

Wheeler County

OREGON BENCHMARK	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2005	Rank	Trend [#]	3-YEAR AVERAGES [^]		
											State Target			County	Rural	State
4 Net Job Growth	4.2	1.5	1.4	-12.5	25.3	-18.9	18.7	-0.6	-16.1		80%	24	↓	0.6	2.2	-0.2
5 Professional Services**	17.3%	13.2%	12.8%	8.3%	--	--	--	--	--		97%	n/a	↓	n/a	36.0%	73.2%
11 Income per Capita	63.0%	65.8%	68.8%	65.1%	64.7%	66.8%	60.7%	67.9%			97%	33	↑	65.1%	74.4%	92.3%
12 Wages	\$21,276	\$20,890	\$19,726	\$21,573	\$21,219	\$21,535	\$21,358	\$21,978	\$22,930	\$30,431		36	↑	\$22,088	\$27,570	\$35,299
15 Unemployment	153.7%	230.6%	204.4%	221.4%	172.5%	172.3%	143.1%	136.7%	147.3%		115%	16	↑	142.2%	153.4%	133.5%
18 Ready-to-learn		100.0%			69.2%		80.0%		87.5%		85%	7	↓	78.9%	n/a	74.2%
19a 3rd Grade Reading [#]	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	78.6%	100.0%	80.0%	88.9%	88.2%	86.7%	91.7%	90%	8	↓	88.9%	85.1%	84.3%
19b 3rd Grade Math [#]	90.1%	33.3%	69.0%	85.7%	90.0%	63.6%	94.1%	64.7%	57.1%	83.3%	81%	36	↑	68.4%	81.1%	82.5%
20a 8th Grade Reading [#]	75.6%	47.4%	68.4%	68.4%	63.6%	81.3%	76.5%	61.9%	70.6%	33.3%	71%	30	↓	55.3%	56.9%	62.1%
20b 8th Grade Math [#]	81.5%	36.8%	31.6%	40.0%	40.9%	58.8%	47.1%	55.0%	70.6%	33.3%	69%	29	↓	53.0%	56.1%	60.9%
22 HS Dropout	1.8%	2.7%	1.8%	1.9%	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%		5.4%	1	↑	0.3%	3.8%	5.1%
23 HS Degree*	1990: 69.4%				79.4%	(decennial census data only)					93%	34	↑	74.4%	78.6%	83.3%
26a BS Degree*	1990: 10.7%				14.3%	(decennial census data only)					38%	30	↑	12.5%	14.6%	22.9%
Related to 31 Voting	82.5%		70.9%		83.6%		76.4%		91.4%			5	↑	83.9%	76.5%	77.6%
39 Teen Pregnancy	14.1	0.0	10.2	0.0	11.6	11.4	0.0	**	-			6	↑	5.7	11.2	11.3
40 Prenatal Care	91.7%	92.9%	n/a	90.9%	100.0%	70.0%	70.0%	n/a	-		85%	34	↓	70.0%	79.2%	81.4%
41 Infant Mortality	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	n/a	-		5.1	1	↔	0.0	8.4	5.6
43 HIV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		282	1	↔	0.0	26.0	291.0
45 Early Death**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		54.3	-	-	-	64.7	53.5
48 Child Care Availability	0.0	0.0	5.0	9.0	4.8	9.5	8.0	n/a	12.6		25	35	↑	10.0	16.0	17.7
49a 8th Grade Alcohol Use**			27.1%		28.2%	25.7%	21.8%	22.9%	36.5%	40.6%	21%	27	↓	33.3%	30.2%	28.3%
49b 8th Grade Drug Use**			17.3%		14.0%	17.7%	17.6%	17.4%	25.6%	18.5%	15%	27	↓	20.5%	18.2%	17.1%
49c 8th Grade Cigarette Use**			20.2%		14.6%		11.1%		8.3%		16%	15	↑	11.3%	14.1%	10.6%
50a Child Abuse**	6.2	6.1	27.4	0.0	16.5	47.9	11.9	19.6	15.8		6.2	22	↓	15.8	13.7	10.8
52a Alcohol Use During Preg	0.0%	7.7%	n/a	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	n/a	-		2%	36	↓	10.0%	1.4%	1.3%
52b Tobacco Use During Preg	8.3%	14.3%	n/a	8.3%	9.1%	40.0%	30.0%	***	-		9%	36	↓	35.0%	18.4%	12.3%
53 Poverty		12.5%	9.8%	15.6%	10.8%	12.5%	15.5%				12%	20	↓	12.9%	13.8%	11.0%
58 Independent Seniors	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	98%	n/a	-	n/a	96.2%	97.4%
61 Overall Crime Rate	99.3	86.1	78.4	64.3	65.8	91.0	122.6	78.1	-		125	12	↑	97.2	118.2	126.9
61a Person Crimes	9.4	10.6	11.3	5.0	8.4	4.5	6.5	4.5	-		13	1	↑	5.2	10.7	11.8
61b Property Crimes	35.9	32.5	20.1	16.8	12.3	30.3	27.7	15.5	-		67	2	↑	24.5	47.9	68.9
61c Behavior Crimes	51.0	40.4	45.8	41.6	45.2	56.1	88.4	58.1	-		45	29	↓	67.5	56.3	46.2
62 Juvenile Arrests	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	6.0	3.0	-			1	↓	4.1	17.4	16.1
62a Juv. Arrests-Person	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	-	-		4.4	10	↓	3.0	4.2	3.9
62b Juv. Arrests-Property	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	3.0	-		15.5	1	↓	2.1	13.3	12.9
73 Home Ownership*	(1990: 70.7%)				72.1%	(decennial census data only)					70%	8	↑	71.4%	67.8%	63.7%
74a Cost Burdened Renters*	(1990: 75.0%)				54.9%	(decennial census data only)					70%	12	↑	65.0%	68.4%	70.5%
74b Cost Burdened Owners*	(1990: 34.6%)				29.9%	(decennial census data only)					38%	5	↑	32.2%	37.4%	39.1%
83 Solid Waste	1024.2	782.3	469.8	467.1	769.0	594.8	641.3	657.0	752.0		1575	1	↑	683.4	1665.1	1594.6

↑ Improving Trends = 18

↓ Worsening Trends = 17

↔ No Change = 2

[^] 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.

** Data from two or more small counties were combined. See benchmark pages for details.