

Women: There were some bright spots in Count Her In report

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Harsh circumstances

The stark findings, pulled from surveys and federal and state reports, reflect harsh circumstances for Oregon's women in almost every facet of life:

- Nearly half say they've experienced a childhood traumatic event such as abuse or neglect, federal surveys have found.

- Nearly a quarter say they have been raped.

- Women across the state earn less than men, according to Census numbers. For women of color, the wage gap is much larger. Latinas, for instance, earn only 53 cents for every dollar earned by all men.

- And the foundation discovered nearly half of Oregon's counties have zero women serving on their county commissions, the government bodies usually responsible for doling out social services.

Advocates say the findings match hard data to an unsettling reality they've witnessed for years. Oregon's women and girls are struggling — with domestic abuse and sexual harassment, but also school attendance and substance abuse.

"We didn't have the data to back up our claims," said Elizabeth Nye, the executive director of Girls Inc. "You feel like you're just shouting into the wind, not being able to substantiate what you're saying."

Glimmer of hope

But Hildick, Nye and others say the report offers a glimmer of hope. Maybe now, they hope, policymakers will listen to pleas for help.

"It's a way to start conversations, to galvanize and bring energy to these issues," Nye said. "If you don't ever talk about it, or if you don't know it, it's just going to continue to be the same as it always has been. I really do think people will step up and say, 'This can't continue this way. We can do better.'"

The last comprehensive report on Oregon women and girls came out in 1998. That report, created by the Oregon Commission on Women and the Institute for Women's Policy, drew mostly from 1990 Census data.

Its findings were hopeful: Oregon women led the country in voter turnout, health insurance coverage and business ownership. They reported roughly average rates of

Clatsop County



INDICATOR	COUNTY W	COUNTY M	OR W	OR M
Population	18,879	18,357	1,971,290	1,929,053
Bachelor's degree rate	23%	24%	31%	30%
High school graduation rate	73%	67%	74%	66%
Labor force participation	54%	59%	58%	67%
Life expectancy (in years)	80.7	75.7	81.9	77.4
Local leadership rate	50%	50%	30%	70%
Poverty rate	17%	14%	16%	14%
Registered voter rate	62%	59%	60%	57%
Wage gap	\$0.76	\$1.00	\$0.79	\$1.00

INDICATOR	COUNTY	OREGON
Annual child care cost	\$7,380	\$11,976
Child care slots Per 100 children	17	17
Comprehensive reproductive health clinics	0	12
Domestic violence - Number of calls (2014)	1,606	92,516
Domestic violence - People in shelter (2014)	56	4,702
Economic mobility for girls	+\$1,925	
Households below self-sufficiency standard	35%	37%
10% Increase in EITC - additional dollars	\$298,859	\$29,112,120
10% Increase in EITC - additional participants	286	27,649
Sexual assault - Number of calls (2014)	1,096	12,434

Graphic by Count Her In

employment and earnings.

That data, nonprofit workers said, was no longer a useful guide for their programs.

"It was a different time," Emily Evans, the director of the Women's Foundation of Oregon, said about the 1990 Census. "The Berlin Wall had just come down. I was in first grade. Nobody had a computer in their house."

New data

For the new foundation's report, Evans started by talking to nonprofit leaders such as Nye about what kind of data might help their work.

Existing survey data didn't

always break down responses by race or income, Nye pointed out.

In Oregon, for instance, Nye said people assumed school-age girls were doing "fine" because they graduate at higher rates than boys do. But what about black and Latina girls? What about girls living in poverty? No one had data to show how they, specifically, were faring.

Evans' foundation first paid economists ECONorthwest to pull relevant federal, state and local numbers. Then the foundation conducted its own research. They trawled state, city and county governments



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Gov. Kate Brown speaks on the Capitol steps Wednesday at the Count Her in report release. The report ranks Oregon counties on many facets of women's lives.

to compile a list of female elected officials. And they supplemented their numbers with face-to-face interviews across the state.

On the road

Earlier this year, foundation workers and volunteers loaded up Evans' grandparents' 1985 motor home and went on the road. They visited 14 counties and talked to 1,000 women and girls. They held events in Spanish, Russian and Somali. They drove to the Umatilla reservation to talk with Native American women.

The 28-foot motorhome doubled as a listening booth. There, women recorded their own histories. The data said wages are low and daycare costs are high. Evans said women knew that, intimately, from trying to juggle their career aspirations with their role as caretakers.

"Oregon and women know what's wrong," Evans said. "There was no disagreement with what the data said. These challenges are felt every day."

The data, for instance, revealed high rates of sexual violence across the state. On the road, women told foundation staff and volunteers that their communities are ill-equipped to support survivors. Hospitals lack trained sexual assault nurse examiners, as well as the money to process physical evidence like rape kits.

In Newport, one woman described waiting days without a shower after her assault because no one at her local hospital was trained to examine her. She eventually drove to

Corvallis to receive help.

Data collected from a child care advocacy group showed the cost of child care in Oregon is the second most expensive state in the country for infant care — a statewide average of \$11,322 a year — and the fourth most expensive for toddler care, with a statewide average of \$8,797. A single parent making the median income of \$22,000 would have to spend half her salary to put an infant in daycare.

"There is a reckoning coming," Evans said. "We have this perception of ourselves as a progressive state and a great place to live. When we dive into the data, we're finding it's incredibly challenging for women and girls in Oregon, more challenging than it is in many, if not most, other states. But there is something hopeful about finally knowing the full measure of the problem. Then we can move past the speculation of whether it is a problem and move toward creating solutions together."

Lawmakers

A few policymakers have indicated they plan to join that quest.

Rep. Knute Buehler, R-Bend, first heard about the report when his wife attended a listening session in Bend. He contacted the foundation and asked for a copy of their findings.

"I'm a physician by training, so I'm a data-driven guy," Buehler said. "I try to stay away from the tired partisan arguments. I just try to look at the data and not ask if it's a Repub-

lican or Democratic idea, but what's the best idea to solve the problem?"

Buehler called the report "really top-notch work" and said it will help guide him in the coming months. Buehler, who pushed legislation 2015 that made it easier for women to obtain birth control prescriptions, plans to use the data next year as he works on bills aimed at improving mental health and suicide prevention.

The report, citing state and federal data, said 9 percent of Oregon women report having seven or more drinks a day — the highest rate in the nation and nearly double the national average of 5 percent. On their listening tour, the researchers found 70 percent of women told them they "faced a mental health issue that adversely affected" their jobs, home life or health.

"Good policy will be produced from such great foundational efforts," he said.

The group found some bright spots.

Oregon women vote at higher rates than Oregon men, and at higher rates than women in most other states. Oregon women serve in statewide elected office at some of the highest rates in the country. And they give charitably and volunteer their time at higher rates than Oregon men and than women in most other states.

"Women and girls in Oregon are giving a lot but getting less than women and girls in other states," Evans said. "Imagine how much they could give if they weren't facing all these daily challenges."

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TV LISTINGS

Evening listings THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING											SEPTEMBER 22		
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "Undo" (SP) (N)	Notorious "Pilot" (P) (N)	Murder "We're Good People Now" (N)	KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Grey's Anatomy "Undo" (SP) (N)	Notorious "Pilot" (P) (N)	Murder "We're Good People Now" (N)	KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
4	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Superstore (SP) (N) GoodPlace (N)	Chicago Med "Soul Care" (SP) (N)	The Blacklist "Esteban" (SP) (N)	KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show			
5	KOIN	(5:25) NFL Football Houston Texans at New England Patriots (L)				(15) Game On	Extra	Ent. Tonight	KOIN Local 6		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert	
6	KIRO	(5:25) NFL Football Houston Texans at New England Patriots (L)				(15) KIRO 7 Post Game Show (L)	KIRO 7 News		Steve Raible's Scouting Report		KIRO News	(35) S. Colbert	
7	KGW	(3) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at Seven	Inside Edition	Superstore (SP) (N) GoodPlace (N)	Chicago Med "Soul Care" (SP) (N)	The Blacklist "Esteban" (SP) (N)	KGW News at 10	(2) Two and a Half	KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show	
8	KRCW	(3) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Flash "The Runaway Dinosaur"	Supernatural "We Happy Few"	KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother			
9	KOPB	(10) In the Americas	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Oregon Art Beat	OPB Music	Shetland "Blue Lightning" Pt. 1 of 2	Scott & Bailey "A Matter of Rank"		The Widower Pt. 2 of 2		
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Rosewood (N)	Pitch "Pilot" (P) (N)	10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls		
11	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	Mentalist "Like a Redheaded Stepchild"		The Mentalist "Rhapsody in Red"			
12	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Rosewood (N)	Pitch "Pilot" (P) (N)	Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	The Simpsons		
13	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Conan (N)	
14	KSNZ	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends	
15	ESPN	(29) NCAA Football Clemson at Georgia Tech (L)				SportsCenter The day's news in the world of sports.	SportsCenter	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	30 for 30 "Brian and the Boz"		SportsCenter	SportsCenter	
16	ESPN2	(30) Hockey World Cup (L)				World Cup Studio	NFL Live	Baseball Tonight (L)					
17	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	Garfield: The Movie '04 Breckin Meyer.	Full House	Full House 1/2	Full House 2/2	Friends	Friends	Friends	
18	DISN	(32) Backstage (N)	K.C. Undercover	Elena of Avalor	Elena of Avalor	★★ Bolt '08, Animated) Voices of Miley Cyrus, John Travolta. (1:45) Bunk'd	(10) Bizaardvark	(35) Best Friends	Backstage	K.C. Undercover			
19	FAM	(34) (5:00) ★★★ Forrest Gump '94, Comedy/Drama	Gump '94, Comedy/Drama	Sally Field, Gary Sinise, Tom Hanks.	★★ Julie and Julia (2009, Biography) Amy Adams, Stanley Tucci, Meryl Streep.								
20	FMC	(35) Movie	(50) ★★ Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (12) Ben Stiller.			(35) FXM Presents	★★ Little Man '06 Marlon Wayans, Keenen Ivory Wayans.	(55) FXM Presents	Wanderlust '12, Com) Jennifer Aniston.				
21	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy "This Magic Moment"	Project Runway "Road to the Runway"	Project Runway: Social Thread (N)	Project Runway "Just Fabulous!" (N)								
22	RST	(38) Bull Riding Championship	H.S. Football Graham-Kapowsin vs. Summer (L)										
23	FOOT	(39) UFC Fight Night											
24	SPIKE	(43) (5:00) ★★ S.W.A.T. '03, Action) Colin Farrell, Michelle Rodriguez, Samuel L. Jackson.	★★★ Four Brothers (2005, Action) Tyrese Gibson, André Benjamin, Mark Wahlberg.	★★★ S.W.A.T. (2003, Action) Colin Farrell, Samuel L. Jackson.									
25	COM	(44) (2:00) Futurama	(50) Futurama	(25) South Park "Member Berries"	(55) South Park	Jeff Dunham: Unhinged in Hollywood	Insanity Join Jeff Dunham and his dummies for comedic relief.	The Daily Show (N) @midnight (N)					
26	HIST	(45) Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Ice Road Truckers "Into the Fire"	Ice Road Truckers "Hell Nino" (N)	(05) Ice Road Truckers "Hell Nino"					
27	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Million Dollar Question"	The First 48 "Night Run"	60 Days In	(45) 60 Days In	60 Days In "Criminal Justice" (N)	Behind Bars: Rookie "Boiling Point" (N)	(05) First 48 "Dark Corners/ Gundown"					
28	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	My 600-lb Life "Milla's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Chad's Story"	Extreme Weight Loss "Robert and Raymond"	Deadliest Catch "Pacific Fury"	Huntwatch (2016, Documentary) Ryan Reynolds. (P)					
29	DISC	(48) Sacred Steel Bikes "Indigo Moon"	Russia and West "David Mann Chopper"	Russia and West "Putin Takes Control"	Behind the scenes of Vladimir Putin's reign.	Facing "Putin"							
30	TNT	(50) Castle "Dressed to Kill"	Castle "Smells Like Teen Spirit"	★★★ Bad Boys II (2003, Action) Will Smith, Jordi Mollà, Martin Lawrence.	★★★ True Grit (2010, Adventure) Matt Damon, Hailee Steinfeld, Jeff Bridges.	★★★ Open Range '03, Western) Kevin Costner, Robert Duvall.							
31	AMC	(51) (5:30) ★★★ Back to the Future III '90	Christopher Lloyd, Michael J. Fox.	★★★ Bolt '08, Animated) Voices of Miley Cyrus, John Travolta. (1:45) Bunk'd	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
32	USA	(52) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Poisoned Motive"	Chopped "Dread and Breakfast"	Chopped	Chopped "Kefir And Loathing" (N)	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay
33	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner!"	Chopped "Dread and Breakfast"	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped "Dread and Breakfast"	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)
34	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop
35	FX	(56) (4:00) The Wolverine Hugh Jackman.	★★★ Captain America: The Winter Soldier (2014, Action) Scarlett Johansson, Sebastian Stan, Chris Evans.	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Better Things (N)	Better Things	Better Things	Better Things	Better Things	Better Things	Better Things	Better Things
36	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360
37	FNC	(58) The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor	The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	On the Record					
38	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	Amer. Greed "Family Fortune Feud" (N)	American Greed "The Bad Neighbors"	American Greed: Scam	American Greed "Family Fortune Feud"	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
39	BRAV	(63) (5:30) Million Dollar Listing New York "Real Men Wear Pink ... Tutus"	[Million Dollar Listing New York "Seaportlandia"	Million Dollar Listing New York (N)	Million Dollar Listing New York (N)	Million Dollar Listing New York (N)	Million Dollar Listing New York	WatchWhat (N)	Below Deck				
40	TCM	(64) (5:00) The Magnificent Seven	(15) ★★ The Secret Six (1931, Mystery) Clark Gable, Jean Harlow, Wallace Beery.	★★ Five Came Back '39) John Carradine, Chester Morris.	Convicts 4 (1962, Drama) Stuart Whitman, Ben Gazzara.								
41	SYFY	(65) Movie	★★ Doom (2005, Sci-Fi) The Rock, Rosamund Pike, Karl Urban.	★★★★ G.I. Joe: Retaliation (2013, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Adrianne Palicki, Channing Tatum.	Movie								
42	RFD	(162) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America "Live" "Tomlyn"	Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library		

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