



## Rural Benton County Quick Facts

### ❖ POPULATION

- Benton County\*\*\*\*: 86,316
  - Monroe\*\*\*: 616
  - Corvallis\*\*\*: 55,298
  - Philomath\*\*\*: 4,574
  - Adair Village\*\*\*: 819
  - North Albany\*\*\*: 7,258
  - Bellfountain\*: 75
  - Alpine\*: 171
  - Summit\*: 82
  - Blodgett\*: 58
  - Alsea\*: 164
    - Population 19 Years and Younger\*: 21,142
    - Unincorporated Communities, Farms, and Rural Residences\*\*\*: 25,076

\*U.S. Census 2010

\*\*The Health of Benton County: Community Health Assessment 2012

\*\*\*US Census Bureau 2013

\*\*\*\* US Census Bureau 2014

### ❖ **Child Abuse and Neglect:**

- 76 cases/87 victims/108 offenses in Corvallis City Limits\*
  - 55 cases/ 62 victims/91 offenses in the rest of Benton County \*
  - Benton County abuse and neglect rates: 6.4/1,000; Oregon abuse rates: 11.1/1,000\*\*
- \*Benton County Sheriff's Office (Patricia Neet, 2014)  
\*\* Children First For Oregon, 2014

### ❖ **Health Care/Community Health:**

- Insurance\*:
  - 12% of 18-64 year olds 6% of youth under the age of 18 are uninsured
- Immunizations\*\*:
  - 60.8% of two-year olds meet immunization requirements
- Obesity\*:
  - 8<sup>th</sup> graders: 12% overweight; 7% obese
  - 11<sup>th</sup> graders: 13% overweight; 8% obese
  - Adults: 35% overweight; 21% obese

\*Benton County, 2013

\*\*Oregon Public Health Authority, 2013

❖ **Enrollment in Head Start Pre-K Program February, 2014:**

- 76 in Corvallis at OSU Child Development Lab
- 38 Head Start/17 Early Head Start at Corvallis KidCo Head Start
- 19 at Philomath KidCo Head Start
- 17 at Harrisburg KidCo Head Start (serving Monroe and Bellfountain)

❖ **Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch 2013-2014\*:**

- Benton County: 40.1%
  - Corvallis: 37.3%
    - Mountain View: 54.7%
    - Wilson: 52.4%
    - Lincoln: 68.2%
    - Garfield: 73%
  - Philomath: 42.2%
    - Kings Valley Charter School: 47.9%
    - Blodgett: 53.6%
  - Alsea: 79.7%
    - Elementary: 88%
    - High: 70%
  - Monroe: 59.9%

\*Oregon Department of Education

❖ **Student Homelessness in Benton County\***

- Alsea School District: 10 students (6.54% of student population)
- Corvallis School District, 169 students (2.33% of total student population)
  - Sheltered: 39
  - Unsheltered: 20
  - Doubled up: 110
  - Hotel/Motel: -
- Monroe School District, 48 students (10.71% of total student population)
  - Sheltered: -
  - Unsheltered: -
  - Doubled Up: 44
  - Hotel/Motel: 0
  - Unaccompanied Minor: -
- Philomath School District, 23 students (1.43% of total student population)
  - Sheltered: 23
  - Unsheltered: -
  - Doubled Up: 22
  - Hotel/Motel: 0
  - Unaccompanied Minor: 6

(- students who wanted to remain private)

\*Oregon Department of Education, 2013-2014

❖ **Students with IEPs 2014-2015\*:**

- Corvallis: 10%
- Philomath: 12.5%
- Monroe: 15.67%
- Alsea: 14%

❖ **Participation in Healthy Families Program as of December 2014:**

- 10-20 families are screened each month.
- 6 families are served from rural Benton county, plus 2 pending.
- 23% of families served are from rural Benton County

*\*According to Medora Tuck, Healthy Start Program Manager, Corvallis*

❖ **Jackson Street Youth Shelter (2013-2014)**

- 990 youth were helped across all programs
- 482 youth received help on streets, in schools and through community partners
- 62 youth were served for a total of 1,135 bed nights
- 8 youth accessed long-term housing and support to achieve their goals

❖ **Participation in Old Mill Center Relief Nursery\*:**

- 2011: 14 rural family participants (25% of total families)
- 2012: 19 rural family participants (19% of total families)
- 2013: 19 rural family participants (21% of total families)
- 2014: 21 rural family participants (33% of total families)

*\*According to Cindy Bond, Old Mill Relief Nursery Program*

❖ **Participation in WIC program as of February 2015\*:**

- Alsea: 14 families/22 clients
- Blodgett: 6 families/7 clients
- Corvallis: 638 families/980 clients
- Philomath: 107 families/175 clients
- North Albany: 33 families/51 clients
- Monroe: 37 clients/55 clients

*\*Julie Reeder, Senior Research Analyst, Oregon WIC Program*

❖ **WIC 2014**

- 35% of all pregnant women in this county are served by WIC
- 2,396 women, infants, and children participated in WIC
- 1,707 infants and children under the age of 5
- 689 pregnant, breastfeeding and post-partum women
- 962 WIC families served (67% working families)

❖ **Housing and Childcare Costs\*:**

- Median Housing Costs (2012): \$1,088 - \$1,628
  - 62.4% of renters and 35.3% of homeowners have housing cost burden (housing costs >30% of income) (2011)
- In 2009, approximately 154 total individuals accessed shelter services in Benton County were homeless

## ❖ **Poverty:**

- 23.1% of all people's incomes fall below poverty level\*
- 32.7 of single parent-mother families fall below poverty level\*
- 1/3 of residents live below 185% of poverty level
- 975 families/9,166 individuals below poverty level in urban areas\*\*
- 1,547 families/8,837 individuals below poverty level in rural areas\*\*\*

\*U.S. Census 2013 estimates

\*\*U.S. Census 2006-2008

\*\*\*U.S. Census 2000

## ❖ **Food Security**

- Over 14% (12,480) of Benton County residents live in households that meet the definition of being food insecure
- 21.7% of Benton County's children.
- 9% of low-income population lives more than a mile from nearest grocery store
  - Residents of southern Benton County report traveling 30 minutes or more to a grocery store

\*According to Benton County's 2013 Data

## ❖ **Linn Benton Food Share, 2015**

- Distributed 5,325,088 pounds to their 74 member agencies from July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014
- Emergency food pantries in Linn and Benton counties distributed 52,051 food boxes from July 1, 2013- June 30, 2014
- Soup kitchens and shelters served 272,075 meals in Linn and Benton Counties during the fiscal year of 2013/2014

## ❖ **Employment**

- Unemployment rates have decreased 24% since its peak in 2009
- 2011: unemployment rates in Benton County were at 6.5%
  - 2011, unemployment rate in Oregon was at 9.5%
- 58.2% of Benton County's population over 16 is employed
  - Oregon's rate is at 59.3%

\*According to U.S. Census Bureau

## ❖ **CARDV Benton/Linn County 2012-2013:**

- Responded to 7,178 calls to our 24-hour hotline (40% increase from 2011-2012)
- Sheltered 125 adults and 91 children for 3,240 bed nights
- Helped 594 adults and 11 teens help navigate the legal system
- Provided on-site hospital advocacy to 70 adults and teens
- Facilitated 52 support group meetings, with childcare provided
- Logged over 19,000 miles responding and transporting survivors

## ❖ **Rates of domestic violence in 2009:**

- 67 at Corvallis Police Department
- 56 at Benton County Sheriff's Office
- 20 incidences and 5 arrests at Philomath Police Department in 2014

❖ **Rates of drug law offenses in 2011-2012:**

- 229 at Corvallis Police Department 2011-2012 City of Corvallis Police Department Annual Report
  - \* According to the 2011-2012 City of Corvallis Police Department Annual Report
    - 189 at Benton County Sheriff's Office 2011-2012 BCSO Annual Report
  - \* According to the 2011-2012 Benton County Sheriff's Office Annual Report

❖ **Mental and Behavioral Health\*:**

- In Benton County 2,186 persons between ages 16 and 64 are living with an identified mental health disability
  - Suicide Rates: Ages 25-44, 18.5% (slightly higher than state average)
    - 11<sup>th</sup> graders, 7.2% have attempted suicide
  - Depression:
    - 8<sup>th</sup> graders: 15%
    - 11<sup>th</sup> graders: 16.8%
- \*Benton County 2013 Data

❖ **Listed environmental cleanup site as of 2013**

- Corvallis: 56
- Alsea: 1
- Monroe: 3
- Albany: 1
- Philomath: 6

❖ **Latino Specific Rates:**

- 6.4% of total County population
- Number of residents per household: Mean, 4
  - Acculturation:
    - Less Accultured: 87%
    - More Accultured: 13%
- Experience Discrimination: 67%
- Participated in:
  - ESL: 44%
  - Job Training: 29%
  - GED: 29%
  - Citizenship Classes: 12%
  - Free/Reduced price school meals: 52%
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: 24%
  - Medicaid/Oregon Health Plan: 55%
  - Women, Infants, and Children: 40%
  - Other services (including TANF): 24%
- Enrolled in Corvallis School District: 14%
  - Corvallis High School: 13%
  - Linus Pauling Middle School: 19%
  - Lincoln Elementary School: 37%
  - Garfield Elementary School: 48%

*\*According to Casa Latinos de Benton County Research Study*