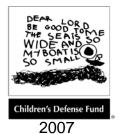
# **Cradle to Prison Pipeline Oregon**



## Poverty

Poverty is the largest driving force of the Cradle to Prison Pipeline crisis.

- In Oregon, among all children, 1 in 5 (18.4 percent or 152,142) was poor.
  - o For **Black** children **1** in **3** (33.3 percent or 6,250) was poor.
  - o For **Latino** children **1 in 3** (34.2 percent or 43,830) was poor.
  - o For **White**, non-Latino children **1 in 7** (14.1 percent or 85,445) was poor.
  - o For **American Indian/Alaska Native** children **3 in 7** (41.4 percent or 4,747) were poor.
  - o For **Asian** children **1 in 5** (20.0 percent or 5,574) was poor.
- In Oregon, a baby is born poor every 54 minutes.
  - o A Black baby is born poor every 20 hours.
  - o A Latino baby is born poor every 3 hours.
  - o A White, non-Latino baby is born poor every 2 hours.
  - o An American Indian/Alaska Native baby is born poor every day.
  - o An **Asian** baby is born poor every **2 days**.

## Health Care

Disadvantages in health care increase the risk that poor children and particularly poor children of color will be trapped in the pipeline.

- In 2005, an estimated **109,000 children (12.1%)** were **uninsured** in Oregon.
- In 2004, **2,758 babies** (**6.0%**) were born at **low birthweight** in Oregon. This included:
  - o 10.6% of Black, non-Latino babies;
  - o 5.2% of Latino babies; and,
  - o 6.0% of White, non-Latino babies.
- 34.7% of two-year-olds in Oregon did not receive all recommended immunizations in 2005.

### Early Childhood

Children who do not participate in high-quality early education have higher rates of juvenile delinquency, arrests, and juvenile court petitions.

- In the 2004-2005 school year, **12.9% of 3-year-olds** and **21.9% of 4-year-olds** were enrolled in **state-funded preschool programs** in **Oregon**.
- In 2005, 8,792 children were enrolled in **Head Start and Early Head Start** in **Oregon**. Of these:
  - o 4.8% were Black, non-Latino;
  - o 45.9% were Latino; and,
  - o 65.1% were White, non-Latino.

### Child Welfare

Children in foster care or with a history of abuse and neglect are at higher risk of being trapped in the pipeline.

• In 2003, there were **9,381 children in foster care** in Oregon.

• In 2004, there were **11,759 victims of child maltreatment** in Oregon.

### Education

Educational disadvantages make it more likely that children will enter the juvenile justice system.

- In 2005, a disproportionate number of Black and Latino fourth graders could not read at grade level. In Oregon:
  - o 85% of Black, non-Latino;
  - o 90% of Latino; and.
  - o 66% of White, non-Latino fourth graders could not read at grade level.
- Students who are suspended or expelled are more likely than their peers to drop out of school altogether. In Oregon:
  - o For every 100 Black students enrolled, there were 7.3 suspensions.
  - o For every 100 Latino students enrolled, there were 6.4 suspensions.
  - o For every 100 White students enrolled, there were 5.3 suspensions.
  - o For every 100 American Indian/Alaska Native students enrolled, there were 11.5 suspensions.
  - o For every 100 Asian students enrolled, there were 2.5 suspensions.
- In Oregon, 10.4% of youth ages 16 to 19 were neither enrolled in school nor high school graduates.

# Juvenile Justice System and Incarceration

Children of color are disproportionately represented in both the juvenile and criminal justice systems.

- In Oregon, there were **28,107 juvenile arrests** in 2005.
- Of the estimated **1,275** youth in residential placement in Oregon in 2003:
  - o 117 (9.2%) were Black, non-Latino;
  - o 147 (11.5%) were Latino; and,
  - o 915 (71.8%) were White, non-Latino.
- There were 207 youth under age 18 incarcerated in adult correctional facilities in Oregon.
- Oregon spends 3.4 times as much per prisoner as per public school pupil.

### Community Violence

Between 1979 and 2004, gunfire killed 101,413 children and teens in America, destroying countless families and communities.

• In 2004, **21 children and teenagers** in Oregon **died of firearm injuries,** including: **12 homicides**, 6 suicides, and 3 unintentional shootings.

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