans for low-income households-\$	\$34,855,384	\$46,435,997	\$38,361,903	\$40,272,765	\$50,924,282
Households receiving energy assistance-#	15,425	11,966	12,183	12,322	11,829
Units weatherized-#	--	208	243	665	776
Units weatherized-\$**	--	\$1,775,116	\$1,935,123	\$1,910,658	\$2,396,450
Average per unit weatherized-\$**	--	\$8,534	\$7,963	\$2,873	\$3,088
Oregon Health Plan enrollment-%	14%	14%*	13%	13%	12%
Students eligible for free/reduced lunch-#	34,555	44,996	43,986	43,797	43,676
Students eligible free/reduced lunch-%	37%	49%	48%	48%	48%
Population receiving Food Stamps-%	--	19%	19%	18%	18%
Population receiving TANF-%	--	3%	3%	3%	3%

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

**Average is estimated from OHCS financial and database records

-- indicates data is not available.

Homelessness

One Night Overview

Multnomah County 2008 One Night Count	
Total Homeless Households	2,117
Total Homeless Population	3,150
Total in Emergency Shelter	815
Total in Transitional Housing	1,487
Total Turnaway & Street Count	848
Chronically Homeless Population	588
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	3
Households with Children	475
Stated Causes of Homelessness:**	
Couldn't afford rent	33%
Unemployed	32%
Drug/Alcohol (Self)	28%
Criminal History	17%
Domestic Violence	15%
Evicted by landlord	15%
Mental or Emotional disorder	14%
Kicked out by family/friends	13%
Medical Problem	10%
Poor Rental History	10%

**Respondents may give more than one reason

Risk Factors

2006-2007, school year
High School Dropout Rate

Multnomah
County
7%

State of
Oregon
4%

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

Multnomah
County
16%

State of
Oregon
16%

2006
Criminal Offenses,
percent of population

Multnomah
County
14%

State of
Oregon
12%