

## Poverty in Oregon Schools

According to the US Census, 15.5% of Oregonians were living below the poverty level for 2008-2012.<sup>[1]</sup> In 2013, the Annie E. Casey Foundation ranked Oregon 41<sup>st</sup> in child economic well-being with 45% of Oregon children living in households that devote more than 30% of their income to housing costs, compared with 40% of children nationally.

A 2014 study by Children First for Oregon found about 44% of children were poor or low income. Of those children, 23.4% or 382,542 were living at or below the federal poverty line (using 2011 data). That is about 23.4% of children, up from 21.7% in 2010 and 19.4% in 2009.<sup>[2]</sup>

School Year	% of Oregon Students Eligible for Free and Reduced Meals
1995-96	31.0%
1996-97	30.8%
1997-98	32.0%
1998-99	33.3%
1999-2000	34.4%
2000-01	34.4%
2001-02	36.4%
2002-03	38.6%
2003-04	41.0%
2004-05	42.6%
2005-06	42.7%
2006-07	42.1%
2007-08	42.8%
2008-09	46.1%
2009-10	50.2%
2010-11	52.7%
2011-12	53.2%
2012-13	53.7%

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<sup>[1]</sup> <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/41000.html>

<sup>[2]</sup> Children First for Oregon 2014 Progress Report.