



Clackamas
County
Children's
Commission

Community Assessment 2021



Community Assessment Update

- This is year 4 of a 5 year community assessment cycle.
- This year consists of a smaller update to the data that helps determine the direction of our programs that support the community.



Performance Standard

- 1302.11 Determining community strengths, needs and resources.
- (2) A program must annually review and update the community assessment to reflect any significant changes including increased availability of publicly-funded pre-kindergarten (including an assessment of how the pre-kindergarten available in the community meets the needs of the parents and children served by the program, and whether it's offered for a full school day), rates of family and child homelessness, and significant shifts in community demographics and resources.

Availability of Publicly-Funded Preschool

- Significant shifts due to Student Success Act
 - CCCC reduced Head Start by 47
 - CCCC increased Duration by 100
 - CCCC increased Early Head Start by 64
 - Preschool Promise increased preschool slots by 161 throughout the county
- Across Clackamas County, programs have seen a decrease in enrollment. The number of slots haven't changed – demand has changed due to the pandemic.

CCCC Head Start Waitlist



Center Name	Feb 2017-18	Feb 2018-19	Feb 2019-20
Barlow	5	7	3
CCC	13	15	3
Estacada	4	4	5
Gladstone	24	8	2
Marylhurst	3	0	1
Mulino	7	3	0
Oak Grove	4	2	0
OCVM	21	11	3
River Road	21	17	12
Sandy Ridge	5	8	6
Wichita	49	41	20
King	0	0	1
Molalla	0	0	6
Total	156	116	62

CCCC Early Head Start Waitlist

Center Name	Feb 2017-18	Feb 2018-19	Feb 2019-20
CCC EHS	10	17	18
Wichita EHS	28	12	14
HB East County	6	5	2
HB Mid County	7	6	2
HB N County Bi	22	18	6
HB N County Sp	2	1	3
HB S County Bi	5	2	3
HB S County Sp	4	3	2

Preschool Promise Awards from SSA (161 total)

- This information is unchanged from last program year.

Clackamas Early Learning Hub / Centro de Aprendizaje Temprano de Clackamas

Tier 1 – Awarded / Nivel 1 - Otorgado

Application ID ID de Solicitud	Applicant Name Nombre del Solicitante	Awarded Slots Espacios Otorgados	Award Amount Cantidad de Subvención
PSP 273	Cheerful Hearts Child Care	14	\$ 168,000
PSP 772	Gladstone School District #115	18	\$ 216,000
PSP 090	Happy Valley Montessori School, LLC	20	\$ 240,000
PSP 580	Maryma's Preschool	9	\$ 108,000
PSP 394	Oregon Child Development Coalition, Inc.	10	\$ 120,000
PSP 633	Oregon Trail School District	18	\$ 222,750
PSP 589	Sunshine Early Learning Childcare Center	72	\$ 891,000

Other Publicly-Funded Preschools



Program	Location	# of Slots	Funding
OCDC Migrant Seasonal	Clackamas County	94	Region 12
OCDC - EHS	Clackamas County	32	Region 12
OCDC - Preschool Promise	Clackamas County	10	State
Head Start to Success (CESD)	Mt. Scott Elementary	96	State OPK
Head Start to Success (CESD)	Ackerman Center Preschool	72	State OPK
Head Start to Success (CESD)	Sandy Grade Preschool	54 (18 full day and 36 part day)	State OPK



COVID in Clackamas County

- In Clackamas County, over 19,000 cases of COVID-19 were reported.
- Approximately 1 in 22 county residents have reported having COVID-19.
- Clackamas County remains at high risk for unvaccinated residents.

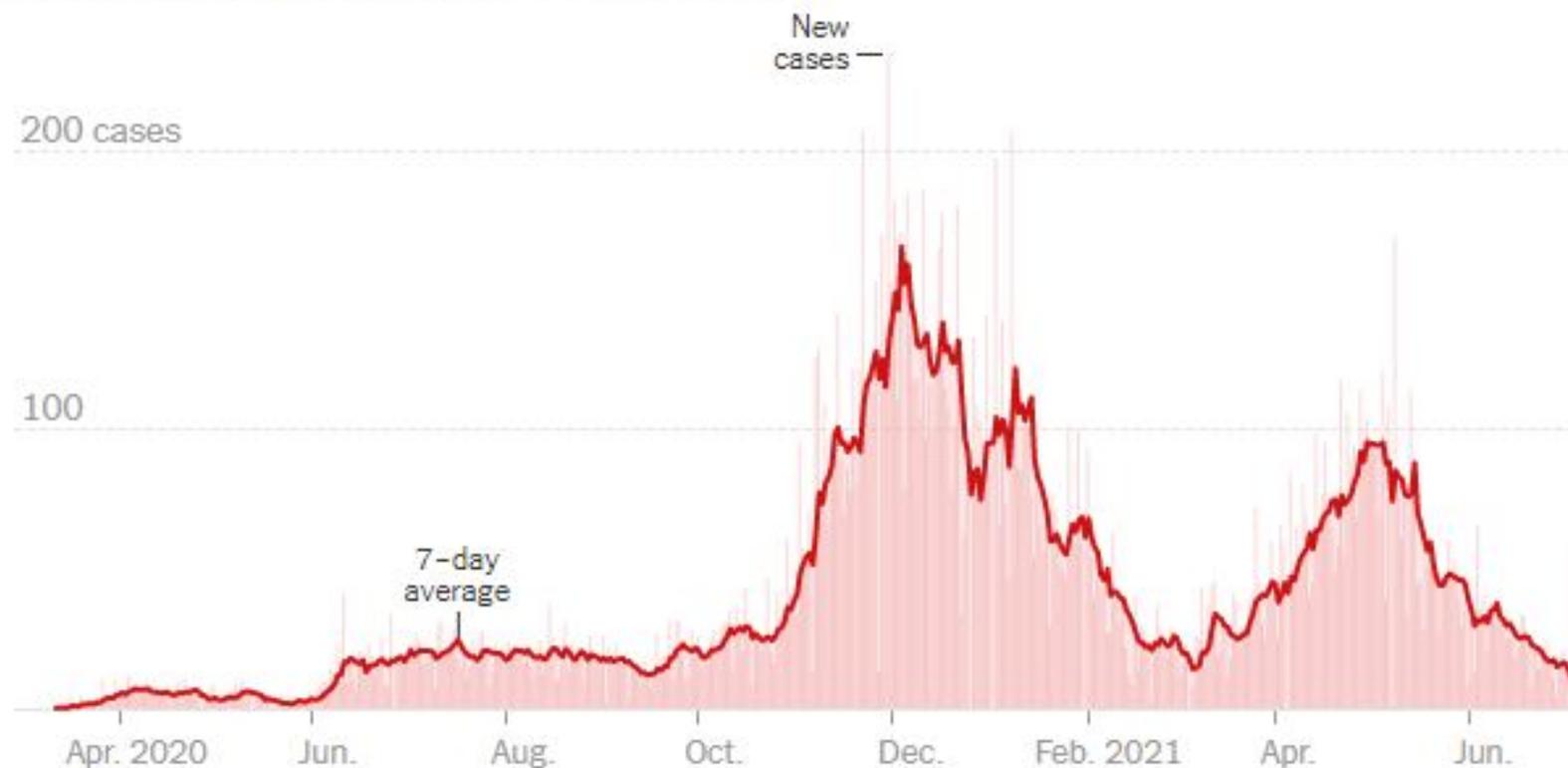
• *Source: NY Times COVID Tracker*



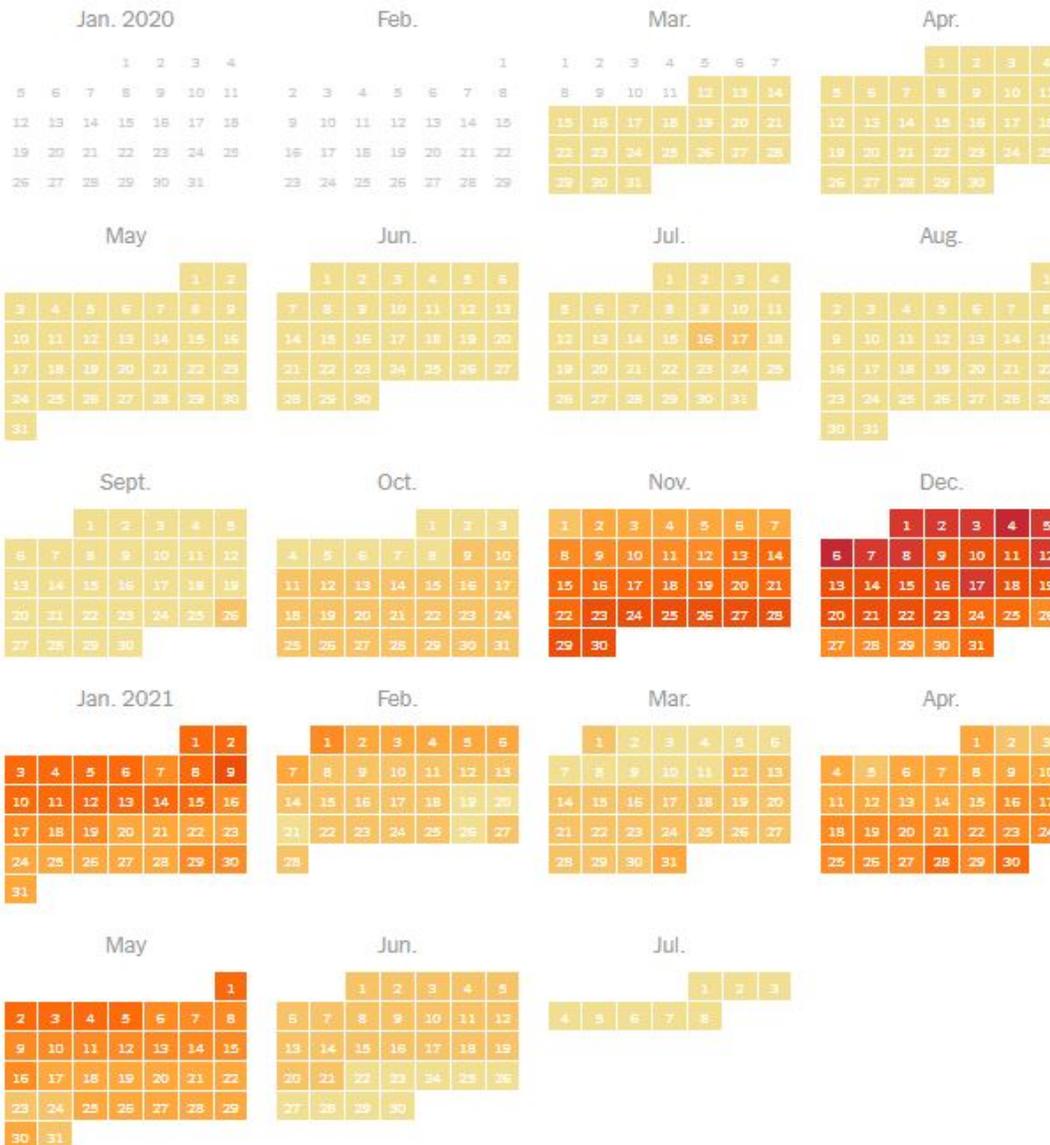
COVID in Clackamas County

Source: NY Times COVID Tracker

New reported cases throughout the pandemic



Average cases per capita





Rates of Homelessness

- <https://www.clackamas.us/homelessness/homelesscount.html>
- Clackamas County typically updates its rates of homelessness data every two years. This update was scheduled to be available by now, but that has not occurred.
- The most recent data is from the 2019 Point in Time count done by Clackamas County.
- From that data, we learned the following about our community:

• *Source: Clackamas County Point in Time Count*



Rates of Homelessness

- The number of people counted who experience homelessness in Clackamas County in 2019 was 1,166, a 9% increase from 2017.
- There was a significant decrease in the number of unsheltered people counted, likely because Clackamas County operated more warming shelters during the winter of 2018-19. The count of unsheltered people includes anyone who doesn't have permanent, stable housing.
- *Source: Clackamas County Point in Time Count*



Rates of Homelessness

- People of color are disproportionately experiencing homelessness in our county.
- Unaffordable rent, unemployment, eviction, interpersonal conflict and mental or emotional health issues were the most common problems faced by those who reported what caused them to leave their last living arrangement.
- The majority of those surveyed have been Clackamas County residents for two or more years, and primarily live in Oregon City, Clackamas, Molalla, Milwaukie, Sandy, Estacada or Canby.
- *Source: Clackamas County Point in Time Count*



Rates of Homelessness

- It's unclear how the pandemic impacted rates of homelessness.
- One important piece of information is that the state placed a moratorium on evictions for nonpayment and evictions without cause. This moratorium likely prevented many individuals and families from entering homelessness.
- This moratorium ended July 1, 2021. A limited extension was created, but does not protect all renters.

CCCC Rates of Enrolled Homeless Families



	2020-21 HS	2020-21 EHS	2019-20 HS	2019-20 EHS	2018-19 HS	2018-19 EHS
# of families experiencing homelessness	173	77	335	59	375	78
# of children experiencing homelessness	207	91	288	21	404	81
# of families who found housing during the program year	18	8	25	12	35	7

Significant Shifts: Demographics and Resources



- Source: www.blueprintclackamas.com
- Housing rates continue to rise – average cost of a home in Clackamas County increased 15% in the last year.
- Continued increase to minimum wage
- Communities with the highest needs: Milwaukie, Gladstone, Mulino and Molalla
- Families living in poverty greater in minority populations
- Approximately 10% of children under six years old are living at or below poverty.



Poverty Rates

- 9.3% of children under six years old are living at or below
- Minority families are living in poverty at a much greater rate than the average:
 - Hispanic/Latino – 16.5%
 - Black/African American – 16.4%
 - Other Race/Ethnicity – 14.4%
 - Asian – 11%
 - White/non-Hispanic – 7.9%
- *Source: Blueprint for a Healthy Clackamas County*



Food Insecurity

- Food insecurity – when someone is unable to acquire enough food to meet their needs, or is uncertain of where their next meal might come from.
- Local statistics on food insecurity have been incredibly difficult to locate. However, we know the pandemic has had an impact on families we serve anecdotally from direct-service staff.



Food Insecurity

- In Clackamas County, all school districts offered all students free school lunches during the 20-21 school year. Several districts are extending this offer throughout the 21-22 school year as well (Molalla River, Estacada
- Nationally, the data supports the local experience:



Food Insecurity

Pre-pandemic:

- 10.5% of US households experienced food insecurity (Source: USDA) – approximately 35 million people.
- Households with children were even more likely to experience food insecurity – 13.6% according to the USDA.
- For about 1/3 of those families, access to food was so limited that their eating patterns were disrupted and food intake was reduced.



Food Insecurity

Mid-pandemic:

- According to researchers at Northwestern University, food insecurity more than doubled as a result of the economic crisis brought on by the COVID outbreak – 23% of households experiencing food insecurity.
- Households with children were impacted more severely – nearly tripling to 29.5% of households with children who experience food insecurity.



Food Insecurity

- Black and Hispanic Americans are particularly disproportionately affected.
- According to the USDA, 19.1% of Black households and 15.6% of Hispanic households experienced food insecurity.
- White households experienced food security at a rate of 7.9%, below the national average.

Unemployment in Clackamas County



- Over a four year period from January 2016 to January 2020, the unemployment rate in Clackamas County typically hovered in the 3-4% range.
- Between February 2020 and April 2021, that average doubled to 7.3% during that span.
- This included three months (April, May and June 2020) where the unemployment rate was over 10% in the county.
- April 2020 was the highest single month at 12.2%.



Summary

- CCCC continues to support communities who demonstrate the greatest needs in the county.
- Unemployment rates have risen, making safe and reliable child care even more crucial to families.
- Food insecurity has increased greatly – CCCC's Nutrition services will continue to be a crucial support for the families we serve.