WASHINGTON, D.C. – In releasing its fifth annual 50-State Report Card on Reproductive Health and Rights, the Population Institute lowered the U.S. grade from a “D+” to a “D”. The report card, the most comprehensive report card of its kind, tracks multiple indicators of reproductive health and rights, including access to family planning and abortion services.

The Institute’s president Robert Walker said, “For the past five years, reproductive health and rights in the U.S. have been on a slippery slope.” Five years ago nine states received an “F”. In this year’s report card 20 states received a failing grade. Walker warned, however, “The worst may be yet to come, as Congress and the new Administration are expected to slash federal funding for family planning and comprehensive sex education. The slippery slope is becoming a free fall.”

Walker emphasized that “It’s not just abortion rights that are under siege; it’s also access to family planning services, and when women are denied access to contraception everyone loses: there are more unintended pregnancies, more abortions, and higher health care costs.”

This year’s report card also draws attention to “a growing national divide” on reproductive health and rights, and Walker warned that Oregon, while on the right side of the national divide, is still falling short in some areas, and those failures, in turn, can contribute to higher rates of unintended and unwanted pregnancies, including teen pregnancies.

OREGON RECEIVED AN “A”, IN PART, BECAUSE:

Oregon mandates comprehensive sex education in public schools, covering abstinence, HIV prevention, and different methods of contraception. Oregon also requires that the education be medically accurate.

Oregon offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid.

Oregon has no laws that make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so.

Oregon explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

OREGON RECEIVED A “PLUS” BECAUSE IT MANDATES THAT SEX EDUCATION INCLUDE INFORMATION ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND THAT IT BE INCLUSIVE

Only 21 states received a “B-” or higher. Just five states (California, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington) received an “A”. The following states received a failing grade in 2016: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Oregon is doing better than most states, but still has room for improvement.

Walker noted that several factors accounted for Oregon’s grade including prevention and affordability.

Using eleven criteria, the Institute’s report card ranked each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia on four broad indicators relating to reproductive health and rights: effectiveness, prevention, affordability, and access. Based upon their composite scores (0-100), each state received a “core” grade (A, B, C, D or F), but some states received an additional “plus” or a “minus” for factors not reflected in the core grade.

Federal support for reproductive health and rights could suffer a major reversal in 2017. Congress and the new Administration are expected to curtail access to contraceptive services by blocking all funding for Planned Parenthood, defunding Title X, a 48-year old program that provides support to family planning clinics serving low-income households, and eliminating the Affordable Care Act’s no-cost birth control mandate. Walker noted that “In the past five years most of the slippage on reproductive health has occurred at the state level, but this year could see unprecedented setbacks at the national level, including cuts in funding for comprehensive sex education in the schools and a return to abstinence only programs which have been proven to be ineffective.”

Walker stressed that this year’s report card should be “an urgent call to action” for anyone who is concerned about reproductive health and rights. “As disappointing as 2016 was, 2017 could be a whole lot worse.”
# Oregon

## Effectiveness

### Teen Pregnancy Rate

11.5/15  
Oregon has a teen pregnancy rate of 44 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 30 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Oregon has achieved 76.6% of the objective.

### Unintended Pregnancy Rate

14.3/15  
46% of Oregon’s total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Oregon has achieved 95.5% of the target rate.

## Prevention

### Sex Education

15/15  
Oregon mandates comprehensive sex education in public schools, covering abstinence, HIV prevention, and different methods of contraception. Oregon also requires that the education be medically accurate.

### Access to Emergency Contraception

5/5  
Oregon mandates that emergency rooms provide information about emergency contraception and dispense it upon request.

### Minors Access to Contraception

5/5  
Oregon explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

## Affordability

### Medicaid Expansion

15/15  
Oregon has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions

5/5  
Oregon offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of a waiver, is offered to people with income levels up to 250% of the federal poverty line. The family planning expansion is also extended to include men as well as individuals under the age of 19.

### Insurance Coverage of Abortion

5/5  
Oregon does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

## Access

### Abortion Restrictions

10/10  
Oregon has no laws that make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so.

### TRAP Laws

5/5  
Oregon has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

### Abortion Access

3/5  
31% of women in Oregon live in a county without an abortion provider.

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For the complete report card and additional information, please visit: [www.populationinstitute.org/reportcard](http://www.populationinstitute.org/reportcard)

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