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Washington County's kids are facing greater barriers to success. Poverty, poor academic skills, and food insecurity create conditions that make it difficult to compete in school and in society.

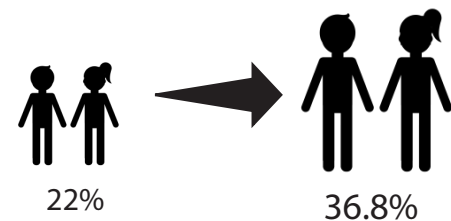
The good news is that kids are resilient and can overcome even the most adverse circumstances – with just a little help.

Washington County Kids seeks to create a sustainable source of funding to increase school-age care, improve academic skills and job readiness, and fight hunger.

Through a coalition of community organizations, local government, and faith communities we work to identify solutions that guide our efforts. **We are looking at best practices and options to raise much needed funding because:**

In Washington County:

- Child Poverty is Rising: Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) eligibility escalated from 22% of students in 2000 to 36.8% in 2016. The number of schools with more than 50% FRL eligible students increased from 10 to 35 schools in the same period.

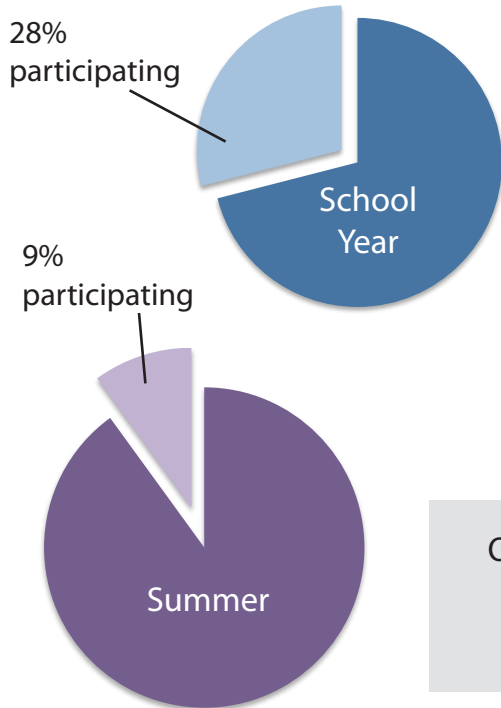


- Over 79% of children under 5 years of age live in poverty without access to affordable, quality child care.
- After school programs are not available for all who need them: Statistics show that children who are left unsupervised after school are at a higher risk of getting involved in unsafe or criminal behavior.
- Summer programs need to serve more kids: By the fifth grade, children from families with low incomes fall behind academically by as much as three years without summer support.
- Youth are not prepared for employment: 7,500 Washington County youth are no longer in school and are not working due to a lack of education and skills.
- Homelessness is rising among youth: Since 2006-07 to 2014-15 the number of homeless students in Washington County has increased from 1,640 to 2,148 (31%)



Below are statistics from Washington County Kids partner organizations that show roughly how many kids in Washington County are participating in out of school programs provided by non-profit organizations during the school year and during the summer.

The data also shows what percentage of participating students are doing STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) activities. Finally, enrollment is compared against census data for the Under 18 demographic in Washington County, revealing the approximate percentage of all Washington County kids.



School Year Data	
0-6 years	1,547
Elementary Aged	22,040
Middle School Aged	8,762
High School Aged	5,925
Other	1,668
TOTAL	39,942
% Doing STEAM	67%
% of Population	28%

Summer Data	
0-6 years	3,064
Elementary Aged	7,680
Middle School Aged	1,499
High School Aged	803
Other	531
TOTAL	13,577
% Doing STEAM	20%
% of Population	9%

Only **28% of Washington County kids** participate in out-of-school non-profit programs during the school year. In the summer, only **9% participate**

Washington County Kids Partners

Partner Organizations

- Adelante Mujeres
- Bienestar (migrant housing)
- Boys and Girls Clubs of the Portland Metropolitan Area
- Centro Cultural de Washington County
- Chess for Success
- Girls, Inc.
- Impact NW (SHINE programs)
- Muslim Education Trust
- Native American Youth Association
- NW Regional ESD
- Oregon Somali Family Education Center
- Sherwood Regional YMCA
- Stages Youth Acting Academy

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- Tigard-Tualatin School District
- YWCA of Greater Portland

Associated organizations

- Beaverton Education Foundation
- Business Education Compact (Internships)
- Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Department
- HIP Program (school dropout assistance)
- Homeplate (Homeless Youth)
- Opportunity You (middle school program)
- Oregon Food Bank
- Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation Department
- Unite Oregon (formerly CIO – immigrant rights)

