

Polk County

OREGON BENCHMARK	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2005	Rank	Trend [#]	3-YEAR AVERAGES [^]		
											State Target			County	Urban	State
4 Net Job Growth	19.5	9.9	13.2	6.8	2.2	-4.9	7.2	1.4	5.4		80%	9	↓	4.7	-1.0	-0.2
5 Professional Services	16.7%	17.5%	16.6%	15.2%	16.6%	16.9%	25.4%	27.5%	27.0%		97%	28	↑	26.6%	79.8%	73.2%
11 Income per Capita	85.1%	86.0%	84.0%	83.8%	82.1%	80.9%	80.4%	79.7%			97%	13	↓	80.3%	96.8%	92.3%
12 Wages	\$24,335	\$25,306	\$26,018	\$26,340	\$26,238	\$26,085	\$27,006	\$26,521	\$26,608		\$30,431	25	↑	\$26,711	\$36,703	\$35,299
15 Unemployment	83.3%	98.0%	113.3%	121.4%	120.0%	119.1%	108.6%	115.0%	120.0%		115%	4	↓	114.5%	128.5%	133.5%
18 Ready-to-learn		50.2%			58.9%		67.5%		81.0%		85%	30	↑	69.1%	n/a	74.2%
19a 3rd Grade Reading [#]	91.8%	81.2%	71.5%	74.9%	80.3%	83.1%	84.7%	80.8%	80.9%	82.2%	90%	29	↑	81.3%	82.5%	84.3%
19b 3rd Grade Math [#]	87.7%	67.4%	63.0%	74.2%	75.5%	74.5%	78.1%	78.7%	82.7%	85.1%	81%	21	↑	82.2%	82.6%	82.5%
20a 8th Grade Reading [#]	87.9%	56.4%	60.7%	57.1%	58.4%	62.3%	63.6%	53.0%	58.5%	60.2%	71%	21	↑	57.2%	62.3%	62.1%
20b 8th Grade Math [#]	84.1%	48.9%	50.1%	48.0%	48.6%	50.0%	53.9%	52.8%	56.7%	59.8%	69%	26	↑	56.4%	62.2%	60.9%
22 HS Dropout	6.5%	5.4%	5.6%	5.6%	5.9%	4.7%	4.7%	4.1%	3.5%		5.4%	25	↑	4.1%	4.8%	5.1%
23 HS Degree*	1990: 80%				85.5%	(decennial census data only)					93%	12	↑	82.7%	84.6%	83.3%
26a BS Degree*	1990: 21.2%				25.3%	(decennial census data only)					38%	6	↑	23.3%	25.1%	22.9%
Related to 31 Voting	74.4%		62.0%		78.4%		70.6%		90.1%			18	↑	80.3%	77.8%	77.6%
39 Teen Pregnancy	15.7	16.1	14.6	11.2	7.8	11.4	8.5	8.0	-			14	↑	9.3	11.4	11.3
40 Prenatal Care	85.8%	86.2%	86.7%	83.6%	81.2%	78.9%	79.5%	78.6%	-		85%	23	↓	79.0%	81.8%	81.4%
41 Infant Mortality	4.5	5.7	1.4	4.6	6.7	0.0	9.1	2.6			5.1	6	↑	3.9	5.0	5.6
43 HIV	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	0		282	13	↑	1.0	265.0	291.0
45 Early Death	50.8	48.0	45.1	40.0	40.8	33.1	60.7	47.3			54.3	6	↑	47.0	50.8	53.5
48 Child Care Availability	16.3	19.6	21.7	15.8	17.0	17.2	17.9	n/a	13.2		25	17	↓	16.1	18.3	17.7
49a 8th Grade Alcohol Use			22.2%		29.1%	26.9%	35.4%	24.7%	27.8%	16.9%	21%	1	↑	23.1%	26.9%	28.3%
49b 8th Grade Drug Use			23.4%		18.9%	18.2%	23.1%	17.3%	16.1%	14.7%	15%	10	↑	16.0%	16.0%	17.1%
49c 8th Grade Cigarette Use			24.5%		13.6%		13.7%		10.2%		16%	25	↑	12.1%	9.8%	10.6%
50a Child Abuse	7.1	8.2	10.4	11.8	7.3	7.8	8.9	7.8	11.2		6.2	6	↓	9.3	10.1	10.8
52a Alcohol Use During Preg	2.7%	2.3%	2.0%	2.8%	1.7%	0.8%	0.9%	0.4%	-		2%	4	↑	0.7%	1.2%	1.3%
52b Tobacco Use During Preg	15.4%	17.2%	14.3%	13.3%	12.4%	15.5%	10.7%	9.6%	-		9%	8	↑	11.9%	11.1%	12.3%
53 Poverty		10.5%	11.0%	11.5%	9.6%	9.7%	9.7%				12%	5	↑	9.7%	10.2%	11.0%
58 Independent Seniors	97.8%	97.2%	98.4%	97.7%	97.9%	98.0%	98.5%	97.6%	98.0%		98%	13	↑	98.0%	97.4%	97.4%
61 Overall Crime Rate	159.1	155.2	143.3	127.9	129.6	135.0	141.3	115.8	-		125	25	↑	130.7	129.0	126.9
61a Person Crimes	12.1	11.8	10.4	9.8	9.5	10.3	9.9	9.2	-		13	17	↑	9.8	11.4	11.8
61b Property Crimes	66.7	64.7	59.6	53.0	54.4	54.6	58.0	47.8	-		67	22	↑	53.5	70.5	68.9
61c Behavior Crimes	79.4	79.1	73.0	65.7	65.7	70.2	73.4	58.8	-		45	29	↑	67.5	45.7	46.2
62 Juvenile Arrests	30.9	25.9	18.2	20.1	18.8	15.8	18.6	13.9	-			18	↑	16.1	15.9	16.1
62a Juv. Arrests-Person	6.7	5.4	4.4	3.9	3.8	1.9	4.3	4.7	-		4.4	15	↑	3.6	4.0	3.9
62b Juv. Arrests-Property	24.2	20.4	13.8	16.2	15.0	13.9	14.4	9.2	-		15.5	23	↑	12.5	11.9	12.2
73 Home Ownership*	(1990: 66.4%)				68.4%	(decennial census data only)					70%	20	↑	67.4%	62.5%	63.7%
74a Cost Burdened Renters*	(1990: 70%)				74.0%	(decennial census data only)					70%	27	↓	72.0%	71.5%	70.5%
74b Cost Burdened Owners*	(1990: 36.6%)				42.4%	(decennial census data only)					38%	28	↓	39.5%	40.6%	39.1%
83 Solid Waste	1029.7	1053.1	1234.5	1251.3	1204.2	1110.3	1214.6	1182.0	1286.0		1575	6	↓	1227.5	1578.9	1594.6

↑ Improving Trends = 30

↓ Worsening Trends = 9

↔ No Change = 0

[^] These columns average rates for each of the three most recent years of data, giving equal weight to each.

[#] 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.