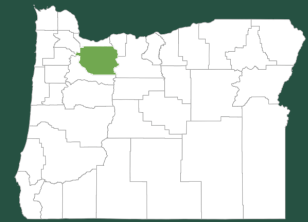




CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Oregon Voices Data Summary



County Total Population

415,084

About the Summary

Oregon Voices began in summer of 2021 when The Ford Family Foundation invited 18,000 randomly selected households — 500 in each Oregon county — to complete a survey online or by mailing back a paper response. We then reached out to Ford Family friends and partners, encouraging them to participate and invite others to do the same. In total more than 4,300 Oregonians from all walks of life responded to the survey, generously sharing their honest reflections on the question we posed: *What is it like to live in your corner of the state?*

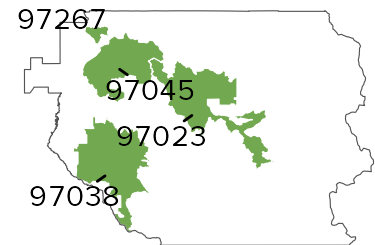
The following report provides a high-level summary of the survey data received from those who responded in Clackamas County. Here the number of Ford Family respondents outnumbered the random household respondents. For clarity, the two data sets have been combined in the visualizations below, even though the two samples show differences in demographics and response patterns. Please interpret the findings with this in mind. Data have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

Total number of Clackamas County respondents: 168
Random household sample: 53, Ford Family sample: 115

Key Highlights

- The state’s third-most populous county, Clackamas County is also home to rural, agricultural areas in the North Willamette Valley.
- Respondents appreciate their friendly and supportive community, especially during times of need, and report feeling safe where they live.
- Respondents say their community is changing in concerning ways, especially regarding population size and its impact on infrastructure and livability.

All reporting zip codes

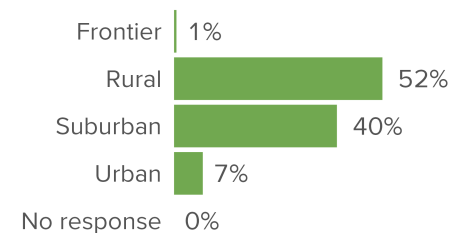


Top 3 reporting zip codes

- 1 97038
- 2 97023
- 3 97045

Rural/Urban

How respondents described their community, the immediate area where they live



Two of the early survey questions asked people to name something they appreciate or that concerns them about where they live. Their open-ended responses were coded into categories. These are the top two results for Clackamas County.

What respondents **APPRECIATE** most about where they live



Community, People
Culture, relationships conflict, size, leadership, change



Natural Environment
Beauty, recreation, public land, parks, water, disasters, climate

What **CONCERNS** respondents most about where they live



Community, People
Culture, relationships conflict, size, leadership, change



Services/Economy
Housing, infrastructure, healthcare, education, jobs, industry, businesses, shopping, cultural events

"I love the outdoor culture."

"A lot of people are struggling and having financial issues, forcing them to get rent or mortgage assistance or help with utility costs."

"It feels very unsafe with the rise of crime and homelessness."

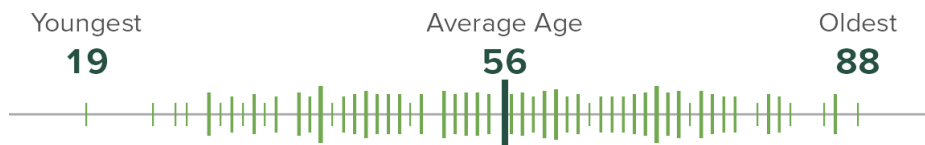
"Lack of transportation and low-income housing services for elderly and disabled."

"The community's population grew at a [high] rate in the last 10 years, and new neighbors are not blending in with older residents."

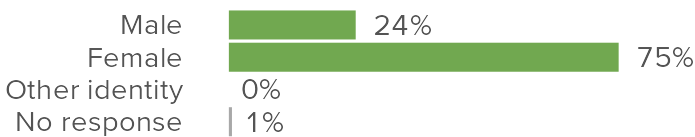
"Increasing divide between income groups, especially those at the highest incomes and those at the lowest."

Respondent Demographics

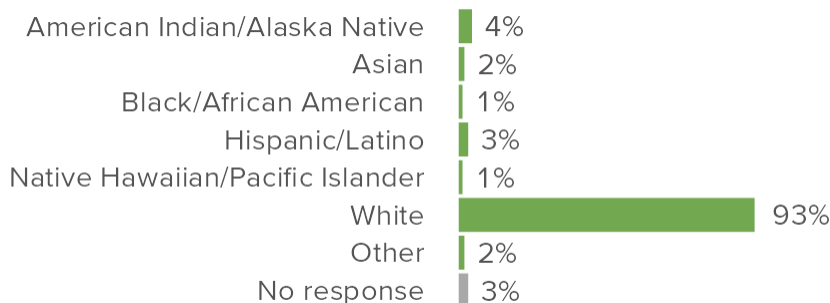
Age of respondents



Gender



Race/Ethnicity



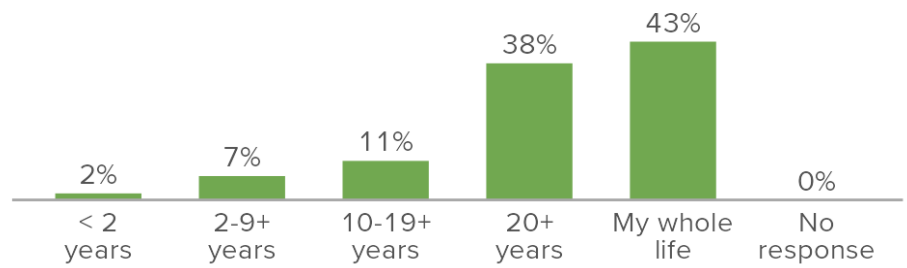
Percentages may sum to more than 100 if respondents selected multiple options.



Years living in Oregon

81%

of all respondents report living in Oregon for their whole life or 20 years or more



Homeownership

9 out of 10

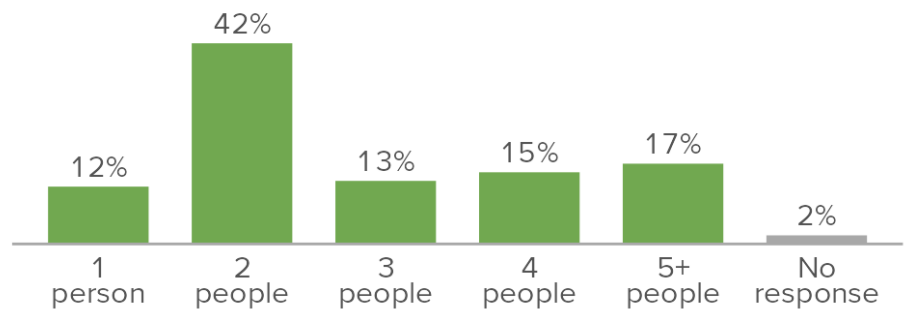
respondents own their home



Household size

2.9

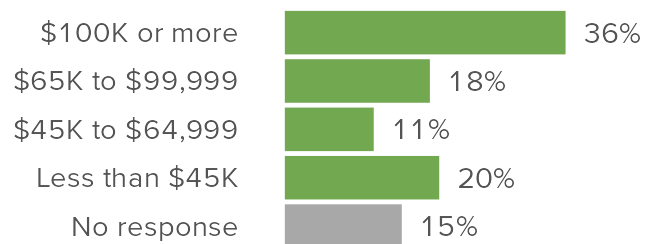
average number of people who live in the respondent's household



Household annual income

20%

of respondents reported household incomes falling under \$65K



Emergency funds

13%

of respondents would find it "difficult" or "very difficult" to get \$1,000 to pay for an emergency

Trouble making ends meet

44%

of respondents "agree" or "strongly agree" that "families are having trouble making ends meet"

Homelessness

55%

of respondents "agree" or "strongly agree" that "homelessness is a problem" in their community



5 out of 10

respondents
LOVE where they live



Community participation

“Rural life has trade-offs that require mindfulness and resilient behavior. Just as all city dwellers aren’t the same, diversity comes in all shapes and sizes in a rural community such as this. Where we connect is the love of the land, space and simple values.”

“In my neighborhood we look out for each other. Several of us have each other’s house keys. I live in a great little subdivision, in a great little town.”

“There is a sense among a number of residents that this is a very exclusive community. My preference would be to have it more inclusive, racially and culturally.”

“My neighbor is very helpful. [They] bring in my garbage cans when I’m not home.”

“It’s a mix of liberal and conservative here. The longtime businesses try to give back to the community. The high school leadership class raises thousands (\$100,000+ last year!) for a family in need or a charity they choose in three week’s time!”

“There is a sense of community and pride in our town.”

“We have an amazing mayor who cares for the little guys and is not afraid to challenge things.”

Respondents indicated the extent to which they perceive that people where they live participate in their community in the following ways:

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STRONGLY DISAGREE

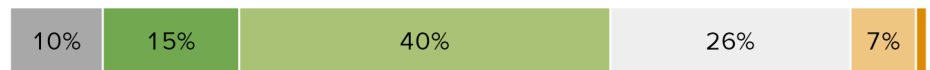
Take care of each other during hard times



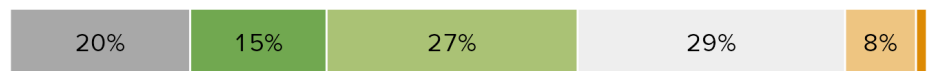
Come together to solve community problems



Attend community events



Go to church



Welcome newcomers



Community traditions

52%

of respondents participate in community traditions or annual events

Pride in community

68%

of respondents are “often” or “always” proud to tell others where they live

Voting

89%

of respondents report that they “always” vote

Community service

44%

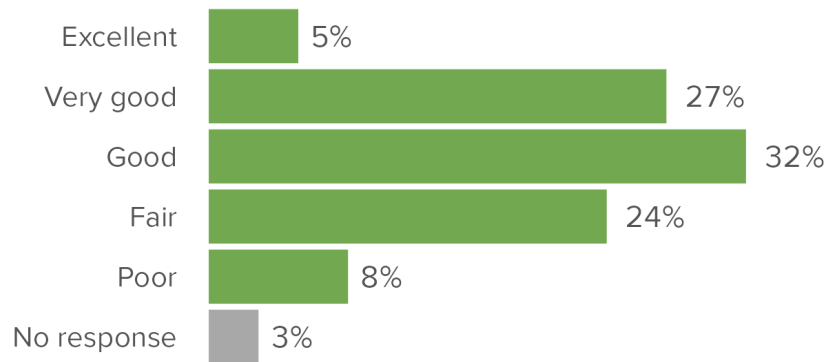
of respondents report that they volunteer at least once a month



Physical health

65%

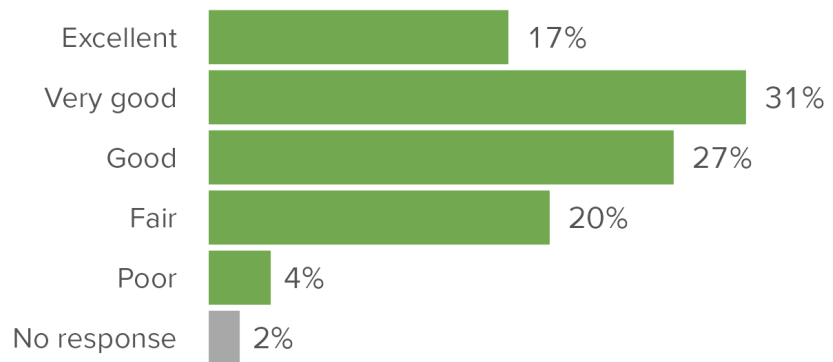
of respondents rated their physical health as “good” or better



Mental health

75%

of respondents rated their mental health as “good” or better



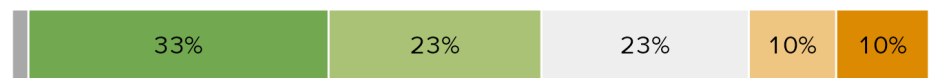
Medical and dental care

56%

of respondents “agree” or “strongly agree” that they have “enough medical and dental providers” in their community

STRONGLY AGREE

STRONGLY DISAGREE



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Child abuse and neglect

14%

of respondents “agree” or “strongly agree” that “child abuse and neglect is a significant problem” in their community”

Substance abuse

39%

of respondents “agree” or “strongly agree” that their community has “many residents struggling with substance abuse”

Mental illness

34%

of respondents “agree” or “strongly agree” that their community has “many residents struggling with mental illness”



Education

61%

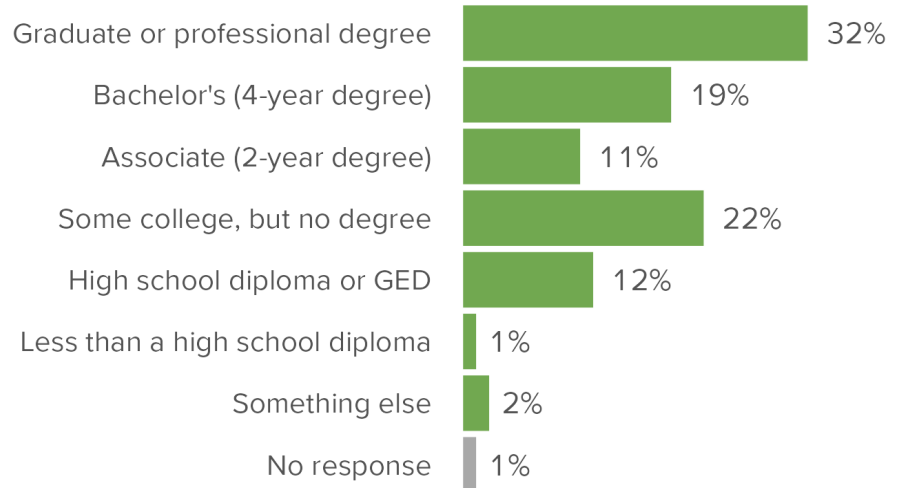
of respondents report having completed an associate degree or above

Students

2%

of respondents identified as a current student

Respondents' highest level of education completed



Employment

Wages

43%

of respondents "agree" or "strongly agree" that "jobs do not pay enough" in their community

Perception of unemployment

21%

of respondents "agree" or "strongly agree" that "a lot of people are unemployed" in their community

Self-employment

22%

of respondents identified as self-employed

Employment status of respondents

Employed	55%
Full-time	45%
Part-time	10%
Unemployed	5%
Looking for work	1%
Not looking for work	1%
Unable to work due to disability	3%
Other	37%
Homemaker/manage your home	9%
Retired	26%
Something else	2%
No response	4%

Due to rounding, percentages in grouped rows may differ from the sum of the individual rows below it.



Services

“My county ensures we have access to camping, hiking, rivers, etc.”

“Our grocery store is very expensive — sometimes twice the cost of other similar stores. People who can choose, because they have transportation, shop elsewhere. People without are forced to use their SNAP benefits here and do not get as much food as a result.”

“Monopoly with cable and phone systems that are not very reliable is very frustrating”

“Parents bring up huge concerns about dental access for families. For most dental care you have to pay before service.”

“It’s difficult for families to find affordable housing and child care.”

“Where I live is a recreational area. We have many tourists that mostly speed through on their way to something else. Local food stores tend to be priced and focused on this recreational population, making some food shopping very expensive if you are outside of Sandy, like Welches for example.”

“Inside the city limits there is internet available as a public utility — this is a brilliant idea that should really be happening on a national level.”

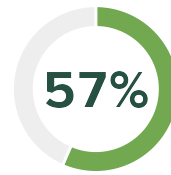
“Lack of resources and hiring shortages in schools.”

Respondents who reported they “agree” or “strongly agree” the following services are available where they live:

Good schools



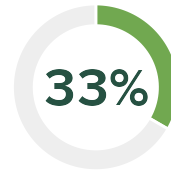
Enough places to shop



Affordable housing



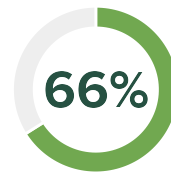
Good streets and roads



Reliable internet



Community-wide cell service



Healthy food

71%

of respondents “agree” or “strongly agree” that they have easy access to healthy foods

Top 3 places respondents get food for weekly meals

- 1 Grocery stores
- 2 Restaurants
- 3 Superstores

Lack of child care

40%

of respondents “agree” or “strongly agree” that “child care is hard to find”

Lack of places for youth to hang out

51%

of respondents “agree” or “strongly agree” that “youth do not have places to hang out”



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