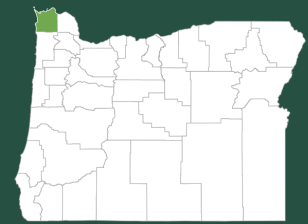




CLATSOP COUNTY

Oregon Voices Data Summary



County Total Population

39,656

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?*

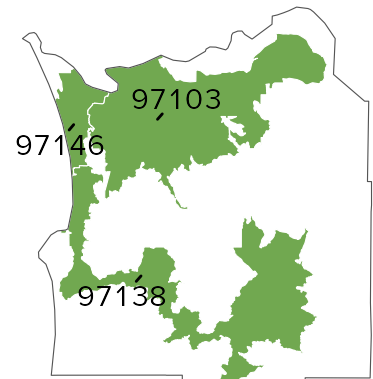
The following report provides a high-level summary of the survey data received from those who responded in Clatsop County. Here the number of random household respondents outnumbered the Ford Family respondents. For clarity, the two data sets have been combined in the visualizations below, even though 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 Clatsop County respondents: 64
Random household sample: 40, Ford Family sample: 24

Key Highlights

- Located in the Northwest corner of Oregon, Clatsop County is home of Fort Clatsop and Clatsop Community College. Survey respondents appreciate the natural beauty of their home and the proximity to both mountains and the Oregon coast.
- Respondents expressed concern about the increased costs of living and housing due to rising property values and gentrification alongside wage stagnation. Nearly three-quarters of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that homelessness is a challenge.
- Respondents are concerned with the threat of tsunamis and earthquakes, noting the lack of nearby emergency services.

All reporting zip codes

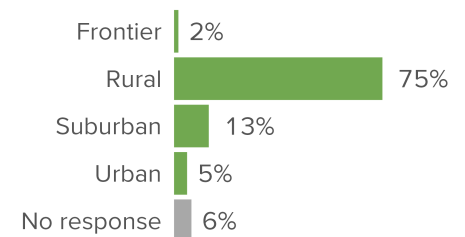


Top 3 reporting zip codes

- 1 97103
- 2 97138
- 3 97146

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 Clatsop County.

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



Natural Environment

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



Community, People

Culture, relationships conflict, size, leadership, change

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



Services/Economy

Housing, infrastructure, healthcare, education, jobs, industry, businesses, shopping, cultural events



Community, People

Culture, relationships conflict, size, leadership, change

“The wildlife we see nearly every day is very precious to us and one of the rewards of living here. Deer and elk regularly come to our yard to eat, and we are always thrilled to see them.”

“The natural beauty of the beaches and greenery”

“Concern about tsunami risk”

“The scenery, the people, the arts, the history, the festivals, the new people”

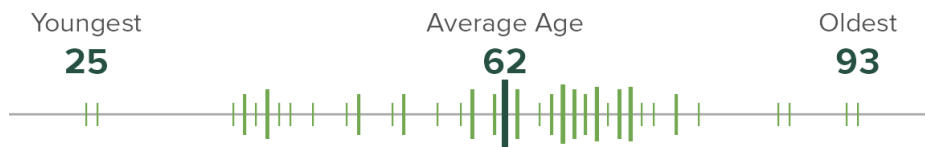
“Concern about increasing property values and increasing property tax for fixed-income households in retirement”

“Affordable housing is needed. We need homeless support. Drugs are out of hand.”

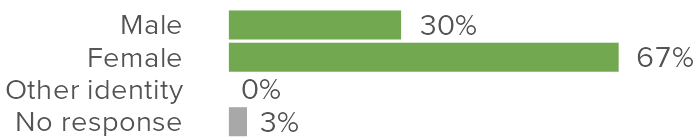
“There is no access to therapists, health specialists or opportunities for kids, teens or adults with disabilities.”

Respondent Demographics

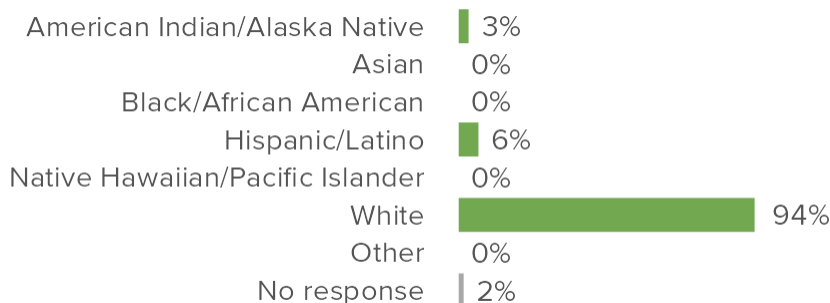
Age of respondents



Gender



Race/Ethnicity



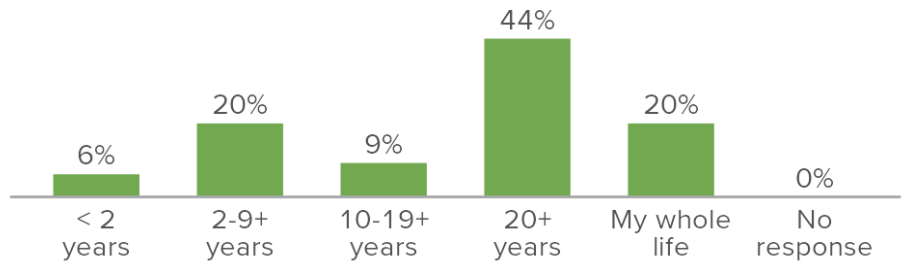
Percentages may sum to more than 100 if respondents selected multiple options.



Years living in Oregon

64%

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



Homeownership

8 out of 10

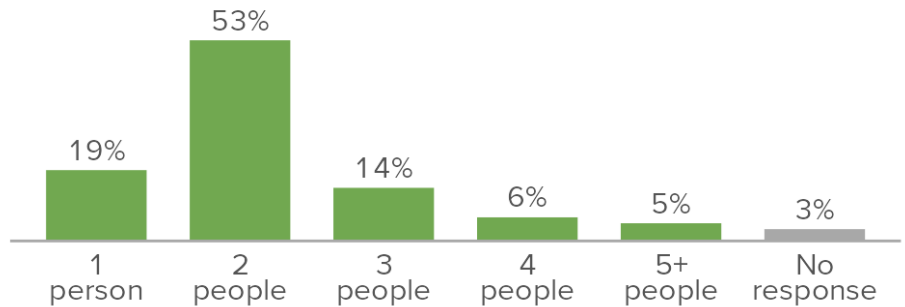
respondents own their home



Household size

2.3

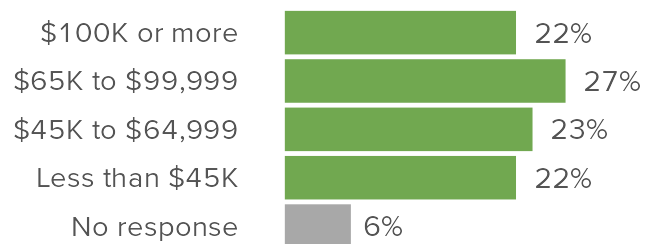
average number of people who live in the respondent's household



Household annual income

22%

of respondents reported household incomes falling under \$65K



Emergency funds

17%

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

Trouble making ends meet

66%

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

Homelessness

83%

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



7 out of 10

respondents
LOVE where they live



Community participation

“We’ve lost local control of our purpose of place and quality of life.”

“Lots of space, quiet and helpfulness of neighbors”

“Willingness of neighbors to volunteer time to the community”

“People here have been very welcoming and kind since we have moved in.”

“There are a lot of friendly people willing to jump in and help, but there is a significant lack of resources available to actually address and solve problems. Most resources are prioritized for densely populated, high-profile areas such as Portland.”

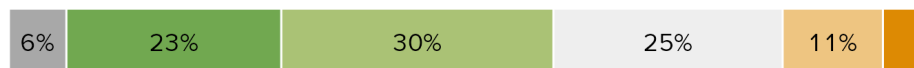
Respondents indicated the extent to which they perceive that people where they live participate in their community in the following ways:

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STRONGLY DISAGREE

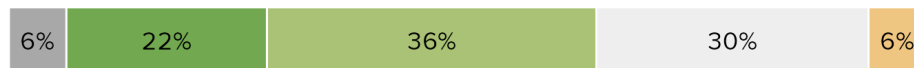
Take care of each other during hard times



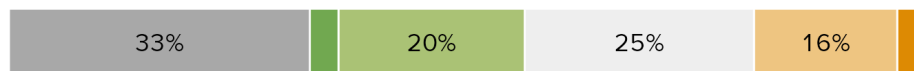
Come together to solve community problems



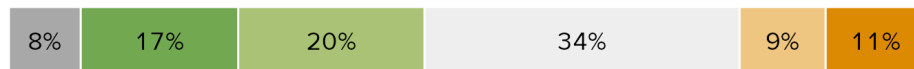
Attend community events



Go to church



Welcome newcomers



Community traditions

64%

of respondents participate in community traditions or annual events

Pride in community

80%

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

Voting

84%

of respondents report that they “always” vote

Community service

53%

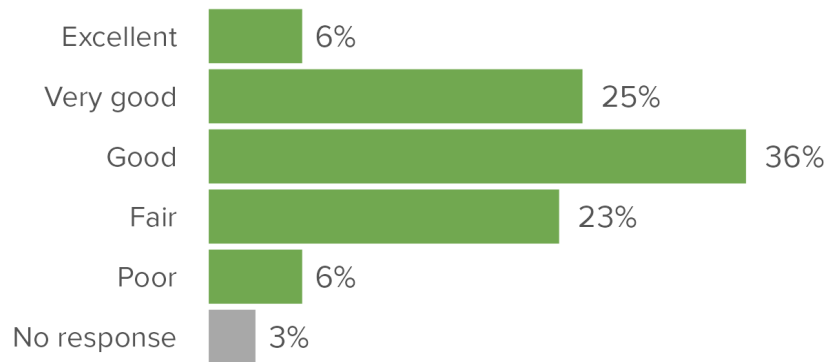
of respondents report that they volunteer at least once a month



Physical health

67%

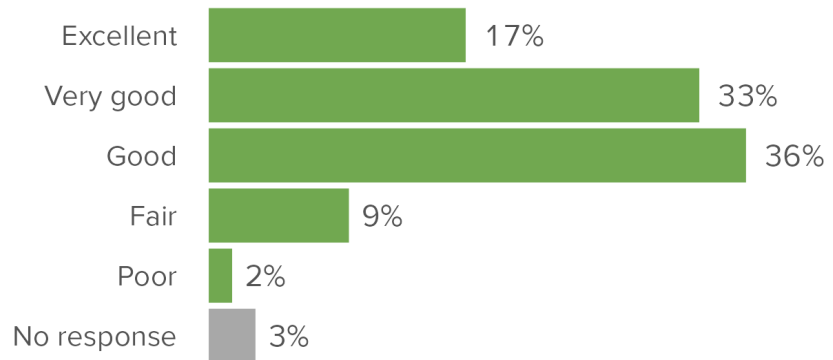
of respondents rated their physical health as “good” or better



Mental health

86%

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



Medical and dental care

28%

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

34%

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

Substance abuse

73%

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

Mental illness

58%

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



Education

55%

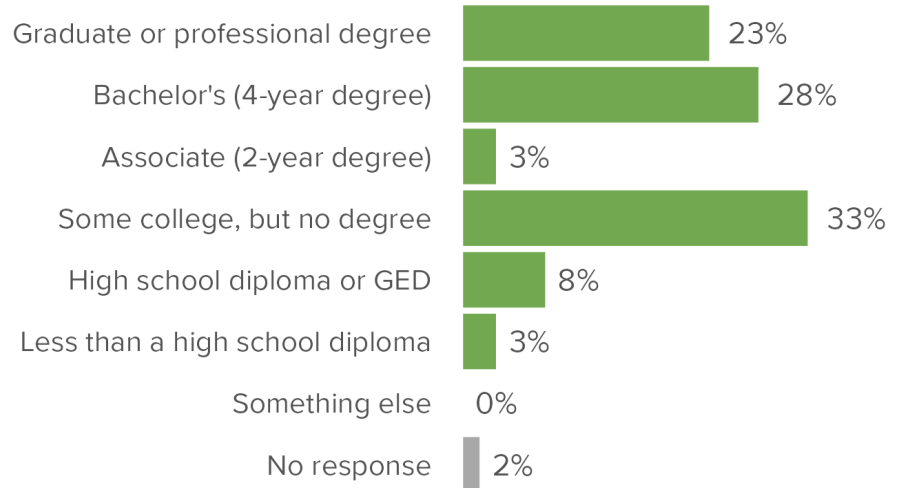
of respondents report having completed an associate degree or above

Students

2%

of respondents identified as a current student

Respondents' highest level of education completed



Employment

Wages

66%

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

Perception of unemployment

33%

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

Self-employment

23%

of respondents identified as self-employed

Employment status of respondents

Employed	42%
Full-time	30%
Part-time	13%
Unemployed	3%
Looking for work	0%
Not looking for work	0%
Unable to work due to disability	3%
Other	52%
Homemaker/manage your home	6%
Retired	42%
Something else	3%
No response	3%

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



Services

“Housing cost is astronomical. A single person cannot afford a studio. Rent is upwards of \$1,000. Most of us work service jobs and do not make the required three times the amount of rent. If I lose my current housing situation, there is not another one bedroom for rent for less than \$1,200, which I can’t afford on a single person’s salary.”

“Watch out for bad roads and heavy traffic.”

“The lack of social service resources results in challenges like addiction, mental health concerns, houselessness, work force shortage and crime cycles.”

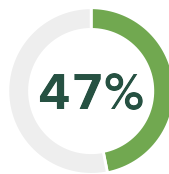
“Lack of funding for infrastructure”

“Inability to address the lack of workforce housing and the homeless transient population.”

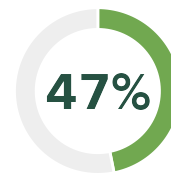
“Lots of things close by, ability to shop local”

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

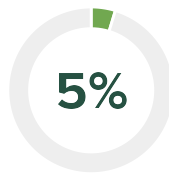
Good schools



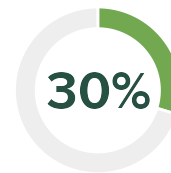
Enough places to shop



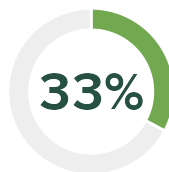
Affordable housing



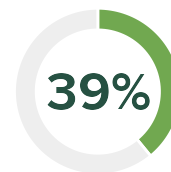
Good streets and roads



Reliable internet



Community-wide cell service



Healthy food

69%

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 Superstores
- 3 Restaurants

Lack of child care

70%

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

Lack of places for youth to hang out

52%

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



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