

Multnomah County

Executive Order 23-02 Community Plan overview



On Jan. 10, 2023, Governor Kotek signed Executive Order 23-02, declaring a state of emergency due to unsheltered homelessness in seven Continuum of Care regions across the state. The Governor chose the regions based on the 2022 Point-in-Time Count data, which showed an increase in unsheltered homelessness of 50% or greater since 2017.

In alignment with the emergency order, the Governor proposed House Bill 5019 to provide a down payment to achieve three actionable goals by Jan. 10, 2024:



A whole-community approach

Oregon's response to this crisis requires bold action and coordination between government agencies and service providers. That's why Oregon created Multi Agency Coordination (MAC) Groups that include representatives from multiple sectors. Multnomah County leads the region's MAC group, and their membership includes representatives from the City of Portland,, City of Gresham, Portland Bureau of Emergency Management,, Multnomah County Office of Emergency Management, Joint Office of Homeless Services, Multnomah County Health Department, Multnomah County Department of County Human Services, Safe Streets Coordination Center (SSCC), HealthShare, Home Forward, Portland Housing Bureau and community partners and service providers.

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The Multnomah County MAC group leveraged knowledge from previous work by the Joint Office of Homeless Services, A Home for Everyone, guidance provided by the Welcome Home Coalition, the 2023 HereTogether Road Map, the Supportive Services Oversight Committee, and their Continuum of Care Board. The MAC group will review data and amend their plan throughout the year to ensure they meet their region's goals.

Comparison of unsheltered homelessness and overall population by race in Multnomah County

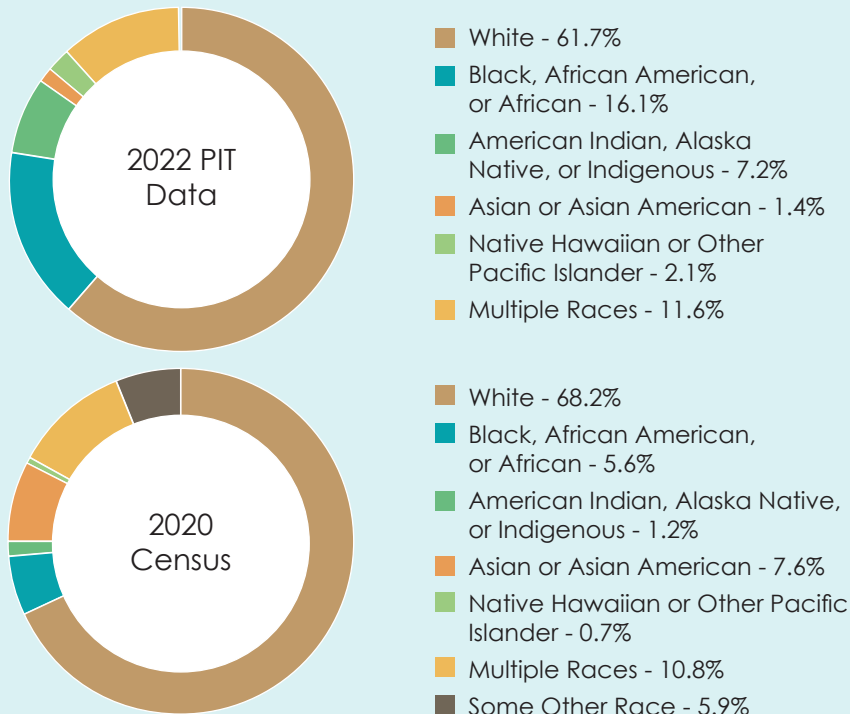
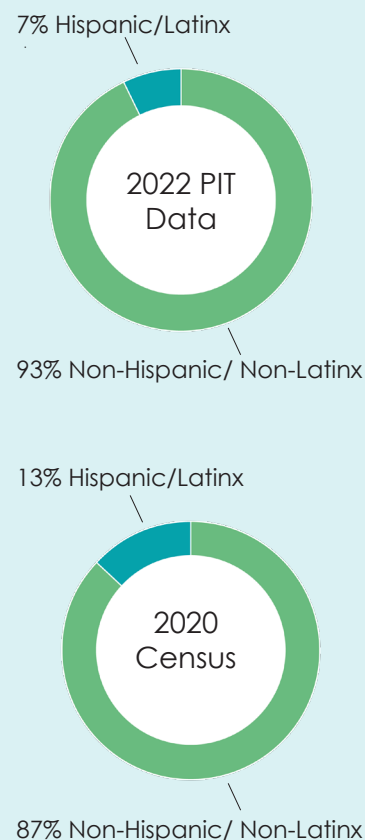


Figure A. Racial disparities within the unsheltered homeless populations in Multnomah County. In this region, 1.2% of all residents self-identify as American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous, while 7.2% of the unsheltered homeless population self-identify that way. The Black, African American, or African population makes up 5.6% of all residents and 16.1% of the unsheltered homeless population. The Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander population makes up 0.7% of all residents and 2.1% of the unsheltered homeless population. Additionally, one out of every 32 people who self identify as American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous experience unsheltered homelessness, compared to one out of every 165 White residents.

Comparison of unsheltered homelessness and overall population by ethnicity in Multnomah County



Rehousing goal

Housing navigators in Multnomah County will use existing housing provider relationships and expand recruitment and retention strategies to secure additional rental units. Their strategies include payment of application fees, move-in costs, and monthly rent and utilities. Retention services will include monthly rental and utility assistance, help accessing medical and behavioral health care, long-term housing planning, income development resources, and support as requested and needed by the household. The Multnomah MAC group will develop a housing response team that will be available on nights and weekends to provide landlord mediation, intervention, and other services.

Rehouse
186 unsheltered households
by Jan. 10, 2024

Shelter bed goal

Multnomah County plans to create eligible shelter units by expanding low-barrier alternative shelter capacity and providing critical support services to help people rapidly move back into housing. The City of Portland's S.E. Gideon Street Temporary Alternative Shelter Site will provide low-barrier sleeping units in a secure, staffed, and supportive shelter program.

Add
140 low-barrier shelter beds
by Jan. 10, 2024