

Demographic Statistics

Most current available as of February 2009

Note: many of these statistics do not reflect the current economic downturn

Lincoln County:

- 28.3% of children live in poverty (\$20,000 per year for a family of four), 51% worse than the state rate (Children First 2008 County Data Book)
- 40% of Lincoln County children live in low-income families (Children First 2008 County Data Book.)
- Ranks among the highest in state for percentage of households with children headed by single mother - 37%. Compares to an Oregon-wide rate of 29%. (Children First 2003 County Data Book)
- Average annual pay per worker, 2007: \$28,384. State average: \$39,570. Ranked 30th out of 36 counties. (Oregon Progress Board)
- The rate of child abuse & neglect is 13.5 per 1000 children, 14% worse than the state's. (Children First 2008 County Data Book)
- Over 50% of births in Lincoln County are to unmarried mothers (current data Lincoln Commission on Children and Families.)
- Ranks 27th out of 36 in the Oregon Progress Board's 2007 Child Well-Being County Index.
- 57% of all students enrolled in Lincoln County schools qualify for free or reduced rate lunches. (Lincoln County School District)
- Lincoln County Unemployment Rate December 2008: 9.3%. December 2007: 5.8%.

South County:

- 68% of children at Waldport Elementary qualify for free or reduced lunch (LCSD, December 2008).
- The average 2001 annual wage in South County was \$16,054. In the Yachats zip code it was \$13,943. (US census.)
- Waldport Food Pantry household visits increased 66% from December 2007 to December 2008. 153 households were served in December '08.
- South County youth have the lowest number of developmental assets (factors in young people's lives that make them more likely to grow up healthy, caring, and responsible) of any youth in Lincoln County. Research shows that youth should experience 31 - 40 developmental assets. In South County, 70% of youth have fewer than 20 assets. County-wide, only 59% have fewer than 20 assets.

Most Recent Information Available for the City of Yachats:

- There are 72 children under 18 living in the city limits (US Census, 2000)
- There are 35 households with children under 18 in the city limits (US Census, 2000)
- 43% of households with children under 18 are headed by a single mother.
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46% " " " " " " " " " " married parents. (US Census, 2000)