

# Is Zip Code Destiny? Economic Mobility and Belonging in Oregon

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Take a minute to think about the neighborhood

you grew up in.

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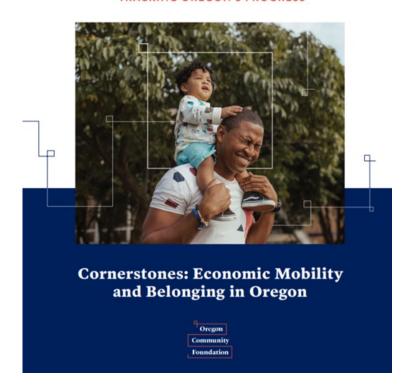
# The Opportunity Gap

Children from low-income families, children of color, and children in under-resourced rural communities have access to fewer opportunities.



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Children born today are unlikely to earn as much as their parents when they reach adulthood.

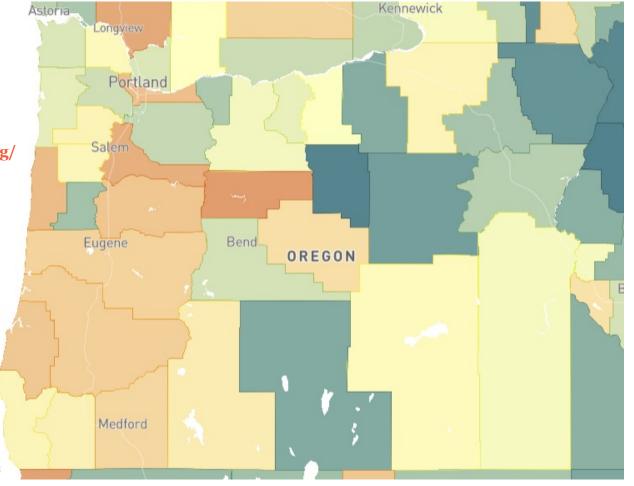
Children impacted by the opportunity gap are even less likely to get ahead.



# Opportunity Atlas

https://www.opportunityatlas.org/

Household Income at Age 35 for Children of Low Income Parents



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# Key Findings from the Opportunity Atlas

**Neighborhood matters.** Children who grow up just a few miles apart often experience vastly different outcomes.

Structural racism and discrimination play an important role in opportunity. Outcomes vary by gender and by race/ethnicity for children growing up in the same neighborhoods.

When we change neighborhoods, we change too. The longer children live in high opportunity neighborhoods, the more they earn as adults.

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## High-opportunity neighborhoods

Places where children born in poverty are likely to earn more than their parents in adulthood

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Neighborhood Factors That Matter For Opportunity

Employment rates School quality

Integration (racial/economic)

Social capital





What would need to shift in your neighborhood

to better support low-income children and families?

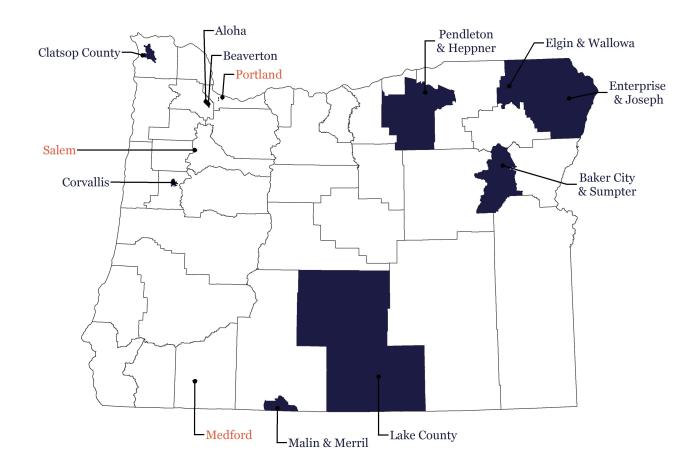
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# Economic Mobility in Oregon

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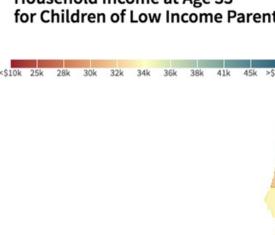
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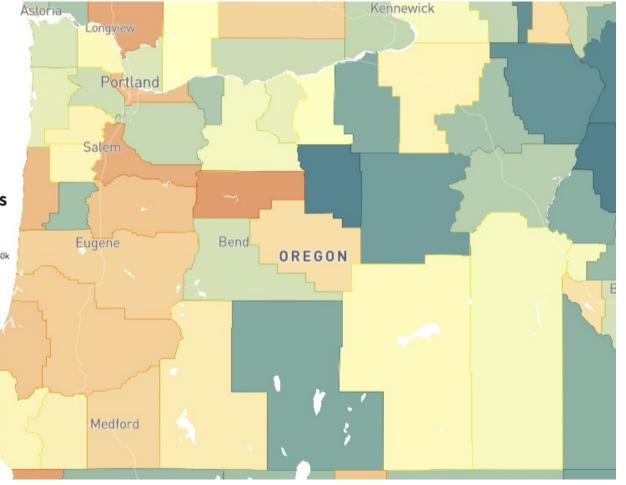
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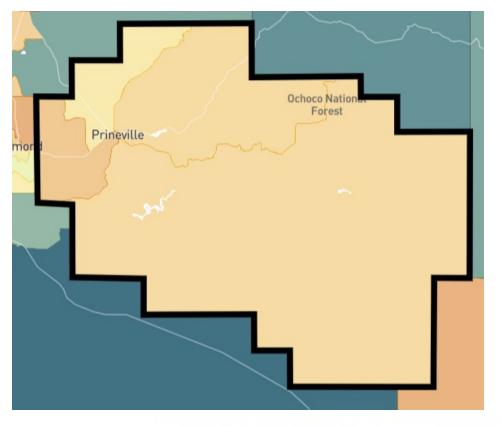
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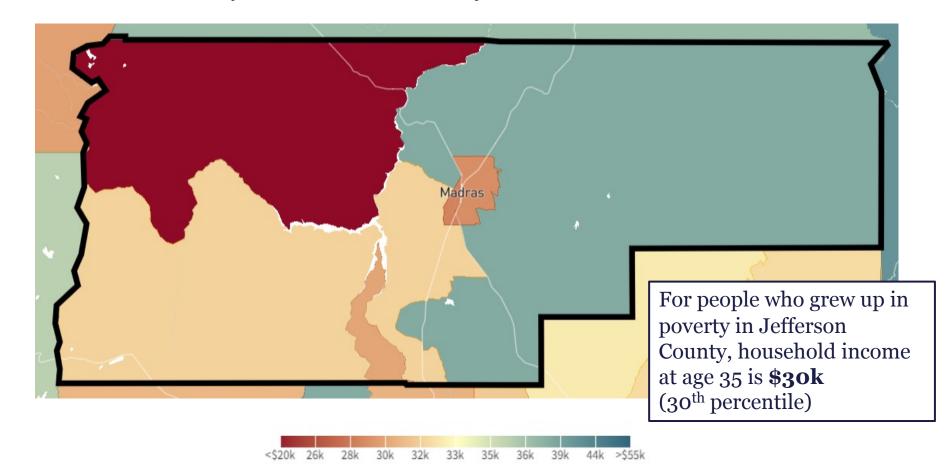


## Economic Mobility in **Crook County**

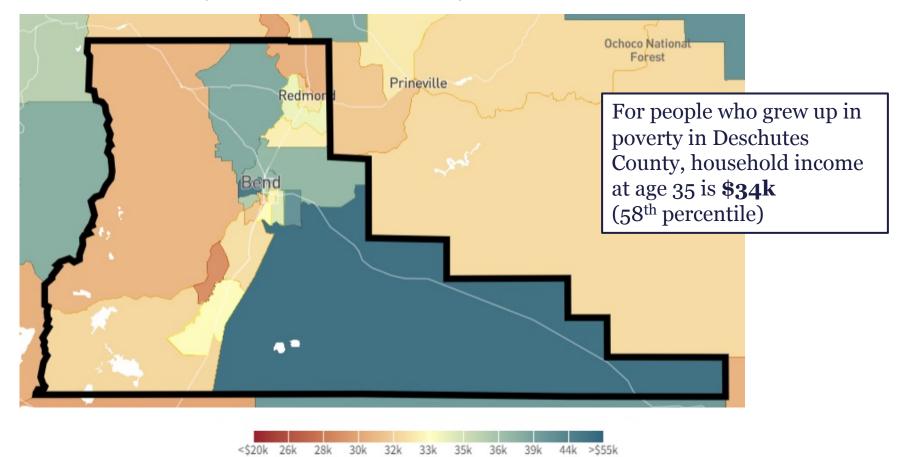


For people who grew up in poverty in Crook County, household income at age 35 is \$32k (44<sup>th</sup> percentile)

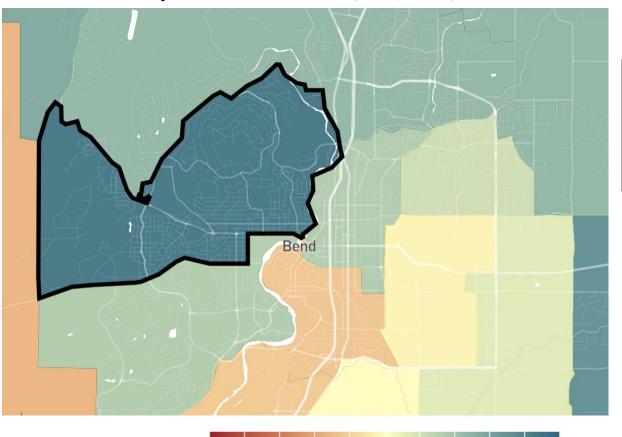
# Economic Mobility in **Jefferson County**



## Economic Mobility in **Deschutes County**



## Economic Mobility in **Bend** (Tract 41017001300)



For people who grew up in poverty in this census tract, household income at age 35 is \$44k (88th percentile)

# Thank you!

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