**2019 STATUS OF HUNGER IN POLK COUNTY**

The data on this fact sheet reflect 2017 figures.

### GENERAL HUNGER STATISTICS

- **People food insecure:**
  - County: 12.2%
  - Oregon: 12.9%
- **Children food insecure:**
  - County: 18.7%
  - Oregon: 18.9%

**28.5%** people reporting food insecurity who do not qualify for federal nutrition assistance, Polk County

**37%** children in food insecure households who do not qualify for federal nutrition assistance, Polk County

### SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**PROGRAM ACCESS INDEX (PAI)**

This indicator estimates SNAP utilization in this county. It is a ratio comparing people participating in SNAP with all income-eligible people. In some counties, time limits may cause a participation gap. These kick some individuals off SNAP after three months even if they are income-eligible.

Out of an average population of 100 people in this county, this visualization represents: those who are participating in SNAP, eligible for SNAP but not participating, and receiving the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

**10,803** average monthly
SNAP participants, Polk County

**$15,315,671** annual value of SNAP benefits, Polk County

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

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

**Time limits on SNAP are not in place for Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents in Polk County, 2017**

**3** counties in Oregon in 2017 have time limits for Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents and time limits are enforced in areas where **44%** of Oregonians live.

* Figures capped at 1.00. See study methodology for further information.
**SCHOOL MEALS**

- Polk County:
  - Students participating in school breakfast: 18%
  - Students participating in school lunch: 47%
  - Eligible schools participating in Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): 51%

- Oregon:
  - Students participating in school breakfast: 23%
  - Students participating in school lunch: 44%
  - Eligible schools participating in Community Eligibility Provision (CEP): 51%

**SUMMER MEALS**

- Polk County:
  - Average number of children eating summer meals daily: 490
  - Students participating in summer meals compared to students participating in school lunch: 9%

- Oregon:
  - Average number of children eating summer meals daily: 41,740
  - Students participating in summer meals compared to students participating in school lunch: 15%

**WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN**

- Polk County:
  - Medicaid births on WIC: 67%

- Oregon:
  - Medicaid births on WIC: 67.8%

**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/county-fact-sheets](http://www.oregonhungertaskforce.org/county-fact-sheets)