



Partners for a
Hunger-Free Oregon

2010 ADDRESSING HUNGER - SNAP in Oregon Counties

Douglas COUNTY Oregon

Many Douglas County households are at risk of hunger. Federal food programs help rural Oregonians and support local agriculture, food retailers and other businesses. Connecting eligible households to SNAP will bring thousands more federal dollars into the Douglas County economy each year.

Douglas County Poverty Indicators

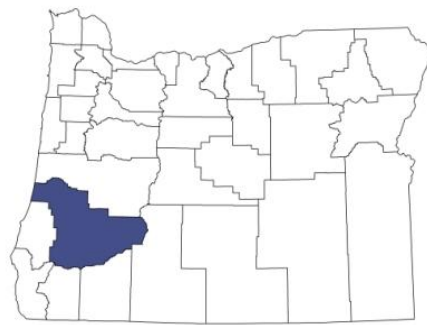
Seniors in poverty (65+)¹: 6.9%
Children in poverty (18 & under)³: 25.8%
Douglas poverty rate 2008²: 36.7%
Statewide poverty rate⁴: 13.5%

SNAP Participation and Benefits

SNAP participation rate⁶: 97%
Senior SNAP participation⁷: 29%
Avg. monthly SNAP benefits per participant⁸: \$78.00

Housing Costs

Renters unable to afford Fair Market Rate apartment⁹: 38.0% (44% statewide)
Cost of 1-bedroom apartment¹⁰: \$497.00
No. of hours needed to work per week at mean wage to afford 1-bedroom apt¹¹: 37



SNAP helps rural communities

The economic crisis has been hard on rural residents. Poverty is more prevalent than in urban areas¹² and families have limited access to services that can help.¹³ Seniors and people with disabilities are especially vulnerable with reductions in retirement savings and high health care costs. Record unemployment and a lackluster housing market make it difficult for many residents to make ends meet.¹⁴ The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps) is one way to make sure rural Oregonians can weather financial storms.

In 2009, a monthly average of 23,821 residents of Douglas County participated in SNAP, receiving benefits totaling \$34,250,555.00 over the year.¹⁵ These benefits were used at 109 food retailers in the county, with the average benefit totaling \$78.00 per participant.¹⁶

Despite the resources SNAP provided, it is still underutilized in Douglas County. Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon estimates that in 2009, 97% of people who were eligible for SNAP received help. **If all eligible persons participated, as much as \$594,956.00 in additional SNAP dollars would have been spent at Douglas County retailers and vendors.**¹⁷

How rural residents can access SNAP

Douglas County residents can obtain applications for SNAP benefits at the nearest Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) Self-Sufficiency office or by downloading and printing an application from the DHS website at <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/assistance/foodstamps/foodstamps.html>. (DHS will implement a new interactive online application in 2011). People aged 60+ may apply at their local senior services office. The application process may be completed either in person or by phone.

SNAP outreach materials are available at no cost. Contact Nancy Weed, SNAP Outreach Coordinator, at 503-595-5501, ext. 308 to obtain materials or to learn about groups conducting outreach in Douglas County.

For more information on eligibility or to obtain a SNAP application, please visit the DHS website: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/assistance/foodstamps/snap-info.shtml#apply>. Additional information available at Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon: www.oregonhunger.org.

Farmers' Markets and SNAP

Farmers' Markets and farm stands can be an effective way for many communities to increase the amount of fresh fruits and vegetables available to rural residents while also supporting local farmers. Many markets now accept SNAP benefits, along with vouchers for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) participants, and seniors through the Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program (SFMNP).

Farmers' Markets in Douglas County: Roseburg
Farmers' Market in Douglas County accepting SNAP and/or WIC: no

For an updated listing of Farmers' Markets locations, times, and information on which markets accept SNAP, WIC and vouchers, go to:

- Food For Oregon website at http://foodfororegon.oregonstate.edu/community_food_programs
- Oregon Farmers' Market Association website at <http://oregonfarmersmarkets.org/directory/directory.html>

Information about the benefits of accepting SNAP at local Farmers Markets:
http://www.foodsecurity.org/pub/RealFoodRealChoice_SNAP_FarmersMarkets.pdf.

To Apply for SNAP:

Local DHS-Self-Sufficiency Office

1937 W Harvard Ave
Roseburg, OR 97471
Phone: 541-440-3301
Fax: 541-440-3477
South Umqua Office
245 N. Main
PO Box 1126
Canyonville, OR 97417
Phone: 541-839-6901
Fax: 541-839-6907

Local DHS-Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Office

See Area Agency on Aging

Douglas County Senior & Disabilities Services
621 W Madrone St
Roseburg, OR 97470-3010
541-440-3580 or Toll Free: 800-234-0985

For updated information, go to DHS website at <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/spwpd/offices.shtml#> or call SafeNet at 1-800-723-3638.

West Office - Reedsport
Douglas County Senior Services
680 Fir Avenue
Reedsport, OR 97467-1431
Phone: 541-271-4835
FAX: 541-271-5039

Roseburg Disability Services
251 NE Garden Valley Blvd., Suite A
Roseburg, OR 97470-0321
Toll free: 800-548-3381
Phone: 541-440-3427
FAX: 541-440-3482

Referrals to DHS and other food and community resources:

Oregon SafeNet

1-800-SAFE-NET (1-800-723-3638)

Oregon Helps

Eligibility estimator at <http://www.oregonhelps.org/>

Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon

Nancy Weed 503-595-5501 ext. 308
nancy@oregonhunger.org

Other Food Resources

Some households may be ineligible for SNAP dollars or may need additional resources to help meet their nutritional needs. Other food resources:

Area Agency on Aging

Douglas County Senior & Disabilities Services
621 W Madrone St
Roseburg, OR 97470-3010
541-440-3580 or Toll Free: 800-234-0985

Regional Food Bank

UCAN Food Bank
280 Kenneth Ford Drive
Roseburg, OR 97470
Phone: 541-672-3421
Web site: www.ucancap.org
Counties served: Douglas
Persons in need may contact this organization for referrals to food pantries (see below).

Food Pantries

Dillard-Winston Food Bank, Winston
SDA CS, Canyonville
AARP Reedsport Pantry, Reedsport
FISH, Drain
FISH, Roseburg
Family Development Center, Roseburg
Roseburg Rescue Mission Pantry, Roseburg
South Douglas Food Bank, Riddle
SVDP, Myrtle Creek
Sutherlin Oakland Food Pantry, Sutherlin
SDA CS, Roseburg
SDA CS (Helping Hands), Glide
Community Care Food Pantry, Glendale
House of Restoration - Langenberg, Roseburg
Casa de Belen, Roseburg
All Souls Table of Plenty, Myrtle Creek
St. Francis Community Kitchen, Sutherlin
Foundation Fellowship (First Baptist Church), Roseburg
Roseburg Rescue Mission - Samaritan Inn, Roseburg
St. Joseph's Community Kitchen, Roseburg
Roseburg Rescue Mission Soup Kitchen, Roseburg
Friendly Kitchen, Roseburg

Gleaners

None identified by Oregon Food Bank

Community Action Programs

Umpqua Community Action Network
(UCAN)

280 Kenneth Ford Dr.

Roseburg, OR 97470

(541) 672-3421

www.ucancap.org

Oregon Food Bank

www.oregonfoodbank.org



County Quick Facts

Population and Geography

- 2009 Population¹⁸: 104,003
- Seniors in county (aged 65+)⁵: 21,633
- Population per square mile¹⁹: 19.9 people
- Metropolitan areas²⁰: Roseburg
- County Seat²¹: Roseburg
- Population living in rural areas²²: 42%

Economic Indicators

- Unemployment rate (July 2010)²³: 13.8%
- Homeless children (2010)²⁴: 405

Useful Publications:

- Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon information on SNAP Outreach available at <http://oregonhunger.org/food-stamp-outreach>
- Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon: Ending Hunger Before It Begins: Oregon's Call to Action 2010-2015 available at <http://oregonhunger.org/oregon-hunger-plan>
- SNAP Outreach Best Practices available at <http://www.mypyramidforkids.gov/snap/outreach/coalition/resources/Exce>
- Food For Oregon available at <http://foodfororegon.oregonstate.edu/>
- Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development available at <http://www.agdevjournal.com/>
- Friends of Family Farms http://www.friendsoffamilyfarmers.org/Downloads/toolkit_web.pdf

^{1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 15, 16, 17, 18} 2008 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year estimate with further analysis by Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon

³ U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Environment Atlas available at <http://maps.ers.usda.gov/FoodAtlas/foodenv5.aspx>

^{4, 19, 20, 22} U.S. Census Bureau: State and County Quick Facts available at <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/41000.html>

^{9, 10, 11} National Low-Income Housing Coalition available at <http://www.nlihc.org/oor/oor2010/> (Fair Market Rate for a 1-bedroom apartment)

¹² USDA Rural Poverty at a Glance <http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/rdr100/rdr100.htm>

¹³ Gross, J. and Rosenberger, N. "The Double Binds of Getting Food among the Poor in Rural Oregon", Food, Culture and Society: An International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research, Volume 13, Number 1, March 2010, pp. 47-70(24).

¹⁴ "The Not-So-Golden Years: Confronting Elderly Poverty and Improving Seniors' Economic Security", Center for American Progress available at http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/09/not_so_golden_years.html

²⁰ National Association of Counties available at http://www.naco.org/Counties/Pages/NACo_FindACounty.aspx

²¹ City Data available at <http://www.city-data.com/city/Oregon.html>

²³ U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, data for July 2010, Unemployment Data available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/laucntycur14.txt>

²⁴ Oregon Department of Education. It was an email communication on 10/7/10 with Dona Bolt, State Coordinator for the Homeless Education Program