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Oregon is the nation's #5 highest food stamp state per capita. ⁽¹⁾

It's because our overly generous government benefits are known nationally, causing a mass exodus of needy people to leave their home states and to move to Oregon which overwhelms our local services.

Oregon was called "Welfare utopia" by Atlantic magazine. Homeless shelters in other states refer to Portlandia as "Free-landia" for the free stuff they offer to people in need. California non-profits began referring non-citizens to move to Oregon to use the free hotel program for non-citizens. This overwhelmed the program and it quickly ran out of money.

Oregon continues to offer non-citizens hand-outs that most places do not offer.

- Free \$29 million hotel program for non-citizens -- (Oregonian 2/5/24)
- Free \$30,000 grants offered for first time non-citizen homebuyers -- (Newsweek 8/26/24)
- Free \$1,000 monthly checks for non-citizen homeless youth -- (OPB 1/26/24)
- Free bonus \$120 summer checks for groceries -- (OSBA.org, 6/6/24)

Offering food stamps, which carry no nutritional requirements (you can buy unlimited junk food), is the worst form of food assistance compared to local charities that offer a healthier food program and human face-to-face interaction. Also, Oregon is faulted for having less protection against abuse for their food stamp program than other states which makes this program ripe for cheaters and exploiters.

**Read below and ask yourself,
how much longer can this trend last!!!!**



Oregon as #5 food stamp. U.S. News & World Report, 3/16/23
chart from pandemic data from 2022.