

**Do you live in Washington County?**

**Take this quiz to find out how much you know about your neighbors!**

**420,000 people live in Washington County. How many live in poverty?**

Approximately 60,000 fellow residents of Washington County struggle to meet their basic needs for food, shelter, and heat. (*US Census, 2000; based on 150% of federal poverty level*)

**Which group makes up the largest recipients of welfare in Oregon?**

Children receive 69% of federal assistance dollars (called Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) also known as “welfare”. (*Department of Human Services, 2000*)

**Which is more expensive: child care or college tuition?** Child care costs, in the metro region, are now more than the cost of annual public college tuition at a state institution: \$4,723 per child vs. average of \$3,407 per student. (*United Way, 2003; based on annual tuition at a state institution*)

**What is the average rent in Washington County?** According to the National Low-income Housing Coalition, over 47% of renters in Washington County are currently unable to afford the fair market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment. (*Average rent for a two-bedroom apartment is \$730.*) (*National Low-income Housing Coalition, 2002*)

**How many families living in poverty work for a paycheck?**

Seventy percent of your neighbors who live in poverty bring home a paycheck. In fact, less than 12% of Oregon’s poor receive federal assistance. But working isn’t enough. For example, a single parent working full time at a minimum wage job will earn less than the federal poverty level.