

Oregon Progress Board		STATE BENCHMARKS: MALHEUR 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 Rural Ave	
#6 Job growth	1998	18.5	-1.3	n/a	n/a	↓	22	16	8.1	
#14 Per capita income	1997	73%	68%	100%	(-) 32%	↓	29	94%	75%	
#15 Average annual wage	1998	\$17,735	\$19,890	\$26,304	(-) \$6,414	↑	35	\$26,678	\$21,304	
#18 Unemployment	1998	5.0	8.6	5.0	(-) 3.6	↓	21	5.5	8.3	
#21 Ready to learn*	1997	n/a	58%	65%	(-) 7%	n/a	14	58% ¹	n/a ¹	
#22 Dropout rate**	1998	5.6%	7.8%	5.0%	(-) 2.8	↓	25	6.9% ²	6% ²	
#23a 8th grade reading*	1999	59%	39%	63%	(-) 24%	↓	29	55% ²	52% ²	
#23b 8th grade math*	1999	40%	37%	59%	(-) 22%	↓	33	51% ²	46% ²	
#24a 3rd grade reading*	1999	72%	76%	82%	(-) 6%	↑	29	79% ²	77% ²	
#24b 3rd grade math*	1999	48%	61%	73%	(-) 12%	↑	34	67% ²	63% ²	
#26 Baccalaureate degrees***	1990	12%	13%	33%	(-) 20%	↑	21	23% ³	13% ³	
#27 High School/GED***	1990	68%	70%	94%	(-) 24%	↑	35	81% ³	76% ³	
#33 Participating registered voters	1998	66%	53%	n/a	n/a	↓	32	71% ⁴	71% ⁴	
#43 Teen pregnancy	1998	21.2	17.5	15.0	(-) 2.5	↑	43	18.4	17.9	
#44 Prenatal care	1997	55%	66%	90%	(-) 24%	↑	34	79%	75%	
#45 Infant mortality	1997	13.4	8.4	6.0	(-) 2.4	↑	33	6.4	7.1	
#47 HIV Early diagnosis	1997	0%	100%	85%	15%	↑	23	75% ²	74% ²	
#49 Premature mortality	1997	70.8	59.9	57.4	(-) 2.5	↑	12	60.2	70.4	
#52 Available childcare slots	1998	13	9	21	(-) 12	↓	33	19 ³	20 ³	
#53a 8th grade alcohol use	1998	n/a	24%	26%	2%	n/a	11	29% ¹	28% ¹	
#53b 8th grade illicit drug use	1998	n/a	17%	15%	(-) 2%	n/a	10	18% ¹	18% ¹	
#53c 8th grade tobacco use	1998	n/a	26%	15%	(-) 11%	n/a	24	22% ¹	24% ¹	
#54 Child Abuse	1998	21.9	17.7	9.0	(-) 8.7	↑	22	10.8	16.2	
#56a Pregnant alcohol use	1997	4%	1%	2%	1%	↑	8	2%	3%	
#56b Pregnant tobacco use	1997	16%	10%	15%	5%	↑	2	18%	22%	
#57 Poverty	1995	19%	20%	11%	(-) 9%	↓	36	12.8%	16.0%	
#61 Independent seniors	1997	95.1%	96.6%	98.0%	(-) 1.4%	↑	31	97.5%	97.3%	
#64 Overall reported crime	1998	133.8	128.8	133.6	4.8	↑	27	145.4	136.4	
#64a Behavioral crime	1998	57.8	53.9	n/a	n/a	↑	31	48.5	55.7	
#64b Crimes against persons	1998	19.2	12.4	n/a	n/a	↑	34	16.1	14.6	
#64c Property crime	1998	56.8	62.5	n/a	n/a	↓	24	80.8	66.2	
#65 Total juvenile arrests	1998	70.1	71.4	46.5	(-) 24.9	↓	28	57.4	69.4	
#65a Behavioral crime arrests	1998	46.4	40.9	n/a	n/a	↑	28	31.4	40.6	
#65b Crimes against persons arrests	1998	4.5	5.1	n/a	n/a	↓	21	5.5	5.8	
#65c Property crime arrests	1998	19.2	25.4	n/a	n/a	↓	31	20.4	23	
#77 Owner occupied housing***	1990	69%	64%	68%	(-) 4%	↓	27	63% ³	62% ³	
#78a Cost burdened renters	1990	n/a	71%	70%	(-) 1%	n/a	22	71% ¹	71% ¹	
#78b Cost burdened owners	1990	n/a	42%	38%	(-) 4%	n/a	33	38% ¹	n/a ¹	
#87 Solid Waste	1998	1,031	1,387	1,506	119	↓	17	1,578	1,488	
			↑ 18 Improving Trends		↓ 15 Worsening Trends		↔ 0 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.