**2019 STATUS OF HUNGER IN BENTON COUNTY**

The data on this fact sheet reflect 2017 figures.

**GENERAL HUNGER STATISTICS**

- **14.6%** county people food insecure
- **12.9%** Oregon people food insecure
- **16.9%** county children food insecure
- **18.9%** Oregon children food insecure

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM ACCESS INDEX (PAI)**

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**$13,325,805** annual value of SNAP benefits, Benton County

**227,279** estimated income eligible people not participating in SNAP, statewide

**$339,872,781** estimated annual value of increasing SNAP participation, statewide

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**Hunger and Food Insecurity by Race/Ethnicity, statewide**

- **32%** people reporting food insecurity who do not qualify for federal nutrition assistance, Benton County
- **43%** children in food insecure households who do not qualify for federal nutrition assistance, Benton County
- **32%** people reporting food insecurity who do not qualify for federal nutrition assistance, statewide
- **37%** children in food insecure households who do not qualify for federal nutrition assistance, statewide

**TOTAL COUNTY POPULATION: 88,249**

**FOOD INSECURITY**

- **White**: 12.2%
- **Black**: 11.4%
- **Native American**: 14.1%
- **Asian and Pacific Islander**: 6.0%
- **Hispanic**: 7.2%

**HUNGER**

- **White**: 5.4%
- **Black**: 14.4%
- **Native American**: 31.0%
- **Asian and Pacific Islander**: 28.8%
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### SCHOOL MEALS

- **20%** students participating in school breakfast, Benton County
- **23%** students participating in school breakfast, Oregon
- **32%** students participating in school lunch, Benton County
- **47%** students participating in school lunch, Oregon
- **0%** eligible schools participating in Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), Benton County
- **51%** eligible schools participating in Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), Oregon

### SUMMER MEALS

- **957** average number of children eating summer meals daily, Benton County
- **41,740** average number of children eating summer meals daily, statewide

### WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN

- **36%** students with Free and Reduced Price meal eligibility, Benton County
- **52%** students with Free and Reduced Price meal eligibility, statewide
- **12%** schools serving Breakfast after the Bell, Benton County
- **8%** schools serving Breakfast after the Bell, statewide
- **64%** Medicaid births on WIC, Benton County
- **67.8%** Medicaid births on WIC, statewide

### ABOUT THE OREGON HUNGER TASK FORCE

The Oregon Hunger Task Force was created by the State Legislature to act as a resource within government and as a statewide advocate for Oregonians who are hungry or at risk of hunger. Made up of legislators, state agency representatives, and nonprofit and community leaders, the Oregon Hunger Task Force works collaboratively with stakeholders throughout Oregon to: research, document, and raise awareness about the extent of hunger in Oregon, coordinate the provision of food and nutrition services across the state, and make recommendations for government action for the alleviation of hunger.

To see all 36 Oregon Hunger Task Force county fact sheets and read about our methodology, visit [www.oregonhungertaskforce.org](http://www.oregonhungertaskforce.org)