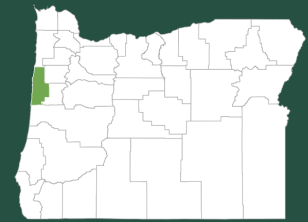




LINCOLN COUNTY

Oregon Voices Data Summary



County Total Population

49,336

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?*

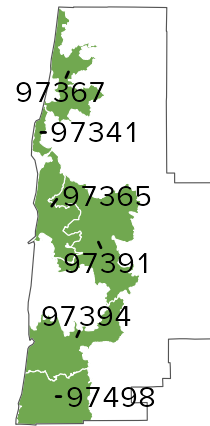
The following report provides a high-level summary of the survey data received from those who responded in Lincoln County. Here the number of random household respondents outnumbered the Ford Family respondents. For clarity, the two data sets have been combined in the visualizations below, even though 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 Lincoln County respondents: 90
Random household sample: 64, Ford Family sample: 26

Key Highlights

- Lincoln County is home to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, whose headquarters are in Siletz.
- Nearly 3 in 4 respondents agree that families are having trouble making ends meet and that homelessness is a challenge in their community.
- Respondents are concerned the increase in tourism is negatively affecting their community and jobs.

All reporting zip codes

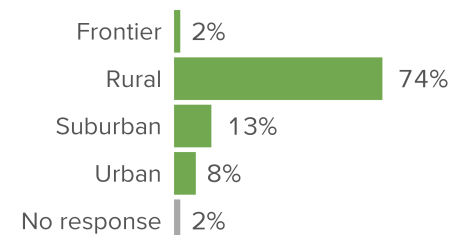


Top 3 reporting zip codes

- 1 97365
- 2 97367
- 3 97394

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 Lincoln 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

“I like the ‘live and let live’ attitude and small-town atmosphere.”

“I appreciate the natural beauty and clean air. Plus, it’s a small, supportive, coastal community.”

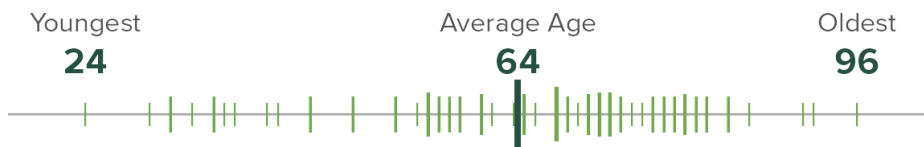
“Our economy is dependent on tourism, so many jobs are low wage with no or limited benefits and seasonal.”

“If you have stable housing and employment, it is the best place in the world to live.”

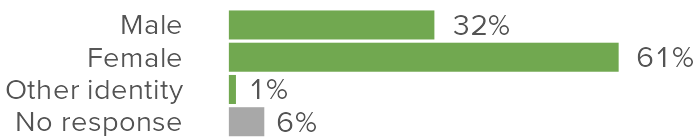
“I’m concerned by the lack of a community atmosphere caused by the tourism industry and an overabundance of vacation rentals that cause the price of housing to skyrocket and create a shortage of long-term rentals.”

Respondent Demographics

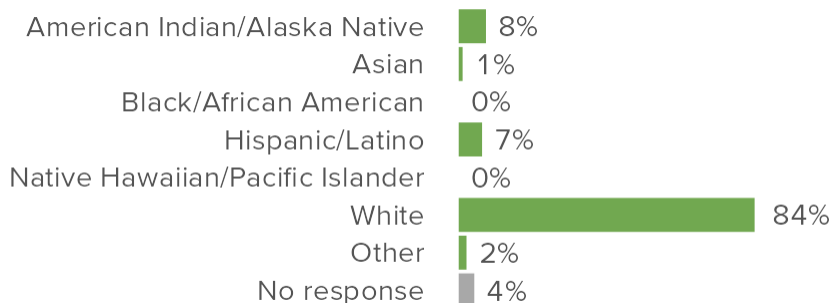
Age of respondents



Gender



Race/Ethnicity



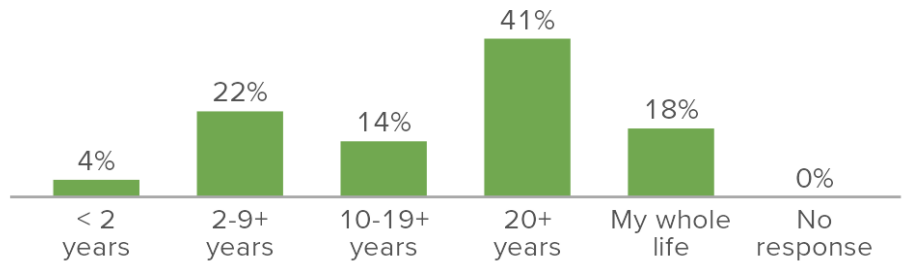
Percentages may sum to more than 100 if respondents selected multiple options.



Years living in Oregon

59%

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



Homeownership

8 out of 10

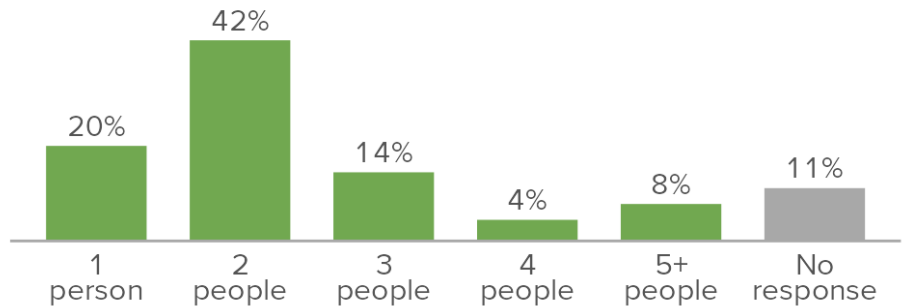
respondents own their home



Household size

2.4

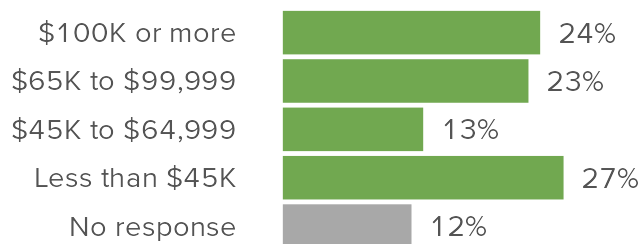
average number of people who live in the respondent's household



Household annual income

27%

of respondents reported household incomes falling under \$65K



Emergency funds

19%

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

Trouble making ends meet

71%

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

Homelessness

67%

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



6 out of 10

respondents
LOVE where they live



Community participation

“The community is very welcoming, with high levels of volunteerism.”

“It has a real community feel to it, but it lacks diversity of all sorts.”

“Community members are supportive of each other, are creative and innovative, and welcome new people and ideas.”

“I feel lucky to live in this community. Despite being retired and single, I feel supported and rarely feel lonely. There are many ways to volunteer, to learn, to exercise, to immerse yourself in nature and to be happy.”

“The county fair used to be a big deal, but community support and participation has really declined in the past 10 years.”

“We are inclusive and support the arts. People know one another and there is a ‘small town’ feel here.”

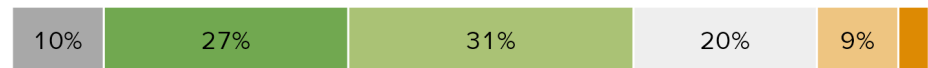
Respondents indicated the extent to which they perceive that people where they live participate in their community in the following ways:

Results below 5% are not labeled due to space constraints.

STRONGLY AGREE

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

53%

of respondents participate in community traditions or annual events

Pride in community

82%

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

Voting

80%

of respondents report that they “always” vote

Community service

50%

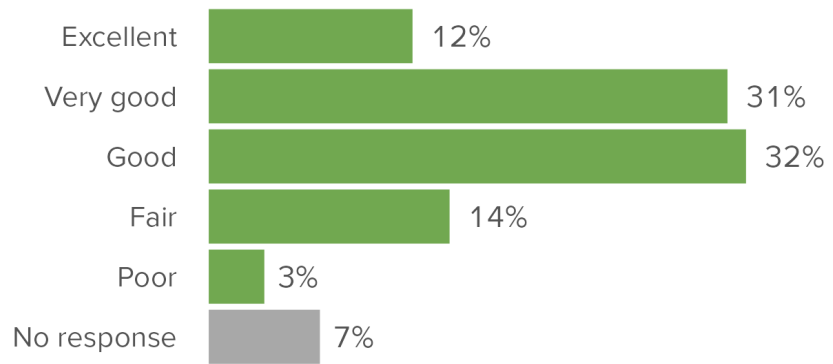
of respondents report that they volunteer at least once a month



Physical health

76%

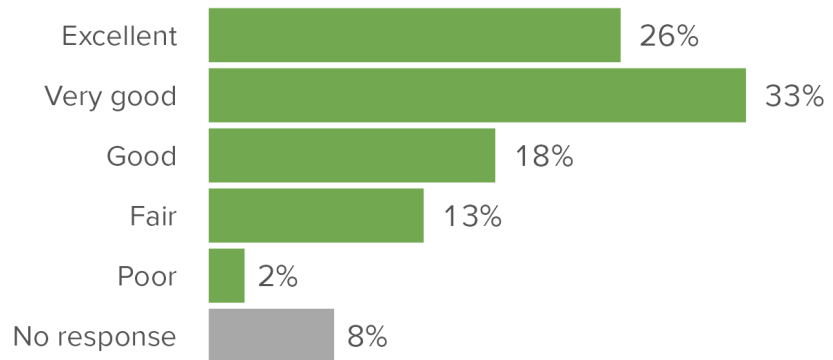
of respondents rated their physical health as “good” or better



Mental health

77%

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



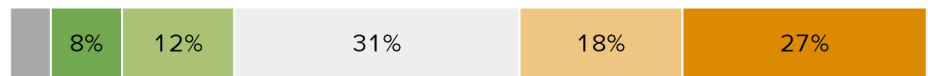
Medical and dental care

20%

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

46%

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

Substance abuse

61%

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

Mental illness

49%

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



Education

63%

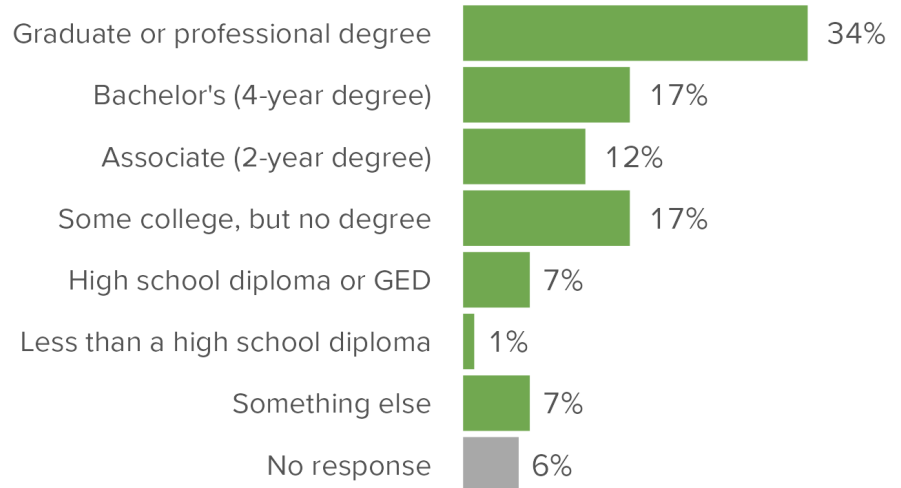
of respondents report having completed an associate degree or above

Students

1%

of respondents identified as a current student

Respondents' highest level of education completed



Employment

Wages

67%

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

Perception of unemployment

47%

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

Self-employment

21%

of respondents identified as self-employed

Employment status of respondents

Employed	42%
Full-time	32%
Part-time	10%
Unemployed	3%
Looking for work	2%
Not looking for work	0%
Unable to work due to disability	1%
Other	49%
Homemaker/manage your home	2%
Retired	41%
Something else	6%
No response	6%

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



Services

“There’s a lack of affordable housing and child care coupled with high poverty and homeless rates. Even the school district with higher wage teaching jobs has a hard time obtaining and holding onto quality employees because they can’t find housing or child care.”

“For people with complex and ongoing health issues, the nearest specialty care is at least an hour’s drive away.”

“I believe we need a children’s gym, a children’s museum, more affordable housing, and a better education system.”

“We pay SO MUCH for internet and the quality is awful. I can never get assistance. Too many cell phone ‘dead areas.’”

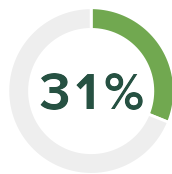
“The city is making strides with homeless housing using motels. I think things are better than before pandemic.”

“I’m concerned by the influx of tourism without the supporting infrastructure.”

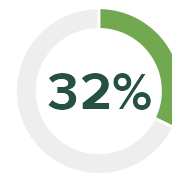
“I want to stress that there is a need for the age demographic 18-35 to feel like they are welcome in this community. There are very few opportunities in this town for that group to feel like this is their forever home.”

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

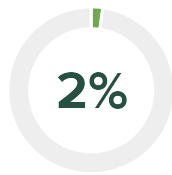
Good schools



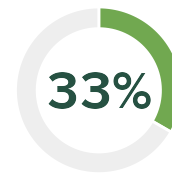
Enough places to shop



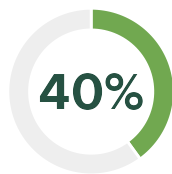
Affordable housing



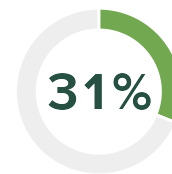
Good streets and roads



Reliable internet



Community-wide cell service



Healthy food

66%

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 Farmers markets

Lack of child care

58%

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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