

Washington 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 includes representatives from multiple sectors. Washington County leads the region's MAC group, and their membership includes representatives from Washington County Emergency Management, the City of Beaverton, Beaverton Emergency Management, the City of Hillsboro, Hillsboro Emergency Management, the City of Tigard, Tigard Emergency Management, the City of Forest Grove, Open Door HousingWorks, Sequoia, New Narrative, Centro Cultural, Community Action, Oregon Department of Human Services, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District, and the Veterans Administration.

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Washington County has conducted extensive community engagement for both ongoing homeless services system management and recent system improvement and scaling efforts. Priorities for this planning effort were derived from recent planning efforts tied to the Metro Supportive Housing Services program and Continuum of Care planning. The Washington MAC group also reviewed recent data, including Census data and 2022 Point in Time Count Data, System Performance Measure outcomes, and current system inventory and planned investments. 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 Washington County

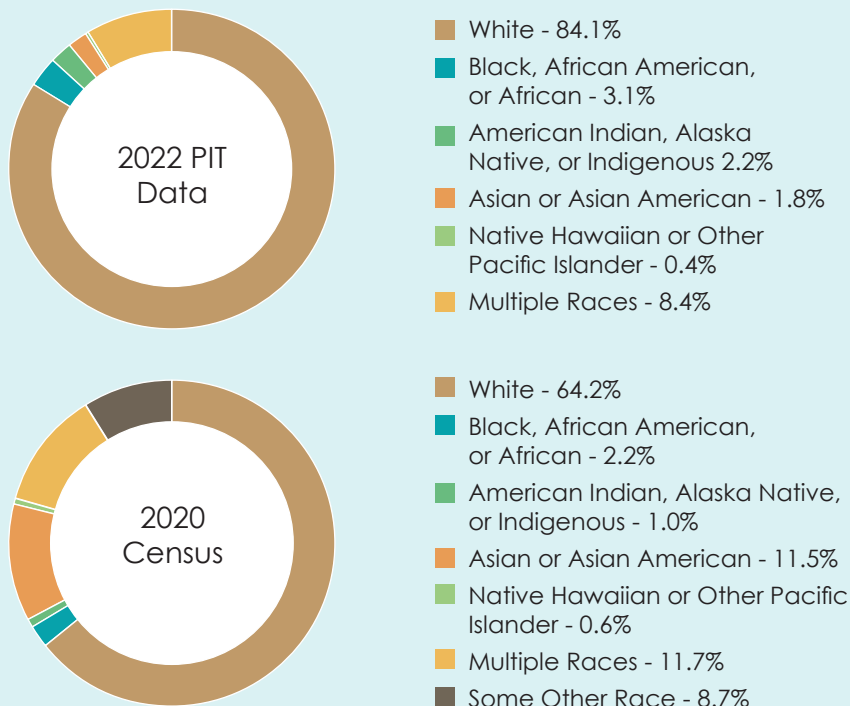
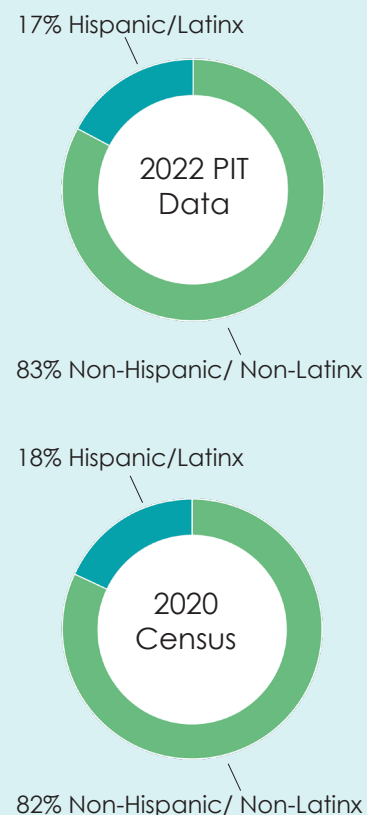


Figure A. Racial disparities within the unsheltered homeless populations in Washington County. In this region, 1.0% of all residents self-identify as American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous, while 2.2% of the unsheltered homeless population self-identify that way. The Black, African American, or African population makes up 2.2% of all residents and 3.1% of the unsheltered homeless population.

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



Rehousing goal

Washington County will collaborate with local housing providers to create a pool of rental housing available to re-house households from unsheltered homelessness. They anticipate using funds to cover housing provider’s holding fees, signing bonuses and cleaning fees, as well as provide security deposits and rental assistance.

Rehouse
121 unsheltered households
by Jan. 10, 2024

Shelter bed goal

Washington County plans to continue to provide on-site, housing focused case management at 13 emergency shelter sites, with extended capacity thanks to new funding. Services include housing-focused case management, family reunification transportation assistance, housing problem-solving assistance, and flexible emergency funding. They will also prepare two additional non-congregate shelter sites and purchase 60 small structures or “pods” to increase capacity at two shelter sites.

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