

# OREGON'S CHILDREN 2003

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## State Population (2001)<sup>1</sup>

3,472,867\*

## State Population, Children Under 18 (2000)<sup>2</sup>

846,526\*

## State Poverty Rate (2001)<sup>3</sup>

8.6%

## State Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 (2001)<sup>4</sup>

13.9%

## State Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 (2001)<sup>5</sup>

13.8%

\*Estimated

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2000, 17,728 children were reported as abused or neglected and referred for investigation in Oregon, a rate of 20.9 per 1,000 children—a 57% decrease from 1990.<sup>6</sup>
- In 2000, 11,381 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in Oregon, a rate of 13.4 per 1,000 children—a 1% increase from 1999. Of every 1,000 children, 2.8 were neglected, 1.6 were physically abused, and 1.4 were sexually abused.<sup>7</sup>
- In 2000, 21 children died as a result of abuse or neglect.<sup>8</sup>
- On September 30, 2000, 9,193 children in Oregon lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 7,371 children on September 30, 1999. In 2000, 35.6% of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 9.4% were 16 or older.<sup>9</sup>

## CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individual TANF recipients in Oregon increased from 40,632 in December 2001 to 40,950 in June 2002, an increase of 0.8%. The number of families receiving TANF in June 2002 was 17,933, a 0.5% increase from December 2001.<sup>10</sup>
- In 2001, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in Oregon was 34% below the federal poverty level.<sup>11</sup>
- In 2000, Oregon spent \$256,047,164 in TANF funds, including 29.7% on cash assistance, 10.0% on child care, 8.5% on transportation and support activities, and 51.7% on a range of other services.<sup>12</sup>
- In 2000, 5,879 children needed paternity determination services to receive child support.<sup>13</sup>
- In 2002, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Oregon was \$685 per month, or 65.9% of the average monthly income for a worker earning the state minimum wage.<sup>14</sup>

## CHILD CARE, HEALTH, AND FAMILY SUPPORT

- In 1999, 20,490 Oregon children were in subsidized child care—11% of all eligible children.<sup>15</sup>
- In 2001, 9,129 Oregon children were served by Head Start, a 36.8% increase from 2000.<sup>16</sup>
- In 1999, 88.1% of high school seniors graduated in Oregon, compared with 85.5% in 1998.<sup>17</sup>
- In 1998, 255,894 children under 21 were enrolled in Medicaid—47.6% of the state's total enrollees.<sup>18</sup>
- In 2001, Oregon had 41,468 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program—a 10.6% increase from 2000, when 37,092 children were enrolled.<sup>19</sup>
- In 2000, the rate of births to teen mothers was 33 for every 1,000 girls ages 15–19.<sup>20</sup>
- As of December 2001, 5,039 adults and adolescents, as well as 17 children under age 13, were living with HIV/AIDS in Oregon.<sup>21</sup>
- In 2000, an estimated 54,906 residents age 12 or older needed alcohol or substance abuse treatment in Oregon.<sup>22</sup>

**P E R M A N E N T F A M I L I E S F O R C H I L D R E N**

- Of the 4,563 children exiting out-of-home care in 2000, 60.0% were reunited with their birthfamilies.<sup>23</sup>
- Of the 9,193 children in out-of-home care in 2000, 20.8% were living with relatives while in care.<sup>24</sup>
- In 2001, 831 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Oregon, a .09% increase from 2000.<sup>25</sup>
- In 2001, more than 25,371 Oregon grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.<sup>26</sup>

**For additional child welfare statistics, references, and pertinent notes, visit CWLA's National Data Analysis System at <http://ndas.cwla.org>.**

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