

Portland Multnomah Benchmark Trend Data

Bmk#	Benchmark	Cluster	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
01	Increase per capita income (2006\$) ¹	Economy	\$32,037	\$31,497	\$31,667	\$31,673	\$32,664	\$33,481	\$34,129	\$34,651	\$35,923	\$36,309	\$37,828	\$38,368	\$38,156	\$37,649	\$38,053	\$37,783	\$38,529		
03	Increase average annual wages (2007\$) ¹	Economy	\$38,001	\$38,401	\$39,310	\$39,162	\$39,030	\$39,450	\$40,474	\$41,700	\$42,407	\$43,101	\$44,297	\$44,091	\$44,063	\$43,844	\$44,116	\$43,775	\$44,257	\$44,989	
06	Decrease the poverty rate ¹	Health & Families	13.1%						14.1%	13.6%	12.7%	12.4%	12.8%	13.5%	13.6%	15.1%	16.7%	17.4%	15.6%	15.2%	
07	Increase total employment (jobs) ¹	Economy	375,768	369,348	373,059	381,842	397,244	415,113	425,591	440,077	442,901	444,815	453,254	444,397	428,919	419,713	420,129	428,305	439,302	447,909	
08	Decrease unemployment rate ¹	Economy	5.0%	5.7%	7.0%	6.3%	4.9%	4.2%	5.0%	4.8%	4.7%	5.0%	4.7%	6.3%	8.1%	8.5%	7.4%	6.1%	5.2%	4.9%	
10	Increase Portland metro exports (billion\$)	Economy				\$5.7	\$6.4	\$8.9	\$9.2	\$8.9	\$8.3	\$9.4	Discontinued								
11	Decrease small business failure	Economy	No data available and/or under study																		
12	Monitor employee time used for on-the-job training	Economy																			
13	Increase percentage of adults with high school degree ¹	Education	83%						86%	87%	87%	87%	87%	88%	87%	87%	88%	87%	88%	89%	
	Increase percentage of adults with baccalaureate degree ¹	Education	24%						28%	29%	29%	30%	31%	33%	34%	34%	35%	36%	36%	35%	
14	Increase percentage of employers who provide more than 20 hours of training per year	Economy	No data available and/or under study																		
15	Increase the percentage of students who earn a Certificate of Mastery	Education																			
16	Increase areas over 1 million in population with non-stop service to/from PDX	Economy			26	26	29	28	28	30	33	31	29	28	28	29	29	30			
18	Decrease Portland's export container rates vs. Puget Sound	Economy			+ 4.0%		+ 1.0%	+ .6%	+ .2%	+ .2%	Discontinued										
19	Increase efficiency of public permit issuance	Governance & Civic Participation	No data available and/or under study																		
20	Increase the land available to support new jobs	Economy																			

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21	Decrease total taxes per capita (constant '97 dollars)	Governance & Civic Participation	\$7,142	\$7,173	\$6,968	\$7,007	\$7,169	\$7,463	\$7,497	\$7,831	Under review											
23	Decrease local business taxes and fees (constant 97 dollars, in millions)	Governance & Civic Participation	\$518	\$539	\$478	\$461	\$436	\$409	\$395	\$433	\$458	Under review										
24	Increase per capita spending for public infrastructure in Portland	Governance & Civic Participation	\$374	\$336	\$336	\$461	\$546	\$574	\$582	\$635	\$1,052	Under review										
25	Increase percentage of children prepared for kindergarten ¹	Education	Benchmark source under review																			
26	Reduce teen pregnancy rate per 1,000 females age 15-17 ¹	Family	77.8	80.1	71.0	73.7	75.7	68.1	60.0	55.0	52.0	50.3	46.8	41.4	35.7	35.0	30.2	32.9	41.2			
27	Increase percentage of healthy birthweight babies ¹	Health	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	95%	93%	94%	94%	93%	94%	93%	94%			
28	Decrease drug use by pregnant women	Health	No data available and/or under study																			
29	Increase immunization of two-year olds ¹	Health					60%	68%	70%	72%	73%	84%										
31	Decrease the percentage of homeless ¹	Family				0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	New reporting ⁹	0.5%	0.5%			
32	Increase child care facilities meeting standards	Family	No data available and/or under study																			
34a	Reduce percentage of 8th graders using cigarettes ^{1,2}	Health			14%		18%		21%		18%		11%	11%	8%	9%	8%	9%			due late Jan '09	
34b	Reduce percentage of 8th graders using alcohol ^{1,2}	Health			29%		28%		30%		18%		24%	24%	23%	24%	30%	31%			due late Jan '09	
34c	Reduce percentage of 8th graders using illicit drugs ^{1,2}	Health			17%		16%		23%		18%		11%	Wording changed								
34d	Reduce percentage of 11th graders using cigarettes ^{1,2}	Health			21%		20%		27%		32%		21%	19%	17%	15%	16%				due late Jan '09	
34e	Reduce percentage of 11th graders using alcohol ^{1,2}	Health			43%		33%		38%		40%		33%	43%	41%	49%	47%	48%			due late Jan '09	
34f	Reduce percentage of 11th graders using illicit drugs ^{1,2}	Health			23%		22%		22%		28%		15%	Wording changed								

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37	Increase percentage of student meeting standards in reading (3rd grade) ^{1,3,10}	Education		45%		54%		55%	71%	74%	73%	77%	78%	82%	83%	79%	79%	83%	83%	78%	81%
	Increase percentage of student meeting standards in reading (8th grade) ^{1,3,10}	Education		39%		35%		43%	52%	51%	52%	53%	62%	59%	63%	60%	58%	62%	64%	67%	65%
	Increase percentage of student meeting standards in reading (10th grade) ^{1,3,10}	Education							43%	43%	43%	47%	51%	50%	51%	47%	46%	49%	52%	62%	61%
	Increase percentage of student meeting standards in math (3rd grade) ^{1,3,10}	Education		36%		50%		52%	56%	60%	65%	66%	73%	74%	75%	74%	78%	84%	84%	68%	77%
	Increase percentage of student meeting standards in math (8th grade) ^{1,3,10}	Education		43%		49%		52%	48%	46%	50%	50%	54%	55%	56%	59%	58%	63%	64%	69%	68%
	Increase percentage of student meeting standards in math (10th grade) ^{1,3,10}	Education							30%	27%	30%	34%	37%	41%	44%	42%	42%	44%	42%	54%	50%
38	Increase high school completion rate	Education					70%	63%	64%	65%	62%	63%	64%	66%	70%	71%	72%	74%	75%	70%	
43	Increase the percentage of adults who are literate	Education	No data available and/or under study																		
44	Increase access to health care	Health	84%		84%		84%		90%		89%		88%		87%	83%	82%	83%	84%	84%	
46	Decrease number of 1st time positive HIV test results (age 13+) ^{1,4}	Health	353	367	345	279	279	241	213	168	173	156	156	156	160	182	165	168	151	119	
47	Increase the percentage of mentally ill who are self-sufficient	Special Needs	No data available and/or under study																		
53	Increase the percentage of disabled who are self-sufficient	Special Needs																			

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56	Increase the percentage of elderly living in the least restrictive situation	Special Needs																			
57	Monitor the number of park acres and open spaces per 1,000 residents	Urban Vitality							15.6 acres							Under review					
58a	Decrease % of homeowners who spend 30% or more of their income on housing and utilities ³	Urban Vitality							30%	32%	32%	32%	33%	33%	39%	38%	38%	39%	39%	45% (provisional)	
58b	Decrease % of renters who spend 30% or more of their income on housing and utilities ³	Urban Vitality							47%	48%	47%	45%	46%	48%	54%	51%	55%	52%	53%	49% (provisional)	
	Housing affordability ⁵									41%	46%	48%	45%	44%	44%	44%	40%	38%	37%	40%	39%
59a	Increase winter steelhead counts at Willamette Falls	Environment	11,107	4,943	5,396	3,568	5,300	4,693	1,801	4,544											
59b	Increase spring chinook counts at Willamette Falls	Environment	71,273	52,516	42,004	31,966	26,102	20,592	21,605	26,885	34,461	40,410	37,594								
60	Increase the percentage who live within one mile of services	Urban Vitality	No data available and/or under study																		
61	Increase the percentage who rate neighborhood livability high ⁵	Urban Vitality				77%	79%	79%	81%	83%	84%	83%	84%	82%	82%	82%	83%	81%	84%	81%	86%
	City livability ⁵										79%	78%	80%	79%	77%	74%	77%	76%	79%	79%	82%
62	Increase percentage who commute 30-minutes or less ¹	Urban Vitality	75%						72%	71%	71%	71%	69%	69%	71%	70%	68%	67%	67%	67%	
63	Increase use of public transportation ¹	Environment	10%						11%	12%	11%	11%	12%	12%	11%	11%	12%	12%			
65	Decrease reported graffiti incidents ^{5,6}	Public Safety									6,880	6,791	3,729	4,695	7,125	10,841					
66	Increase annual days that air meets quality standards ⁷	Environment	319	339	355	361	349	355	341	345	332	361	365	365	362	364	363	365	357	357	
67	Decrease carbon dioxide emissions (million metric tons) ¹	Environment	8.9					9.2					9.8	9.7	9.6	9.1	9.1	8.7	8.8	8.8	

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68a	Increase in-stream water quality of Johnson Creek	Environment	Very Poor	Very Poor	Very Poor	Very Poor	Very Poor	Very Poor	Very Poor	Very Poor	Very Poor	Very Poor	Very Poor	Very Poor		Very Poor	Very Poor		Very Poor		
68b	Increase in-stream water quality of Willamette at Hawthorne	Environment	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor	Fair		Fair	Fair		Good		
69	Decrease per capita water use (gallons)	Environment			50,500	44,132	45,041	46,935	45,012	44,969	49,748	49,434	50,712	48,765	45,952	45,600	47,300	42,700	42,200	41,800	
70	Decrease per capita energy use (BTUs)	Environment	169.9					162.3					162.9	160.4	154.9	155.4	148.9	152.4	149.6	152.3	149.8
71	Decrease solid waste landfilled, lbs per capita ⁸	Environment			1526	1515	1522	1525	1655	1749	1756	1800	1663	1569	1571	1577	1622	1637	1736		
72	Monitor percentage of Metro population growth within Portland ⁸	Urban Vitality		23%	12%	3%	8%	13%	26%	34%	5%										
73	Increase downtown Portland jobs	Urban Vitality	No data available and/or under study																		
74	Increase percentage of registered who vote in general elections ¹	Governance & Civic Participation	71%		73%		66%		68%		55%		78%		67%		85%		69%		86%
75	Increase annual per capita public support for the arts ⁸	Urban Vitality											\$3.68	\$3.39	\$3.37	\$2.86	\$2.88	\$2.68	\$2.43	\$3.30	
76	Increase percentage of citizens who rate local government positively ⁵	Governance & Civic Participation					53%	58%	62%	58%	62%	60%	65%	61%	53%	49%	54%	51%	63%	55%	61%
77	Increase citizen satisfaction with participation in government	Governance & Civic Participation	No data available and/or under study																		
78	Increase percentage of adults who volunteer 50 hours or more annually ¹	Governance & Civic Participation			31%				29%		27%		22%		30%		18%				
79	Increase government use of benchmark data	Governance & Civic Participation	No data available and/or under study																		
80	Increase community use of benchmark data	Governance & Civic Participation	No data available and/or under study																		
81	Improve general obligation bond ratings	Governance & Civic Participation	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Discontinued						
82	Per capita spending by City of Portland (\$98)	Governance & Civic Participation	\$1,305	\$1,346	\$1,318	\$1,109	\$1,215	\$1,226	\$1,263	\$1,322	\$1,414	Under review									

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	Per capita spending by Multnomah County (\$98)	Governance & Civic Participation	\$547	\$559	\$618	\$643	\$675	\$767	\$800	\$858	\$893	Under review									
	Per capita spending by Portland Public Schools (\$98)	Governance & Civic Participation	\$1,178	\$1,073	\$1,050	\$1,039	\$999	\$940	\$983	\$1,009	\$1,109										
84	Increase percentage feeling safe walking alone in neighborhood during the day ⁵	Public Safety		77%	81%	80%	81%	84%	83%	86%	88%	88%	88%	88%	88%	87%	88%	88%	89%	89%	91%
	Increase percentage feeling safe walking alone in neighborhood at night ⁵	Public Safety		34%	38%	35%	36%	40%	43%	45%	49%	48%	51%	53%	50%	53%	53%	49%	55%	51%	59%
85	Crimes motivated by prejudice ¹	Public Safety	202	319	323	176	119	96	87	68	36	66	35	104	11*	99	81	79	75		
86a	Reduce the number of children abused per 1,000 under age 18 ¹	Family	13.5	12.4	12.9	13.3	10.8	11.2	12.0	13.7	16.2	14.9	11.3	8.9	9.0	10.3	13.4	14.3	14.6	14.4	
	neglected/abused ¹		12.6	11.3	11.3	11.4	8.5	7.9	7.8	7.3	8.2	6.9	5.6	4.7	5.0	5.1	6.4	6.9	8.4	8.4	
	threat of harm ¹		0.7	1.1	1.5	1.9	2.4	3.3	4.2	6.3	8.0	8.0	5.6	4.1	4.1	5.1	7.0	7.4	6.3	6.0	
	% re-abused w/in 6 months ¹													7.3	7.7	7.2	13.0	12.0	9.1	8.0	
86b	Monitor the reported incidents of domestic violence per 1,000 ¹	Family						11.4	10.6	11.5	10.8	10.9	12.4	10.9	10.2	8.2	6.6	10.0			
86c	Monitor domestic violence-Elder Abuse	Family	No data available and/or under study																		
87	Reported incidence of crime per 1,000 ¹	Public Safety	181.7	183.7	181.3	177.4	185.3	187.6	174.7	185.7	168.8	168.3	164.8	163.3	152.4	160.7	158.1	149.7	136.6		
88	Arrest rate per 1,000 ¹	Public Safety	54	55	55	56	58	58	55	55	51	50	56	46	32	43	66	50	47		
90	Firearm fatalities per 100,000 ¹	Public Safety	14.7	14.0	14.4	15.9	17.7	13.1	14.8	15.0	11.7	11.4	9.2	8.4	10	8.3	8.7	8.7			
91	Reduce crime victimization rates ⁵	Public Safety																			
	Percentage of households burglarized ⁵			10%	9%	7%	7%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%	6%	5%	7%	6%	5%	4%
	Percentage of vehicles broken into ⁵							24%	23%	22%	22%	20%	18%	19%	20%	22%	21%	21%	17%	17%	16%
92a	Reduce percentage of adults abusing alcohol ¹	Health													19%	17%	15%	17%	19%	17%	
92b	Reduce percentage of adults abusing drugs ¹	Health						4%				13%									
93	Reduce recidivism rate	Public Safety	No data available and/or under study																		

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94	Reduce the percentage of diverted offenders who reoffend within one year	Public Safety	No data available and/or under study																		
95	Increase the percentage of population prepared for an emergency ⁵	Public Safety				46%	44%	46%	50%	51%	52%	57%	61%	54%	53%	54%	54%	55%	56%	57%	
97	Increase the percentage of public agencies with emergency plans	Public Safety	No data available and/or under study																		
103	Monitor percentage of household income spent on property taxes	Governance & Civic Participation	2.5%	2.5%	2.4%	2.3%	2.1%	2.0%	1.9%	2.1%	1.9%	Under review									
104	Increase percentage who rate streets clean ⁵	Urban Vitality				61%	63%	60%	64%	64%	65%	63%	65%	63%	59%	63%	62%	62%	66%	62%	65%
105	Reduce annual number of matrix releases	Public Safety	3,529	1,561	1,491	2,563	2,917	3,726	3,459	6,271	1,838	Discontinued									
¹ The geography of measurement = Multnomah County only.																					
² Survey instrument changed in 2000, therefore, use caution when comparing data from 2001 on with all prior years.																					
³ In 2003 methodology changed to reflect the No Child Left Behind act (not comparable with previous years).																					
⁴ This is a new measure since the Benchmarks were last updated (see Benchmark page).																					
⁵ The geography of measurement = City of Portland Only																					
⁶ Data source = Youth Employment Institute.																					
⁷ Numbers shown = (number of "Good" days + number of "Moderate" days) - number of days missing data.																					
⁸ The geography of measurement = Tri-county region (Clackamas, Multnomah, & Washington Counties).																					
⁹ In 2004 there was a new Federal mandate which changed reporting to January from March & November.																					
¹⁰ ODE recalibrated scoring method in 2007. 2007 and 2008 are not comparable to earlier years																					
*There was an "artificial decrease" between 2001-2002.																					
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