

Major Findings

The number of Benton County residents in poverty grew more than 4,000 between 2000 and 2007—a 41 percent increase. Just 7 percent of families had incomes below the poverty level, one of the lowest rates of family poverty in the state.

The 2007 unemployment rates remained the lowest in the state at just 4.1 percent in 2007, essentially the same as 2000. Benton County jobs grew 2 percent. Industries at the higher end of the wage spectrum lost jobs while industries at the lower end added jobs. From 2006 to 2007, the Natural Resources, Manufacturing, and Government economic sectors lost 516 jobs. The lost jobs had an estimated average pay of \$45,000, replaced by positions in Trade, Leisure, and related industries with wages of approximately \$23,000. At the same time, the county saw growth in employment in construction-related jobs that paid average wages of \$39,000.

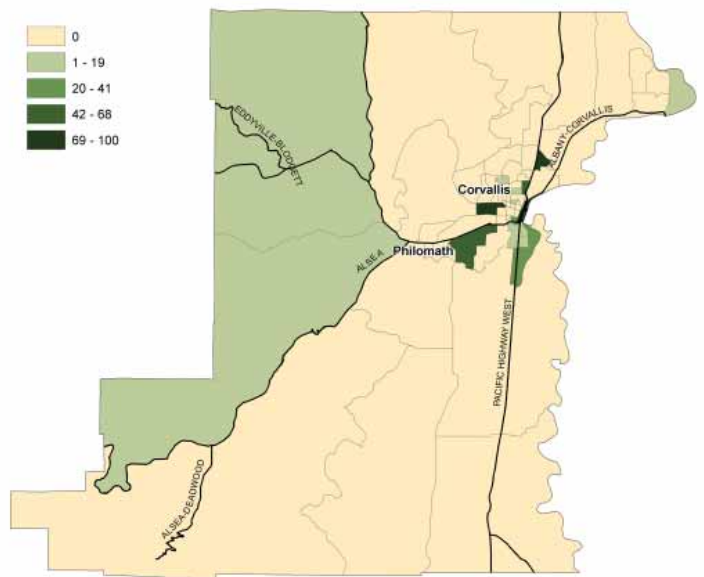
	Benton County	Oregon	United States
2007	Number in Poverty	15,075	474,189
	Percent in Poverty	19.3%	12.9%
2000-2007	Percent change in Number in Poverty	41.4%	12.2%
	Percent change in Population	4.2%	7.2%
	Number of additional people in Poverty	+ 4,410	+ 85,449
	Number of additional Population	+ 3,275	+ 20,199,253

More students qualified for free- or reduced-price lunch—29 percent, up from 20 percent in 2000. Analysis by OHCS shows that a two-parent family with three children ages 4, 7, and 10 needed an annual income of more than \$60,000 to pay basic living expenses in Benton County. Each parent must make more than \$15.00 per hour—more than the pay of cashiers, nursing aides, salespeople, and secretaries. People working in the lower-paid service and leisure industries struggled to meet basic living expenses.

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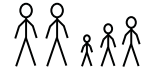
Affordable Housing Units by Census Block Group



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Basic Family Budget, an Alternative to the Federal Poverty Threshold

2007 Benton County's
Basic Family Budget



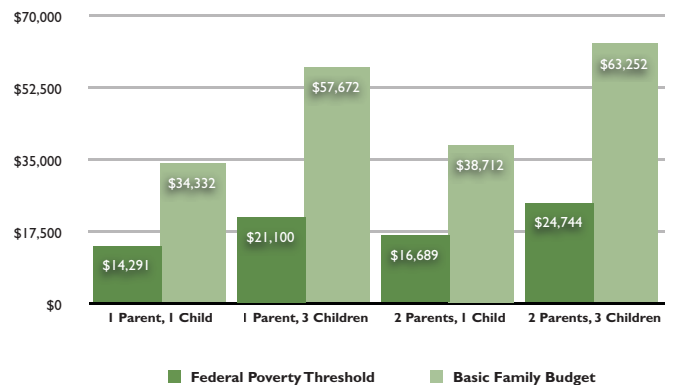
Householder(s)	1 Parent	1 Parent	2 Parents	2 Parents
Children	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old	3-5 yr old	3-5 yr old, 6-8 yr old, and 9-11 yr old
Housing	\$721	\$1,048	\$721	\$1,048
Food	\$316	\$615	\$512	\$774
Child Care	\$503	\$1,268	\$503	\$1,268
Transportation	\$343	\$343	\$468	\$468
Healthcare	\$230	\$295	\$325	\$393
Other Necessities	\$321	\$516	\$382	\$565
Taxes	\$427	\$721	\$315	\$755
Monthly Total	\$2,861	\$4,806	\$3,226	\$5,271
Annual Total	\$34,332	\$57,672	\$38,712	\$63,252
Hourly Wage needed for Basic Family Budget	\$16.51	\$27.73	\$9.31	\$15.20
Federal Poverty Threshold (FPT)	\$14,291	\$21,100	\$16,689	\$24,744
Percent of Basic Family Budget	41.6%	36.6%	43.1%	39.1%

Low-Income Needs

Community Services Consortium identified the following as the primary needs for the low-income population of Benton County:

- Housing; including affordable housing, home weatherization, rehabilitation, mortgage assistance and home ownership education
- Hunger prevention
- Youth employment readiness









Basic Family Budget vs. Federal Poverty Threshold



Population and Economy

Benton 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				
State Government	5,278	-69	-1%	\$46,778
Education & Health Services	5,083	100	2%	\$41,390
Manufacturing	4,702	-129	-3%	\$79,492
Greatest Increase in the Number of Positions				
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	4,240	197	5%	\$27,744
Leisure & Hospitality	3,624	136	4%	\$12,596
Construction	1,231	121	11%	\$38,978
Greatest Decrease in the Number of Positions				
Natural Resources & Mining	1,079	-214	-17%	\$28,892
Manufacturing	4,702	-129	-3%	\$79,492
Local Government	2,611	-104	-4%	\$35,172
State Government	5,278	-69	-1%	\$46,778

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
BENTON	 8.9%	78,300	79,000	79,900	80,500	81,750	82,835	84,125	85,300
Adair Village	 73.8%	535	600	700	840	870	905	920	930
Albany (part)*	 28.4%	5,140	5,240	5,385	6,035	6,215	6,455	6,535	6,599
Corvallis	 11.0%	49,440	51,040	52,450	52,950	52,590	53,165	53,900	54,890
Monroe	 2.5%	610	610	610	610	610	610	610	625
Philomath	 16.8%	3,880	4,010	4,200	4,310	4,340	4,400	4,460	4,530
Unincorporated	 -5.2%	18,695	17,500	16,555	15,755	17,125	17,300	17,700	17,726

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2007 Community Action Agency Activities

Housing

developed a plan to address homelessness

Hunger Prevention

increased distribution of food by 167,830 over the 2006 total through Linn Benton Food Share (a program of Community Services Consortium)

provided an additional 1,000 individual food boxes

increased by 2,750 the number of meals provided at soup kitchens and meal sites.

expanded gleaning program promoting a self-help food security option for thousands of Linn and Benton County households

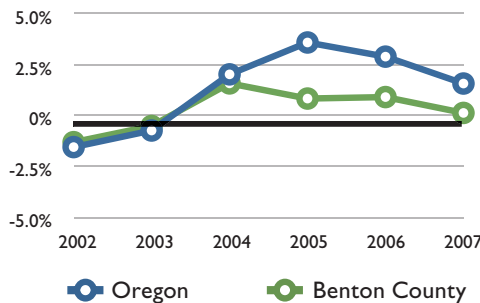
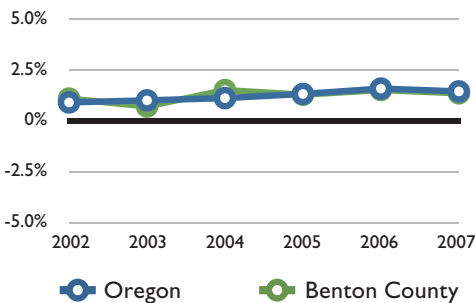
Youth Employment Readiness

coordinated youth work-training crews for natural restoration projects and historic cemetery restoration

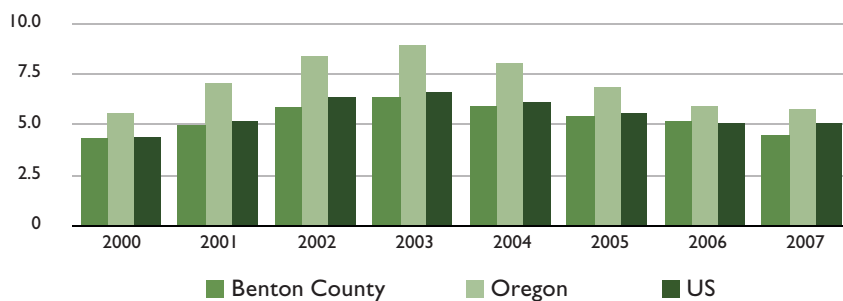
Other Needs

provided energy conservation education and bill-paying assistance to 5,941 households in Benton, Linn and Lincoln counties

Population Change vs. Employment Change Since 2001



Unemployment Rates



Birth Rates

2002-2005, average Birth Rate per 1,000

Benton County
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State of Oregon
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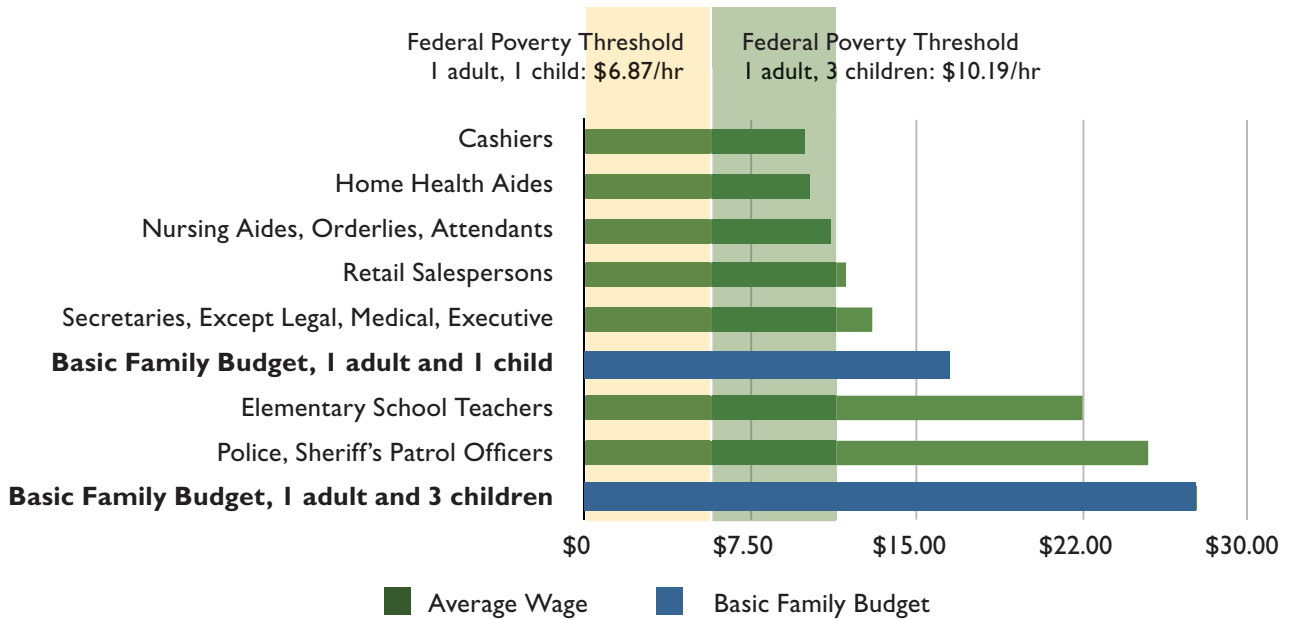
2002-2005, average Teenage Birth Rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19

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Average Hourly Wages 2007

Occupational Earnings



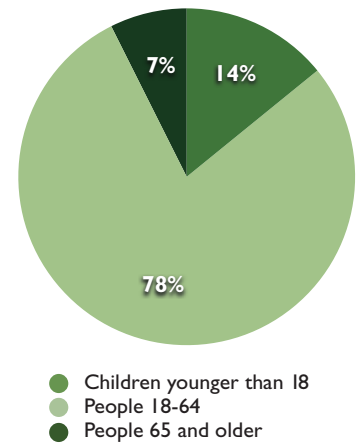
Poverty Population Characteristics

Poverty Rates by Age & Disability Status - 2007	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	19%	-	-
Children younger than 18	15%	14%	19%
People 18-64	22%	78%	70%
People 65 and older	12%	7%	12%
People with a disability	23%	15%	12%

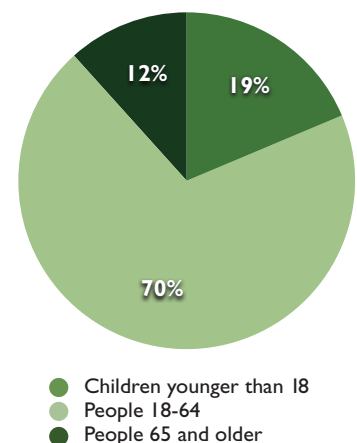
Poverty Rates by Family - 2005-2007 avg	% in Poverty	% of Families in Poverty	% of all Families
All Families	7%	-	-
Families with children under 18	11%	68%	43%
Single women with children under 18	32%	44%	10%

Poverty Rates by Race/Ethnicity - 2005-2007 avg	% in Poverty	% of People in Poverty	% of all Population
Total Population	17%	-	-
White	16%	82%	87%
Black	--	--	1%
American Indian	--	--	1%
Asian	24%	7%	5%
Pacific Islander	--	--	0%
Other	29%	5%	3%
2 or more races	16%	2%	3%
Hispanic origin	27%	9%	6%

Poverty by Age – 2007



Population by Age – 2007



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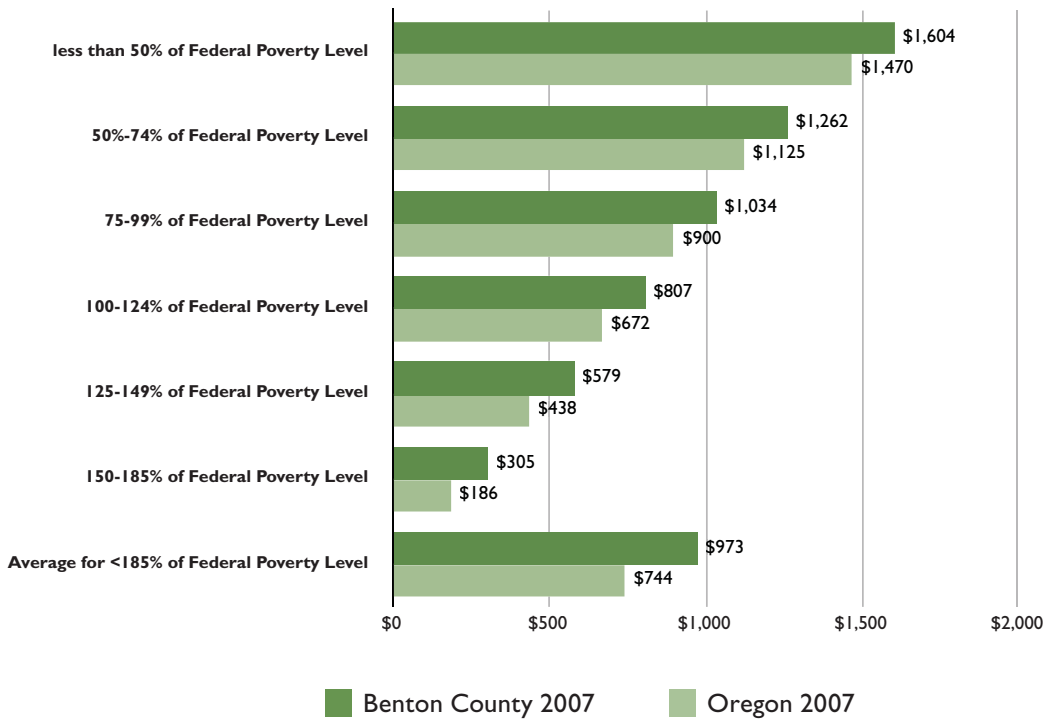
2007 Household Income

	Benton County	Oregon	United States
Median Household Income	\$45,574	\$48,730	\$50,740
Owner Median Household Income	\$76,878	\$61,690	\$63,059
Renter Median Household Income	\$21,700	\$30,186	\$30,915
Total Households	32,946	1,471,965	112,377,977
Renters percent income spent on housing	35%	29%	30%
Owners percent income spent on housing	19%	23%	22%
Extremely Low Income (30% of Median Household Income)	\$13,672	\$14,619	\$15,222
Households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	5,246	179,761	14,253,915
Burdened households earning 0-30% Median Household Income	4,731	149,621	11,355,585
% Burdened	90%	83%	80%
Very Low Income (50% of Median Household Income)	\$22,787	\$24,365	\$25,370
Households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	3,314	139,492	10,880,250
Burdened households earning 31-50% Median Household Income	2,615	96,863	7,043,215
% Burdened	79%	69%	65%
Low Income (80% of Median Household Income)	\$36,459	\$38,984	\$40,592
Households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	4,266	238,001	17,456,318
Burdened households earning 51-80% Median Household Income	1,971	122,962	8,364,889
% Burdened	46%	52%	48%
Workforce (120% of Median Household Income)	\$54,689	\$58,476	\$60,888
Households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	4,420	263,859	19,191,149
Burdened households earning 81-120% Median Household Income	1,203	85,103	5,823,144
% Burdened	27%	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)

Benton County	State of Oregon
17%	16%

2007 Number of Primary Care Providers per 100,000

Benton County	State of Oregon
118	112

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

Benton County	State of Oregon
67%	71%

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

Benton County	State of Oregon
30%	26%

2002-2005, average Percent of Adults who Smoke Cigarettes

Benton County	State of Oregon
13%	20%



Gleaning program provides access to fresh fruit.

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How We Help

Benton County Services	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007
New units created with OHCS funding resources	56	0	0	0	0
OHCS funding for affordable housing	\$3,408,622	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44,100
Single Family Loans for low-income households-#	12	18	19	14	20
Single Family Loans for low-income households-\$	\$1,165,233	\$2,266,897	\$2,706,279	\$1,867,981	\$2,847,115
Households receiving energy assistance-#	1,356	1,506	1,549	1,512	1,509
Units weatherized-#	--	30	41	45	32
Units weatherized-\$	--	\$106,880	\$155,265	\$176,851	\$156,627
Average per unit weatherized-\$	--	\$3,563	\$3,787	\$3,930	\$4,895
Oregon Health Plan enrollment-%	6%	7%*	7%	7%	6%
Students eligible for free/reduced lunch-#	2,038	2,565	2,602	2,659	2,639
Students eligible free/reduced lunch-%	20%	28%	28%	29%	29%
Population receiving Food Stamps-%	--	12%	12%	12%	11%
Population receiving TANF-%	--	2%	2%	2%	1%

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

One Night Overview

Benton County 2008 One Night Count	
Total Homeless Households	96
Total Homeless Population	144
<i>Total in Emergency Shelter</i>	43
<i>Total in Transitional Housing</i>	75
<i>Total Turnaway & Street Count</i>	26
Chronically Homeless Population	25
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	0
Households with Children	21
Stated Causes of Homelessness:**	
Couldn't afford rent	35%
Unemployed	35%
Kicked out by family/friends	23%
Drug/Alcohol (Self)	21%
Evicted by landlord	20%
Domestic Violence	7%
Mental or Emotional disorder	11%
Criminal History	10%
Medical Problem	10%
Poor Rental History	10%

**Respondents may give more than one reason

Risk Factors

2006-2007, school year
High School Dropout Rate

Benton
County
3%

State of
Oregon
4%

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

Benton
County
11%

State of
Oregon
16%

2006
Criminal Offenses,
percent of population

Benton
County
14%

State of
Oregon
12%