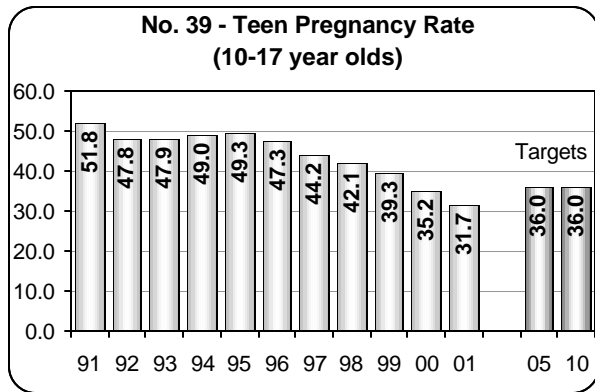


HUMAN SERVICES BENCHMARKS

There are five key Oregon Benchmarks in the Human Services Program Area: teen pregnancy, teen substance abuse, child abuse or neglect, poverty, and health insurance.

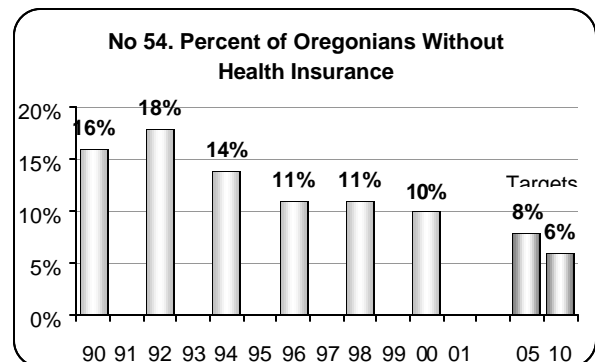
Teen pregnancy, Benchmark 39 – Pregnancy rate per 1,000 females: a. ages 10 to 14, b. ages 15 to 17 – is an indicator with many social consequences. Pregnancies among 10 to 17 year old girls more often result in poor maternal and neonatal outcomes than pregnancies among adult women. Consequences may include prenatal complications, infant mortality, and disruption of maternal schooling.



Teen use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs is Benchmark 49. It measures the percentage of eighth grade students who report using alcohol, illicit drugs, or cigarettes. The use of these substances increases the risk of drug dependence, crime and health problems, and school failure.

The number of children, per 1,000 persons under 18, who are **neglected or abused** or at a substantial risk of being neglected or abused is Benchmark 50. Child abuse and neglect are linked to many social problems later in life. The **poverty rate**, Benchmark 53, measures the percentage of people with incomes below the Federal Poverty Level. The Benchmark, Percentage of Oregonians with incomes below 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level: a. 0-17, b. 18-64, c. 65+, highlights Oregon’s efforts to increase the skills and employability of those in poverty.

Barriers to **health insurance** are highlighted in Benchmark 54 – Percentage of Oregonians without health insurance. This benchmark measures the affordability and costs associated with access to health care services and facilities. A lack of access typically increases health risks and also increases future costs to treat more serious problems.



Additional human resource benchmarks include:

- **Prenatal Care** – Benchmark 40: Percent of babies whose mothers received early prenatal care.
- **Child Immunization** – Benchmark 42: Percent of two-year-olds who are adequately immunized.
- **Adult Non-Smokers** – Benchmark 44: Percent of Oregonians, 18 and older, who do not smoke cigarettes.
- **Affordable Child Care** – Benchmark 47: Percent of families for whom child care is affordable.
- **Elder Abuse** – Benchmark 51: Reported elder abuse rate per 1,000.
- **Substance Use During Pregnancy** – Benchmark 52: Percent of pregnant women who used: a. alcohol, b. tobacco.

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- **Homelessness** – Benchmark 55: Percent of Oregonians that are homeless on any given night.
- **Child Support** – Benchmark 56: Percent of current court ordered child support paid to families.
- **Hunger** – Benchmark 57: Oregon’s national rank for residents who are: a. food insecure with hunger, b. food insecure.
- **Disabled Employment** – Benchmark 59: Percent of adults with lasting, significant disabilities who are capable of working who are employed.