

Struggling Families in Each Oregon Congressional District Need SNAP Improved, Not Cut

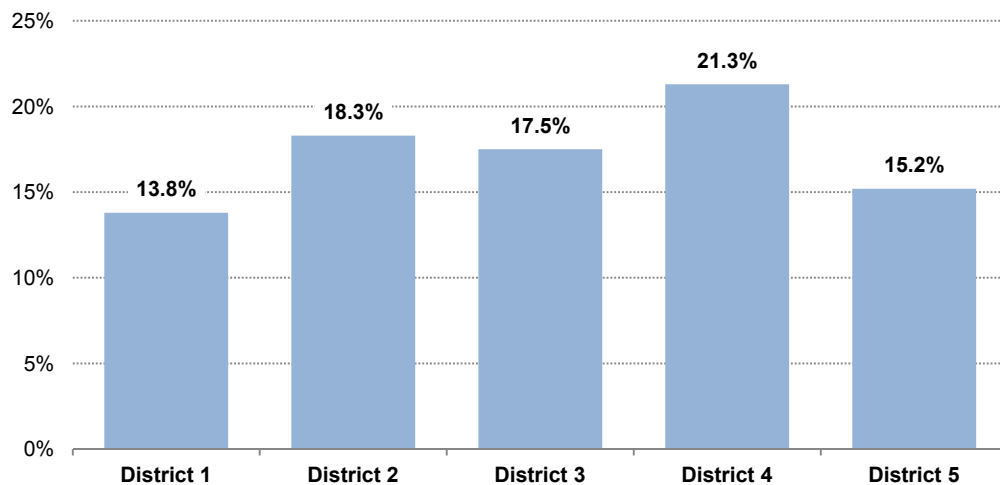
There's a disconnect between debates inside the halls of Congress and the economic reality back home. Just as the U.S. Census Bureau releases the results of its annual American Community Survey (ACS) showing widespread poverty, inadequate incomes and too many lacking health insurance, Congress is debating draconian cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps.

The new ACS data on poverty and food stamp program use show the grim reality facing Oregonians across the state: each congressional district has a large share of families struggling to make ends meet. These families need Congress to improve, not cut, SNAP.

The following four graphs tell the story.¹

Poverty is Too High Throughout Oregon

(2012 Poverty Rate by Oregon Congressional District)

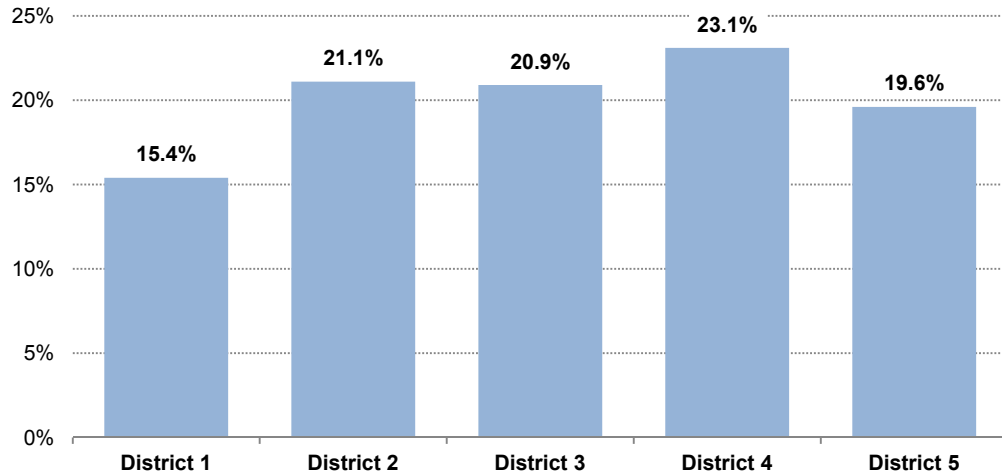


Source: OCPP analysis of American Community Survey data.

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SNAP Is Critical to Families in All Congressional Districts

(Share of 2012 Population Receiving SNAP Benefits by Oregon Congressional District)

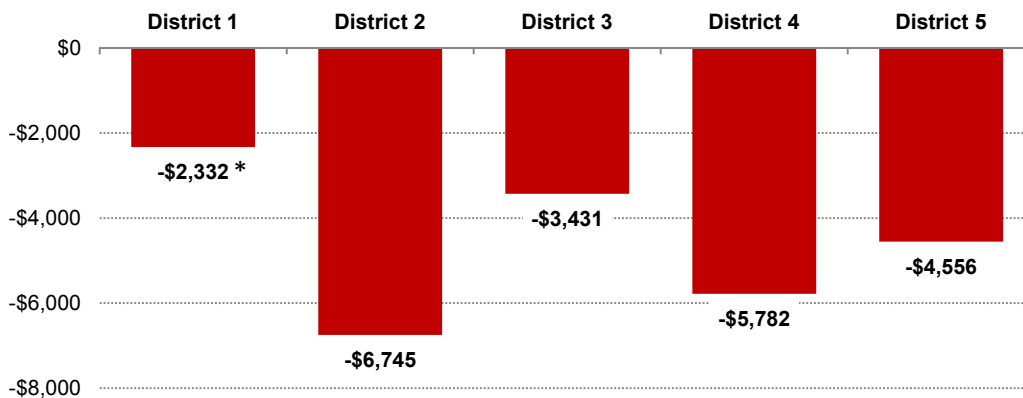


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In 4 out of 5 Congressional Districts, the Typical Household Earned Less in 2012 than Prior to the Great Recession

(Inflation-Adjusted Change in Median Household Income from 2007 through 2012 by Oregon Congressional District)

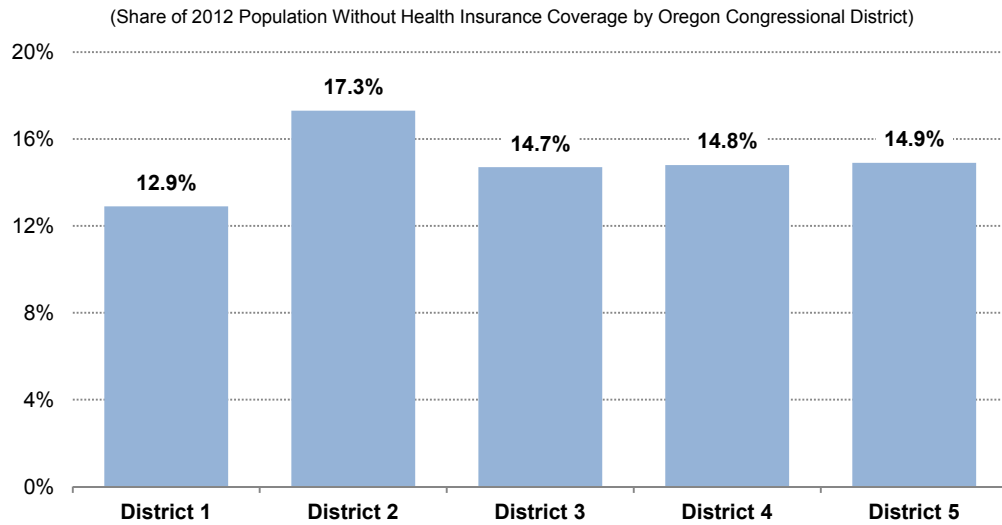


Note: Redistricting may account for some portion of this change since the 2007 data is prior to redistricting and 2012 is after redistricting. Asterisk indicates that there is no statistically significant difference between the median household income in 2007 and that in 2012. Figures have been adjusted for inflation using CPI-U-RS.

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Too Many Oregonians Lack Health Insurance Coverage



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Endnotes

¹ Due to sample sizes and margin of error, it isn't always possible to rank or compare congressional districts to one another on these measures. The differences between districts have not been tested for statistical significance. Rather, these charts are intended to show only the estimated levels and rates within each district.

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