

NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENT WATCH

June 25, 2003

Media contact:

Elisa Murray, Northwest Environment Watch
206-447-1880, ext. 111, elisa@northwestwatch.org

Falling Behind: Economic Security State by State

	Washington	Oregon	Idaho	Northwest states	United States
<u>Population</u>					
1990	4,903,043	2,860,375	1,012,384	8,775,802	249,622,814
2002	6,068,996	3,521,515	1,341,131	10,931,642	288,368,698
Change	1,165,953	661,140	328,747	2,155,840	38,745,884
Percent change	24	23	32	25	16
<u>Total personal income (thousands of 2001 dollars)</u>					
1990	128,890,962	68,524,837	21,084,206	218,500,005	6,416,140,321
2002	195,212,709	99,592,325	33,079,278	327,884,312	8,782,642,779
Change	66,321,747	31,067,488	11,995,071	109,384,307	2,366,502,458
Percent change	51	45	57	50	37
<u>Per capita personal income (2001 dollars)</u>					
1990	26,288	23,957	20,826	24,898	25,703
2002	32,166	28,281	24,665	29,994	30,456
Change	5,878	4,325	3,839	5,096	4,753
Percent change	22	18	18	20	18
<u>Percent of population below federal poverty line*</u>					
1990	9.1	10.3	13.3	9.7	13.5
2001	10.1	11.9	12.7	11.2	11.7
Change	1.0	1.6	(0.6)	1.4	(1.8)

**For individual states, values are averaged over 3 years to improve statistical reliability; for Northwest states and United States, 1990 and 2001 values are used. Therefore, figures for individual states may not add up to Northwest totals.*

	Washington	Oregon	Idaho	Northwest states	United States
--	------------	--------	-------	---------------------	------------------

Number of people in poverty*

**For individual states, values are averaged over 3 years to improve statistical reliability; for Northwest states and United States, 1990 and 2001 values are used. Therefore, figures for individual states may not add up to Northwest totals.*

1990	430,000	293,000	136,000	858,000	33,584,000
2001	589,000	406,000	162,000	1,193,000	32,907,000
Change	159,000	113,000	26,000	335,000	(677,000)

Unemployment rate

1990	4.9	5.6	5.9	5.3	5.6
2002	7.3	7.5	5.8	7.2	5.8
Change	2.4	1.9	(0.1)	1.9	0.2

Median Income (2001 dollars)

1988–1990	44,238	39,227	33,646	41,145	39,439
1999–2001	44,835	42,701	38,310	43,101	42,873
Change	596	3,474	4,664	1,957	3,433
Percent change	1	9	14	5	9

Average household income, top quintile (2001 dollars)

1988–1990	111,130	102,602	90,156	106,352	115,196
1999–2001	142,200	134,369	125,492	137,951	145,345
Change	31,070	31,766	35,336	31,599	30,149
Percent Change	28	31	39	30	26

Average household income, bottom quintile (2001 dollars)

1988–1990	12,902	10,505	9,053	11,389	9,493
1999–2001	11,308	11,196	10,673	11,162	10,378
Change	(1,593)	691	1,619	(227)	885
Percent change	(12)	7	18	(2)	9