

**Benton County**

OREGON BENCHMARK											2005 State Target	Rank	Trend <sup>#</sup>	3-YEAR AVERAGES <sup>^</sup>		
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005				County	Urban	State
4 Net Job Growth	23.6	18.7	-6.3	-21.5	2.0	11.6	-5.4	-1.8	6.6			26	↓	-0.2	-1.0	-0.2
5 Professional Services	71.4%	83.9%	75.4%	68.8%	79.6%	75.3%	90.0%	90.4%	82.3%		80%	2	↑	87.6%	79.8%	73.2%
11 Income per Capita	100.2%	102.2%	100.3%	99.1%	96.9%	98.0%	97.5%	96.7%			97%	4	↓	97.4%	96.8%	92.3%
12 Wages	\$33,712	\$35,108	\$35,993	\$37,240	\$38,122	\$37,520	\$38,285	\$38,136	\$37,246		\$30,431	3	↑	\$37,889	\$36,703	\$35,299
15 Unemployment	48.1%	49.0%	71.1%	69.0%	97.5%	95.7%	63.8%	68.3%	98.2%		115%	1	↓	76.3%	128.5%	133.5%
18 Ready-to-learn		65.7%			72.6%		75.2%		87.0%		85%	8	↑	78.3%	n/a	74.2%
19a 3rd Grade Reading <sup>#</sup>	95.8%	86.3%	85.9%	88.4%	85.9%	86.9%	90.1%	84.5%	85.4%	86.1%	90%	18	↓	85.4%	82.5%	84.3%
19b 3rd Grade Math <sup>#</sup>	86.7%	73.4%	74.0%	80.4%	78.5%	79.9%	83.0%	80.7%	84.5%	86.2%	81%	15	↑	83.8%	82.6%	82.5%
20a 8th Grade Reading <sup>#</sup>	91.8%	71.2%	67.6%	68.8%	72.5%	72.5%	73.1%	68.0%	73.3%	71.2%	71%	2	↔	70.8%	62.3%	62.1%
20b 8th Grade Math <sup>#</sup>	90.1%	65.0%	61.8%	62.8%	67.5%	67.3%	65.6%	68.1%	71.9%	68.3%	69%	5	↑	69.4%	62.2%	60.9%
22 HS Dropout	4.9%	4.2%	4.0%	4.4%	3.1%	2.4%	2.8%	1.9%	4.5%		5.4%	17	↑	3.1%	4.8%	5.1%
23 HS Degree*	1990 = 89.3%				93.1%	(decennial census data only)					93%	1	↑	91.2%	84.6%	83.3%
26a BS Degree*	1990 = 41.3%				47.4%	(decennial census data only)					38%	1	↑	44.3%	25.1%	22.9%
Related to 31 Voting	80.1%		63.6%		84.0%		76.4%		91.0%			6	↑	83.7%	77.8%	77.6%
39 Teen Pregnancy	10.0	7.9	7.4	10.7	6.3	3.5	7.0	3.8	-			5	↑	4.8	11.4	11.3
40 Prenatal Care	83.1%	81.5%	83.8%	87.0%	86.8%	88.4%	87.7%	85.2%	-		85%	6	↑	87.1%	81.8%	81.4%
41 Infant Mortality	4.8	3.6	5.0	8.5	1.3	1.2	0.0	5.2	-		5.1	4	↓	2.1	5.0	5.6
43 HIV	5	4	3	3	1	1	0	2	2		282	18	↑	1.3	265.0	291.0
45 Early Death	34.5	30.3	40.1	36.6	29.1	31.4	32.4	34.2			54.3	1	↑	32.7	50.8	53.5
48 Child Care Availability	25.7	25.8	24.5	24.4	21.9	21.0	19.6	n/a	19.5		25	19	↓	15.6	18.3	17.7
49a 8th Grade Alcohol Use			18.9%		22.8%	20.5%	17.4%	18.2%	26.0%	31.0%	21%	3	↓	25.1%	26.9%	28.3%
49b 8th Grade Drug Use			18.4%		14.0%	13.7%	13.4%	15.8%	13.2%	11.8%	15%	3	↑	13.6%	16.0%	17.1%
49c 8th Grade Cigarette Use			18.1%		8.1%		7.3%		0.1		16%	1	↑	7.3%	9.8%	10.6%
50a Child Abuse	9.3	11.0	7.1	9.5	8.2	4.8	4.7	3.0	4.3		6.2	2	↑	4.0	10.1	10.8
52a Alcohol Use During Preg	3.1%	2.2%	2.6%	1.8%	2.0%	1.0%	1.5%	1.8%	-		2%	17	↑	1.4%	1.2%	1.3%
52b Tobacco Use During Preg	9.3%	11.2%	11.3%	9.8%	8.7%	6.7%	8.4%	7.2%	-		9%	3	↑	7.4%	11.1%	12.3%
53 Poverty		9.1%	10.1%	14.6%	9.3%	9.8%	9.8%				12%	4	↓	9.6%	10.2%	11.0%
58 Independent Seniors	97.2%	97.8%	98.4%	97.8%	97.8%	98.1%	98.2%	96.8%	96.8%		98%	23	↓	97.3%	97.4%	97.4%
61 Overall Crime Rate	119.9	126.5	114.6	113.2	119.4	113.0	108.1	117.3	-		125	20	↑	112.8	129.0	126.9
61a Person Crimes	9.6	9.0	9.6	10.3	10.0	11.3	8.2	7.1	-		13	11	↑	8.9	11.4	11.8
61b Property Crimes	61.6	70.4	58.8	55.9	61.0	53.0	49.5	54.8	-		67	19	↑	52.4	70.5	68.9
61c Behavior Crimes	48.3	46.4	45.9	46.3	48.4	48.7	50.4	55.4	-		45	19	↓	51.5	45.7	46.2
62 Juvenile Arrests	21.4	22.8	19.3	17.1	16.8	15.8	15.6	11.5	-			15	↑	14.3	15.9	16.1
62a Juv. Arrests-Person	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.6	6.0	6.4	5.7	4.5	-		4.4	28	↑	5.5	4.0	3.9
62b Juv. Arrests-Property	16.2	17.8	14.2	11.6	10.8	9.4	9.8	7.0	-		15.5	8	↑	8.7	11.9	12.2
73 Home Ownership*	1990 = 55.1				57.3%	(decennial census data only)					70%	35	↑	56.2%	62.5%	63.7%
74a Cost Burdened Renters*	1990 = 85%				82.3%	(decennial census data only)					70%	36	↑	83.6%	71.5%	70.5%
74b Cost Burdened Owners*	1990 = 40.9%				32.7%	(decennial census data only)					38%	22	↑	36.8%	40.6%	39.1%
83 Solid Waste	1417.2	1277.1	1262.2	1510.7	1471.7	1398.5	1405.8	1447.0	1479.0		1575	12	↓	1443.9	1578.9	1594.6

↑ Improving Trends = 27

↓ Worsening Trends = 11

↔ No Change = 1

<sup>^</sup> These columns average rates for each of the three most recent years of data, giving equal weight to each.

<sup>#</sup> The trend compares 1996 or the earliest to the latest year of data shown here. Data for benchmarks 19a & b, 20a & b, and 22 is comparable from 1997 on. See benchmark pages for details.

\* For Benchmarks 23, 26a, 73, 74a and 74b, decennial census data allow 11-year averages only.