Continuum of Care Board Meeting
June 20, 2024
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Joint Office of Homeless Services

Land & Labor Acknowledgement

Multnomah county rests on the stolen lands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, and Clackamas Bands of Chinook Indian Nation; Tualatin Kalapuya; Molalla; and many others along the Columbia River.

This country is built on stolen Indigenous land and built by stolen African people. This land was not stolen and people were not enslaved by ambiguous entities and actors. The land was stolen by, and African peoples were enslaved by White settlers who had government support.

We also want to honor the members of over 400 tribal communities who live in Multnomah County. Many of these People and their cultures still survive and resist despite the intentional and ongoing attempts to destroy them.

Let us please take a moment of silence to acknowledge the history of how we are here in this place and to honor the People.

Credit to: Dr. Aileen Duldulao and Heather Heater, Multnomah County

Community Agreements

1. Account for power dynamics in the room and in the work.
2. Assume best intentions while honoring impact. Acknowledge that intent does not trump impact.
3. Be accountable. Commit to acknowledging and working through harm caused.
4. Be mindful of privilege, historical structures of oppression, and the shared goal to lead with a lens of equity, inclusion, diversity, and anti-racism.
5. Expect and accept non-closure.
6. Honor the diversity in the room and stay open to different perspectives. There may be several different roads that lead to a great outcome.
7. Language matters. Use intentional, direct, non-violent language. Speak your truth responsibly.
8. Make space, take space. Make space for those who are not speaking up as often, take space if you usually don't speak up.
9. Maintain confidentiality. share lessons learned while keeping names and identifiers confidential.
10. Meet folks where they are at. Do not assume knowledge on behalf of others. Be thorough, clear, and transparent in our dialogue.
11. Refrain from stigmatizing language and use people-first language.

Racial Equity Lens Tool

Questions from GARE and BHD to guide us when a quick decision is needed (longer Equity Lens Tool here):

- What are the racial equity impacts of this particular decision?
- What intersectional identities will be impacted by the proposal?
- Who will benefit and who will be burdened by the decision?
- Are there strategies to mitigate these consequences? What targeted strategies do we add to meet the needs of people of color in order to reduce disparities?

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator
10 min	Community Agreements, Land and Labor Acknowledgement, RELT Questions	Chair
20 min	Provider presentation - Urban League	Leor Beverly and Kelly Irish
45 min	PIT Count presentation	Claudia Sharygin
5 min	Break	
40 min	Strategy 1.2 follow up	Cammisha Manley

Provider Presentation: Urban League

2024 Point in Time Count

Multnomah County
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What is the Point in Time Count?

One-night snapshot of persons experiencing homelessness during the last week of January

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Street Count = Unsheltered homelessness (*Biennial*)

Shelter Count = Sheltered homelessness (*Every year*)

Housing Inventory Count = All units/beds (*Every year*)

2024 PIT Count = <u>Sheltered Count only</u>

2024 PIT Count Data

Unsheltered

2023: 3,947

2024: 3,947*

*No unsheltered count in 2024

Emergency Shelter

2023: 1,821

2024: 2,745

51% increase

Transitional Housing

2023: 532

2024: 695

31% increase
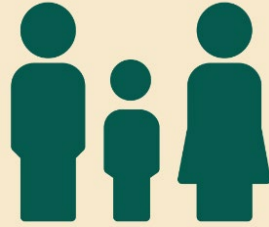
2024 PIT Count Data

Adult Only Households

2023: 4,430

2024: 5,264

19% increase

Family Households

2023: 374

2024: 457

22% increase

Unaccompanied Minor Households

2023: 81

2024: 84

4% increase

2024 PIT Count – Sheltered Persons

Chronically Homeless Persons

2023: 933

2024: 1,209

30% increase

2024 PIT Count – Sheltered Persons

Gender Identity	Count	Percent of Total
Woman (Girl)	1,181	34.3%
Man (Boy)	2,130	61.9%
Culturally Specific Identity (e.g. Two Spirit)	6	0.2%
Transgender	18	0.5%
Non-Binary	63	1.8%
Questioning	3	0.1%
Different Identity	3	0.1%
Multiple Genders	36	1.0%

2024 PIT Count – Sheltered Persons

| Racial Identity	Hispanic/ Latino/a/e	Not Hispanic/ Latino/a/e	All	Percent of Total
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	34	157	191	5.6%
Asian or Asian American	2	50	52	1.5%
Black, African American or African	26	556	582	16.9%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	5	137	142	4.1%
White	119	1,903	2,022	58.8%
Multi-Racial	29	241	270	7.8%
Ethnic Identity				
Middle Eastern or North African	0	4	4	0.1%
Hispanic/Latina/o/e Only	177	—	177	5.1%

Goals of the 2025 PIT Count

How can we make the PITC more purposeful?

- Current state: Biennial one night snapshot that misses many people experiencing homelessness and is out of date by the time it is published

- Future state: Part of a comprehensive data strategy that invests in frequent and accurate data
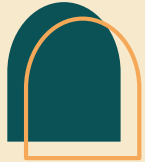
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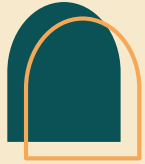
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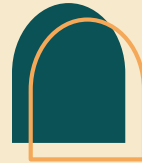
Regular Inflow, Outflow and Total Population reporting

Identify data-relevant research and evaluation topics of shared interest

Built for Zero Dashboard

Current dashboard reports data for Chronically Homeless Adults
("SHS Population A" definition)

Dashboard reports monthly data for all persons during the month

Monthly Snapshots

Starting in April 2023, the Joint Office will be releasing monthly data from a by-name list of people experiencing chronic homelessness in Multnomah County.
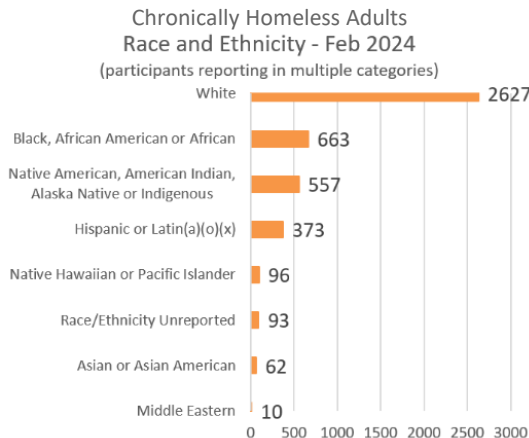
Total By-Name List Population Over Time

Inflow & Outflow

The number individuals each month who are Newly Identified, Returned to Active from Housing and Returned to Active from Inactive Vs. the number of individuals who are moving out of homelessness into Housing Placements, Moved to Inactive and individuals who No Longer Meets Population Criteria.
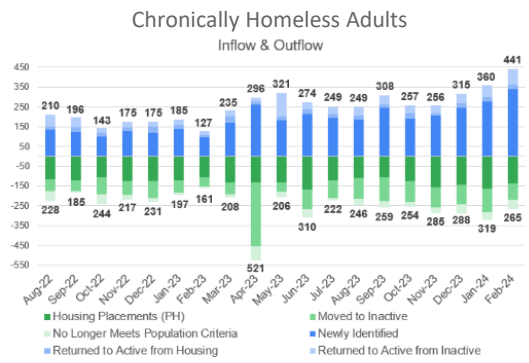
Race and Ethnicity

The demographic breakdown by race and ethnicity for the 3746 individuals actively experiencing chronic homelessness in February 2024.

Gender

Age

Housing Status

Chronically Homeless Adults
Inflow & Outflow

Legend:
- Housing Placements (PH)
- No Longer Meets Population Criteria
- Returned to Active from Housing
- Moved to Inactive
- Newly Identified
- Returned to Active from Inactive

Chronically Homeless Adults
Race and Ethnicity - Feb 2024
(participants reporting in multiple categories)

Race/Ethnicity	Count
White	2627
Black, African American or African	663
Native American, American Indian, Alaska Native or Indigenous	557
Hispanic or Latin(a)(o)(x)	373
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	96
Race/Ethnicity Unreported	93
Asian or Asian American	62
Middle Eastern	10

January 2024 Unsheltered Count

5,398

people experiencing unsheltered homelessness

- ○ HMIS data used to create an Unsheltered By Name List
- ○ Homelessness Response Action Plan benchmark

Street Count versus By-Name List Reporting

	"Old" Street Count	New By-Name List
Real-time information?	Updated every other year	Updated on a quarterly or monthly basis
Reliable estimates?	Count depends on many transitory factors, such as the weather or public health events	Data collection over time is less affected by transitory factors
Complete information?	Data completeness depends on the one-time interaction with the volunteer surveyor	Administrative data draws on information collected over multiple engagements
Best use of resources?	Time-intensive and costly project, but may be useful in the future as a quality improvement tool	Outreach/program enrollment data used to better coordinate service delivery and connection to housing solutions
Community safety?	Due to HUD requirements, this occurs at a time when winter weather (2023) and contagious disease outbreaks (2022) are often concerns	Approach does not require additional volunteer involvement

Approach to the 2025 PIT Count

Street Count

Exploratory tool to augment and improve the quality of By-Name List data

Shelter Count

Standard HMIS procedure

Housing Inventory Count

New OHCS reporting requirements should improve the real-time accuracy of shelter bed/unit inventory

Strategy 1.2 Follow-Up Discussion

Strategy 1.2 Work Session

On May 16th, the Multnomah County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board held a discussion among its members on how to align our ongoing efforts with the *Homeless Response Action Plan*, a draft of which was released in March 2024. Given the size of the new plan (with its nine goals and many action items), the Board thought it would be helpful to break down the plan and discuss some of the goals that best aligned with the CoC's ongoing efforts. Goal 4 was chosen, and the discussion focused on how to align efforts and recommend areas for the County to focus on as goals.

Goal 4 naturally aligns with our roles and responsibilities as a CoC by emphasizing coordinated efforts, resource allocation, and strategic partnerships to provide comprehensive support and secure permanent housing solutions, particularly for vulnerable populations transitioning into permanent housing from foster care, criminal justice, and healthcare or behavioral health settings. The discussion was broken up into those three topic areas

Topic 1 Recommendations

Topic 1: Addressing Housing Stability and Employment for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care

1. Ensure full utilization of PHA Housing Vouchers for Youth Ending Homelessness
2. Increase local, state, and federal funding for the Homeless Youth Continuum and Homeless Family System of Care
3. Explore nationwide housing models for youth including shared housing models
4. Ensure all youth programming includes, at a minimum, the following supportive services:
   a. Employment and education services
   b. Life skills training
   c. Tenancy support and training
   d. Mental health services
   e. Culturally and linguistically aligned community building supports
   f. Warm hand offs and coordination from foster care case managers/social workers

Topic 2 Recommendations

Topic 2: Reentry Support and Housing Navigation for Individuals Exiting the Criminal Justice System

1. Engage in Criminal Justice learning series to train a wide range of stakeholders on effectively serving the criminal justice population. Homebase offers a free toolkit to initiate this training.

2. Identify existing halfway homes in Portland, OR. Once identified, provide support for small, established halfway house operators to expand their capacity, leveraging partnerships, advocating for increased funding, and facilitating knowledge‑sharing to enhance reentry services for individuals transitioning from incarceration.

3. Compile a list of Portland landlords open to renting to individuals in reentry, partnering with housing agencies and offering incentives for participation.

Topic 3 Recommendations

Topic 3: Immediate Care Coordinator Processing Initiatives for People Discharged from Healthcare or Behavioral Health Settings

1. Additional efforts to inform the CoC Board about ongoing efforts related to the intersection of health and homelessness

2. Host a provider and hospital forum to facilitate collaboration and information sharing, aiming to improve coordination of care and support for individuals transitioning between healthcare and housing services.

3. Explore nationwide program models for assisting seniors experiencing homelessness, identify gaps in our current portfolio of programs.

4. Invest and establish relationships with clinical and community based community health workers to support patients in discharge planning and connection to community resources.