

Oregon Progress Board		STATE BENCHMARKS: BENTON COUNTY							5/1/00	
Benchmark*	Most Recent Reporting Year	Earliest Year Raw Score	Latest Year Raw Score	Year 2000 State Target	Distance From Target (-) = Worse	Trends Improving Worsening	County Rank	5 Year ¹ State Ave	5 Year ¹ Urban Ave	
#6 Job growth	1998	6.7	-6.5	n/a	n/a	↓	5	16	17.6	
#14 Per capita income	1997	85%	96%	100%	(-) 4%	↑	5	94%	98%	
#15 Average annual wage	1998	\$25,106	\$30,564	\$26,304	(-) \$4,260	↑	3	\$26,678	\$27,668	
#18 Unemployment	1998	5.0	3.1	5.0	1.9	↑	1	5.5	4.9	
#21 Ready to learn*	1997	n/a	66%	65%	1%	n/a	2	58% ¹	n/a ¹	
#22 Dropout rate**	1998	4.9%	4.0%	5.0%	1.0%	↑	13	6.9% ²	6% ²	
#23a 8th grade reading*	1999	71%	69%	63%	6%	↓	4	55% ²	52% ²	
#23b 8th grade math*	1999	65%	63%	59%	4%	↓	4	51% ²	46% ²	
#24a 3rd grade reading*	1999	86%	88%	82%	6%	↑	1	79% ²	77% ²	
#24b 3rd grade math*	1999	73%	80%	73%	7%	↑	1	67% ²	63% ²	
#26 Baccalaureate degrees***	1990	37%	41%	33%	8%	↑	1	23% ³	13% ³	
#27 High School/GED***	1990	86%	89%	94%	(-) 5%	↑	1	81% ³	76% ³	
#33 Participating registered voters	1998	82%	64%	n/a	n/a	↓	9	71% ⁴	71% ⁴	
#43 Teen pregnancy	1998	14.7	7.4	15.0	7.6	↑	1	18.4	18.6	
#44 Prenatal care	1997	87%	81%	90%	(-) 9%	↓	4	79%	81%	
#45 Infant mortality	1997	8.5	3.6	6.0	2.4	↑	16	6.4	6.2	
#47 HIV Early diagnosis	1997	50%	100%	85%	15%	↑	15	75% ⁴	74% ⁴	
#49 Premature mortality	1997	44.8	30.3	57.4	27.1	↑	1	60.2	57.5	
#52 Available childcare slots	1998	29	25	21	4	↓	2	19 ³	18 ³	
#53a 8th grade alcohol use	1998	n/a	19%	26%	7%	n/a	4	29% ¹	24% ¹	
#53b 8th grade illicit drug use	1998	n/a	18%	15%	(-) 3%	n/a	20	18% ¹	18% ¹	
#53c 8th grade cigarette use	1998	n/a	19%	15%	(-) 4%	n/a	9	22% ¹	19% ¹	
#54 Child Abuse	1998	4.8	7.2	9.0	1.8	↓	3	10.8	9.4	
#56a Pregnant alcohol use	1997	2%	2%	2%	0%	↔	8	2%	2%	
#56b Pregnant tobacco use	1997	13%	11%	15%	4%	↑	2	18%	17%	
#57 Poverty	1995	14.1%	9.8%	11.0%	1.2%	↑	8	12.8%	11.9%	
#61 Independent seniors	1997	96.2%	97.8%	98.0%	(-) 0.2%	↑	24	97.5%	97.7%	
#64 Overall reported crime	1998	114.6	115.1	133.6	18.5	↓	16	145.4	147.8	
#64a Behavioral crime	1998	44.0	46.1	n/a	n/a	↓	19	48.5	46.6	
#64b Crimes against persons	1998	8.7	9.7	n/a	n/a	↓	7	16.1	16.5	
#64c Property crime	1998	62.0	59.3	n/a	n/a	↑	19	80.8	84.8	
#65 Total juvenile arrests	1998	35.3	37.2	46.5	9.3	↓	9	57.4	54.2	
#65a Behavioral crime arrests	1998	18.6	17.8	n/a	n/a	↑	8	31.4	28.9	
#65b Crimes against persons arrests	1998	3.2	5.1	n/a	n/a	↓	17	5.5	5.5	
#65c Property crime arrests	1998	13.5	14.3	n/a	n/a	↓	29	20.4	19.8	
#77 Owner occupied housing***	1990	57	55%	68%	(-) 13%	↓	36	63% ³	67% ³	
#78a Cost burdened renters	1990	n/a	85%	70%	(-) 15%	n/a	36	71% ¹	69% ¹	
#78b Cost burdened owners	1990	n/a	41%	38%	(-) 3%	n/a	31	38% ¹	n/a ¹	
#87 Solid Waste	1998	1,703	1,281	1,506	225	↑	15	1,578	1,598	
↑ 18 Improving Trends				↓ 14 Worsening Trends			↔ 1 No Change			

*Base year is 1990 unless noted. * = 1997. ** = 1996. *** = 1980.

¹ Averages are based on five years unless noted. ¹ = Single year data point. ² = 3 year average. ³ = 4 year average. ⁴ = 6 year average. ⁵ = 10 year average.