

Facts and Figures

Hunger

- **Oregon ranks second in the nation in hunger.**

U.S. Department of Agriculture

- 6 percent of Oregon households between 2006 and 2008 experienced times when they were hungry but did not eat because there was not enough money to buy food—a 69% increase from 2003-2005.

Mississippi had the highest rate of hunger.

U.S. Department of Agriculture 2009

- Nationally, 49 million Americans lived in households that were food insecure in 2008—up from 36.2 million in 2007, and the highest rate since the government started surveying in 1995.

USDA 2009

- Twenty seven percent of food box recipients said they have had to cut their kids' meals during the year--- 30 percent of these families report that this happens every month.

Oregon Food Bank 2008 Hunger Factors Assessment

- Twenty thousand people a day are currently signing up for Food Stamps. There are currently 36.5 million people on Food Stamps—a ten million person increase in two years.

USDA 2009

Unemployment

- **10,643 persons were unemployed in Linn and Benton counties in October 2009.**

- Linn County's unemployment rate was 15.1% and Benton's was 7.8%.

WorkSourceOregon November 2009

- Oregon's unemployment rate for October was 11.3%. The rate jumps to an estimated 20% when you include discouraged workers as well as part-time workers that wish to be working full-time.

U.S. Department of Labor

- One third of Oregonians polled say they or a family member have been laid off or lost a job in the last year.

Northwest Area Foundation

- Forty one percent of Oregonians reported that they or a family member had hours cut at work over the past twelve months.

Northwest Area Foundation

Health Insurance

- **One in five adults in Oregon are without health insurance.**

Census Bureau-American Community Survey

- Nationally, the cost of premiums doubled between 2000 and 2009. The premium for a family plan went from \$6,654 to \$13,378. At the current rate, annual family insurance premiums will cost \$20,000 in five years.

Families USA

- Twenty-six percent of adults in the United States reported that at least one member of their immediate family lost health insurance coverage within the last year.

Zogby Interactive poll

Poverty

- **Oregon ranks 40th in average annual pay, 46th in home ownership, and 42nd in extreme asset poverty—households that have zero net worth.**

Corporation for Enterprise Development

- Census Bureau reported a sharp rise in poverty with a decline in median income of 3.6 during 2008—the sharpest decline on record.
- Oregon’s poverty rate is 12.9%
Oregon Housing and Community Services 2008
- Benton County’s poverty rate is 19.3%. The County’s poverty rate increased 41.4% between 2000-2007.
Oregon Housing and Community Services 2008
- Linn County’s poverty rate is 14.0%. The County’s poverty rate increased 35.1% between 200-2007.
Oregon Housing and Community Services 2008

Linn Benton Food Share

- **Distributed 4,775,578 pounds of food to our 74 member agencies from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.**
- Emergency food pantries in Linn and Benton counties distributed 42,188 food boxes to 146,557 individuals during this time period.
- Soup kitchens and shelters served 261,847 meals in our two county area during FY 2008-09.