

Homelessness Response System

Homeless Services Department - Community Budget Advisory Committee



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U.S. homelessness jumps to another record high, amid affordable housing shortage

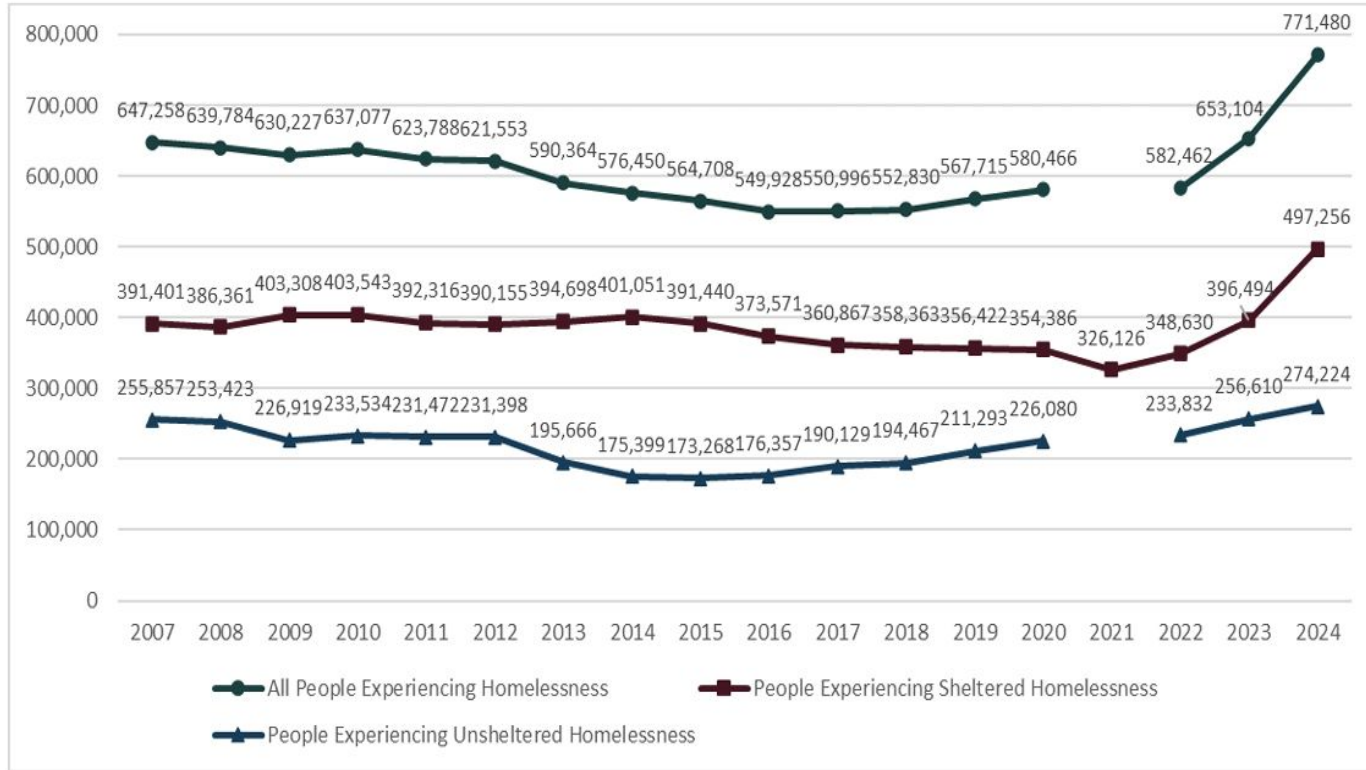


From NPR: <https://www.npr.org/2024/12/27/nx-s1-5241115/us-homeless-hud-housing-costs-migrants> Staff for the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust in Florida tally the number of people living unsheltered in downtown Miami, late on Jan. 26, 2024. The annual point-in-time count is a nationwide census mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Rebecca Blackwell/AP



Exhibit 1-1: PIT Estimates of People Experiencing Homelessness by Sheltered Status, 2007-2024



Source: The 2024 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 2024. Accessed: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/2024-AHAR-Part-1.pdf> 01/08/2025



Local Context - Lagging Housing Production

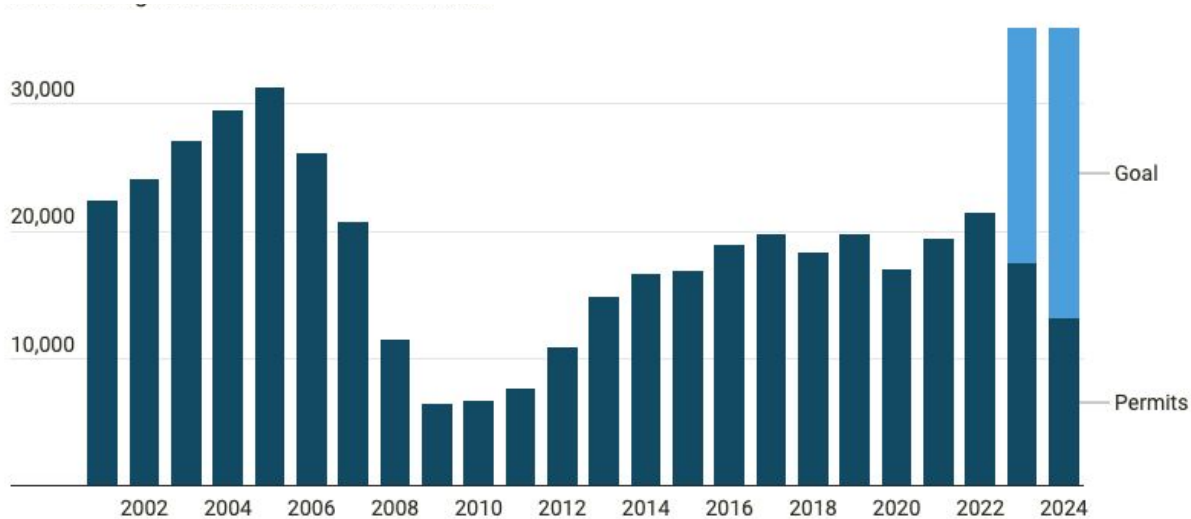


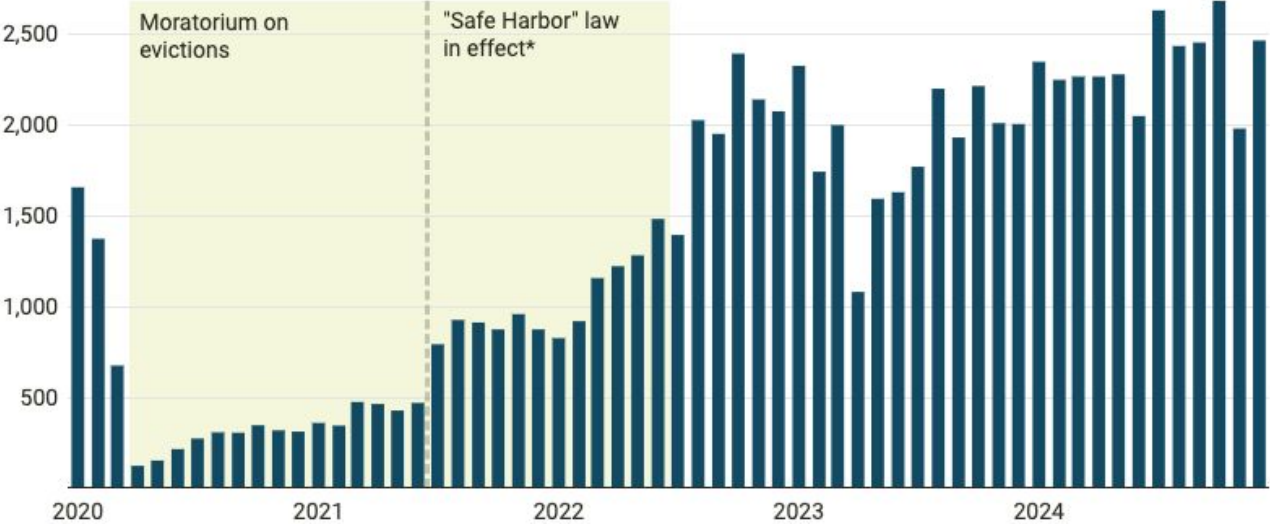
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Local Context - Evictions Climbing



*Oregon's safe harbor law delayed evictions while renters applied for payment assistance.

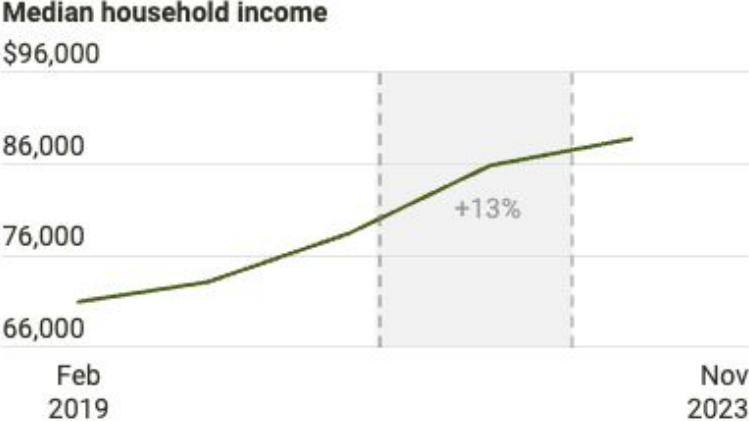
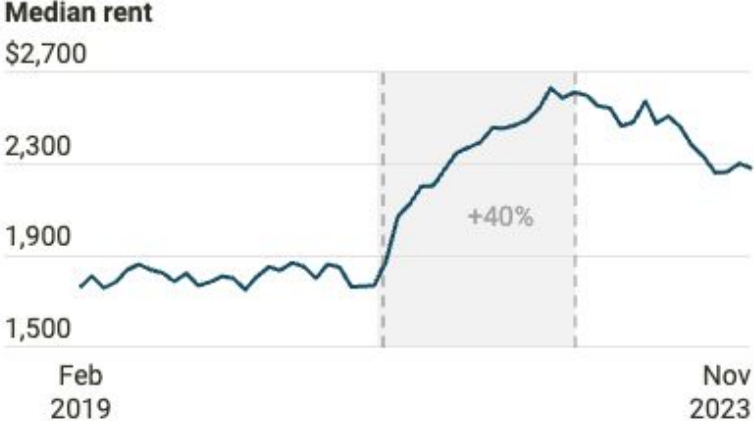
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Local Context - Asking Rents Outpace Incomes



Medians are for all rental and household sizes. Income data from US Census Bureau.

Chart: Tony Schick, OPB • Source: [Rent.com Market Report](#)



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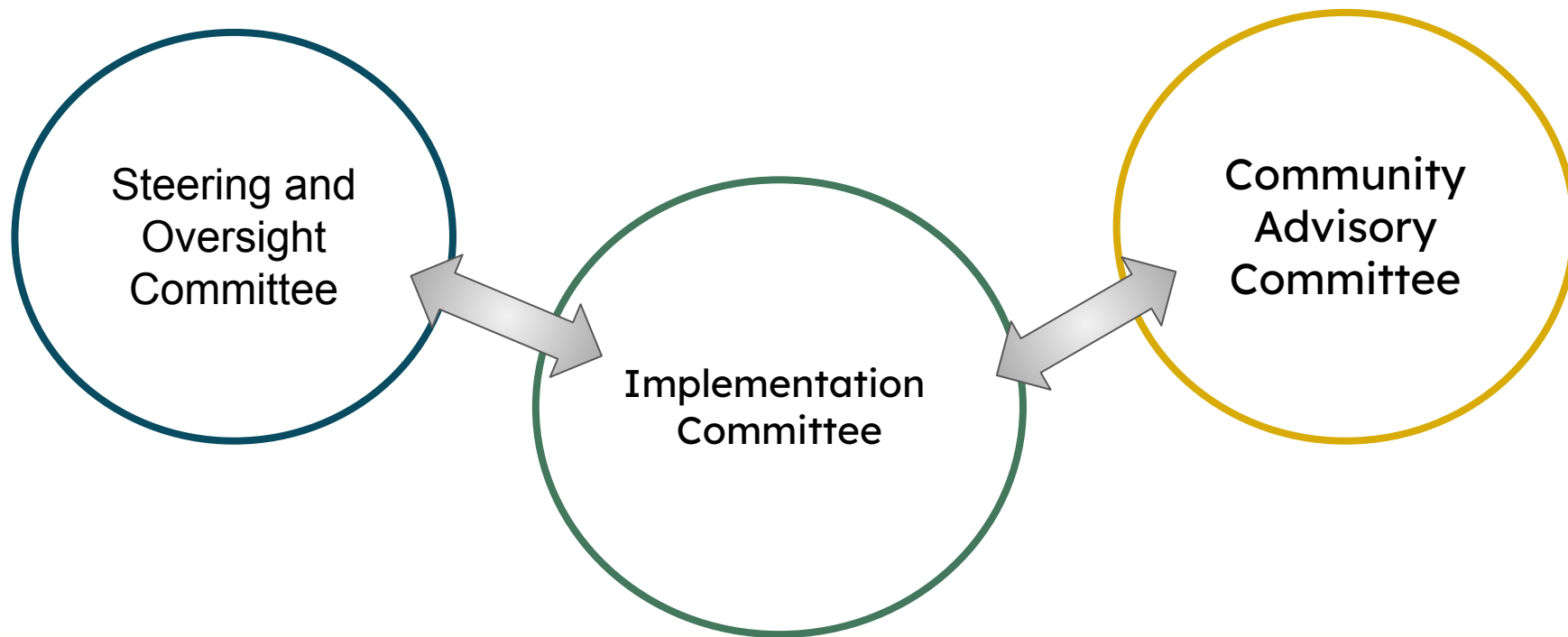


HRS Guiding Documents

- IGA between Multnomah County and the City of Portland, which establishes a Homelessness Response System
- Homelessness Response Action Plan
- Committee Charters



Homelessness Response System = Oversight



Homelessness Response Action Plan Overview



HRAP Overview

The Homelessness Response Action Plan (HRAP) addresses the needs of people pushed into homelessness, including:

- Preventing homelessness
- Coordinating behavioral and physical health interventions
- Adding hundreds of shelter and recovery beds to provide safety off the street
- Housing placement



HRAP Structure

9 Goal Areas

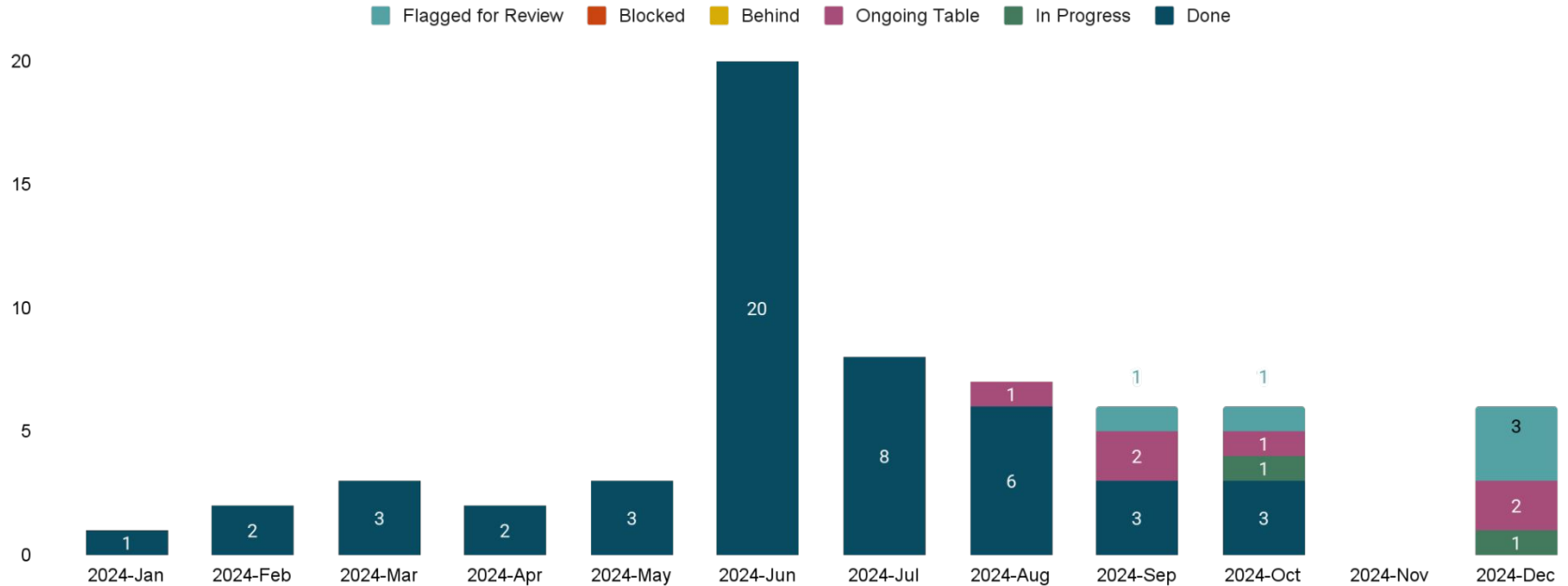
29 Strategies

120 Action Items



2024 Action Items Status Update by Month

2024 HRAP Action Item Status by Month Due



HRAP & LIP Goals

HRAP Goal

LIP Focus Area

Improve data and analytics across the system to measure progress and enhance use of physical and financial resources.

Establish system-wide housing navigation, care coordination and crisis intervention capability.

Increase access to appropriate levels of behavioral health supports and reduce barriers to access.

Improve existing 'by-name' list to meet requirements of the Built for Zero initiative; standardize data collection and analysis across the Tri-County region.

Support providers engaged in street outreach and emergency crisis support; behavioral health services for people in shelter and transitional housing



HRAP & LIP Goals

HRAP Goal

LIP Focus Area

Quickly increase the number of shelters using best practices and housing inventory. Define roles and responsibilities for shelter operators.

Increase the production of affordable housing.

Significantly increase both the number of culturally-specific providers and the number of BIPOC people served by the Joint Office of Homeless Services.

Add 2,350 permanent supportive housing units by June 2025, and place 2,500 people in permanent housing each year.



HRAP & LIP Goals

HRAP Goal

Establish rapid and long-term interventions aimed at preventing homelessness among at-risk populations.

Additional and future considerations for the Homelessness Response System

LIP Focus Area

Serve 1,000 new households with rent assistance each year.



HRAP & LIP Goals

HRAP Goal

Establish structure that aligns strategies, resources and outcome measurements; clarifies roles + responsibilities; includes government, partners, and private oversight.

Use the right dollars for the right service to boost federal match, reduce competition and create long-term stability.

Develop and implement a communication strategy.



HRAP Key Performance Indicators



Baseline number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness identified as of January 2024 (5,398 on by-name list)



2,699 people – equivalent to half those on the list – placed in shelter or housing by the end of 2025



15% increase in exits from shelter to permanent housing by the end of 2025



75% of people retain permanent supportive housing 24 months after placement



HRAP Overarching Outcomes

End discharges to the street from behavioral health, health systems, and hospitals by December 2025.

End discharges to the street from carceral settings by December 2026.

End homelessness for youth aging out of foster care by December 2027.



HRAP Dashboard



Homelessness Response Action Plan



Overall Progress

Measure 1 Details

Measure 2 Details

Measure 3 Details

Measure 4 Details

Action Items

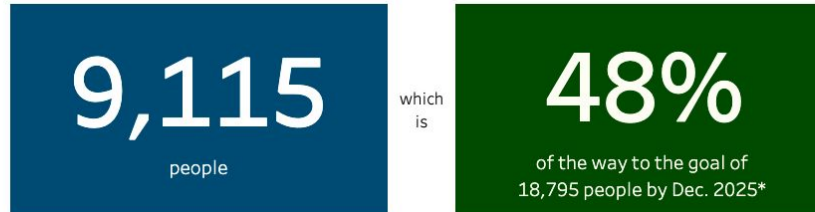
Data Through: September 30, 2024

Through the Homelessness Response Action Plan, Multnomah County, the City of Portland, and our many partners are supporting a system to address homelessness throughout Multnomah County. The plan's focused goals and outcomes shape our coordinated approach across systems and governments. It measures key metrics that help us assess the effectiveness of the work through better data collection and tracking, allowing for shared accountability and continuous improvement of our systems.

This dashboard tracks the progress on four key goals and broader set of Action Items in the Homelessness Response Action Plan. Click any of the tabs above for additional details on each goal.

[Click here to view the Homelessness Response Action Plan](#)

Since January 2024, the system has sheltered or placed in housing:

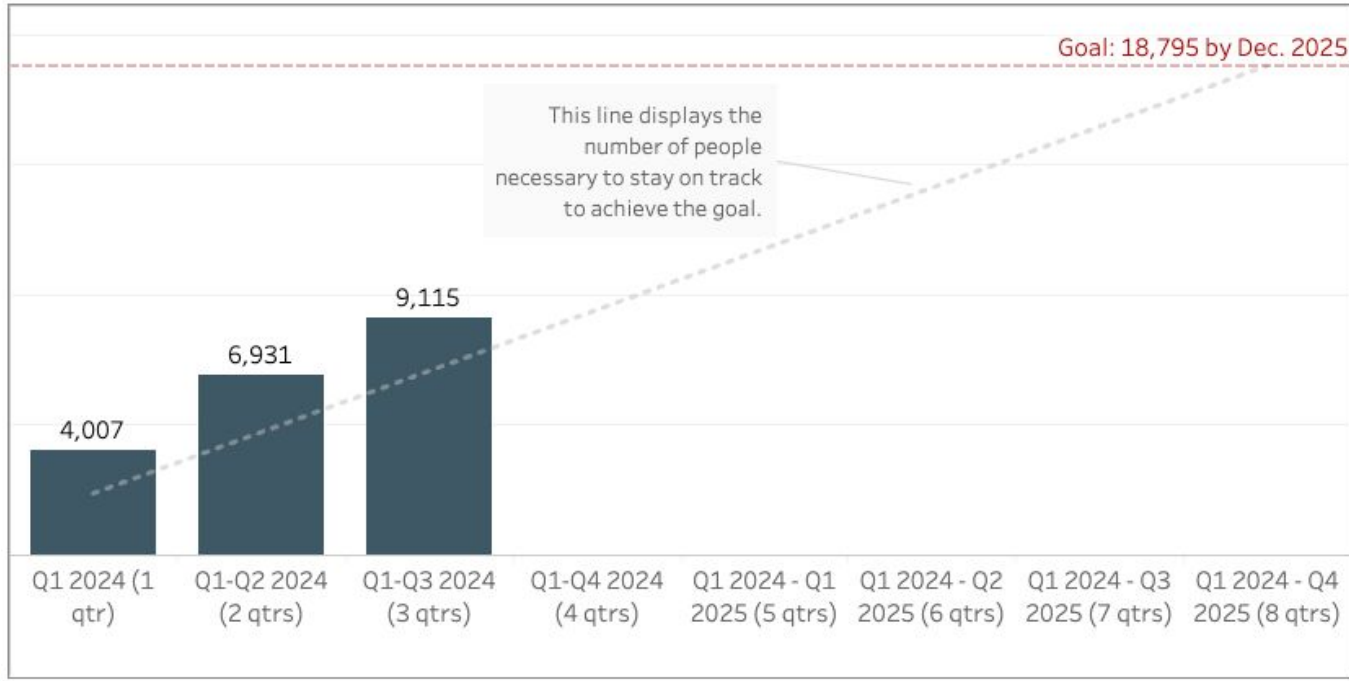


Link to HRAP Dashboard:

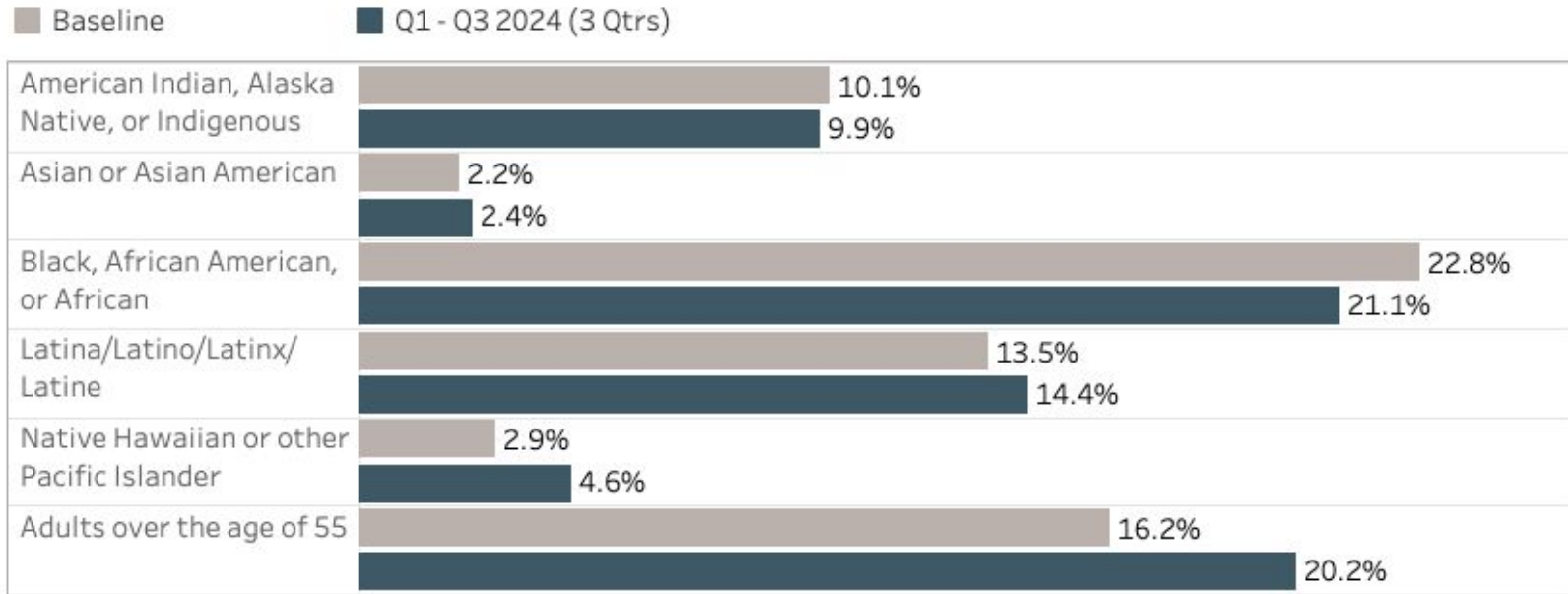
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Measure 1: Shelter or Place in Housing and Additional 2,699 Unsheltered People

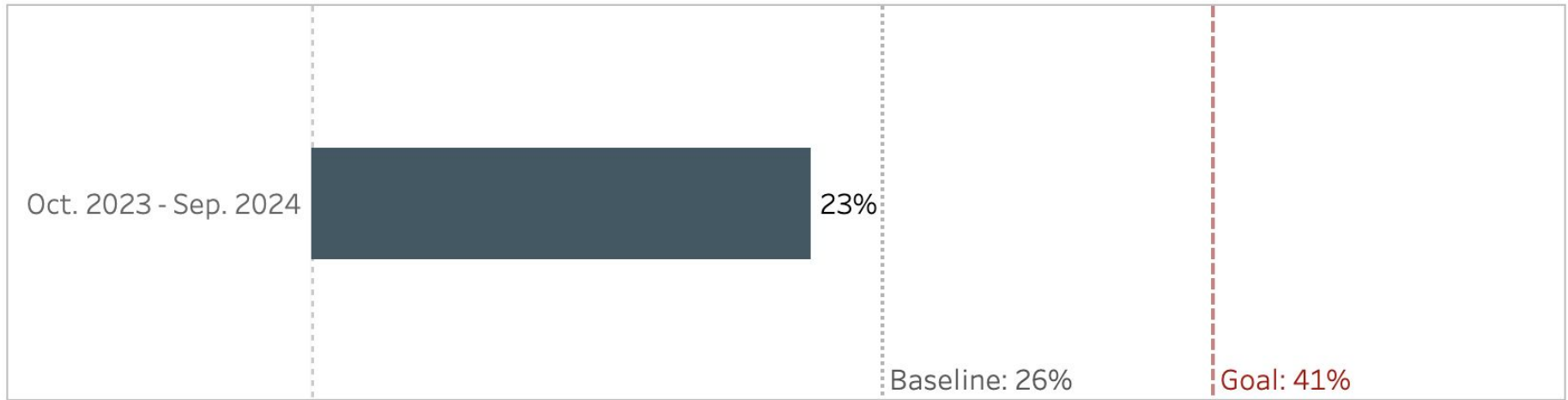


Measure 2: Reduce Unsheltered Homelessness for Priority Populations

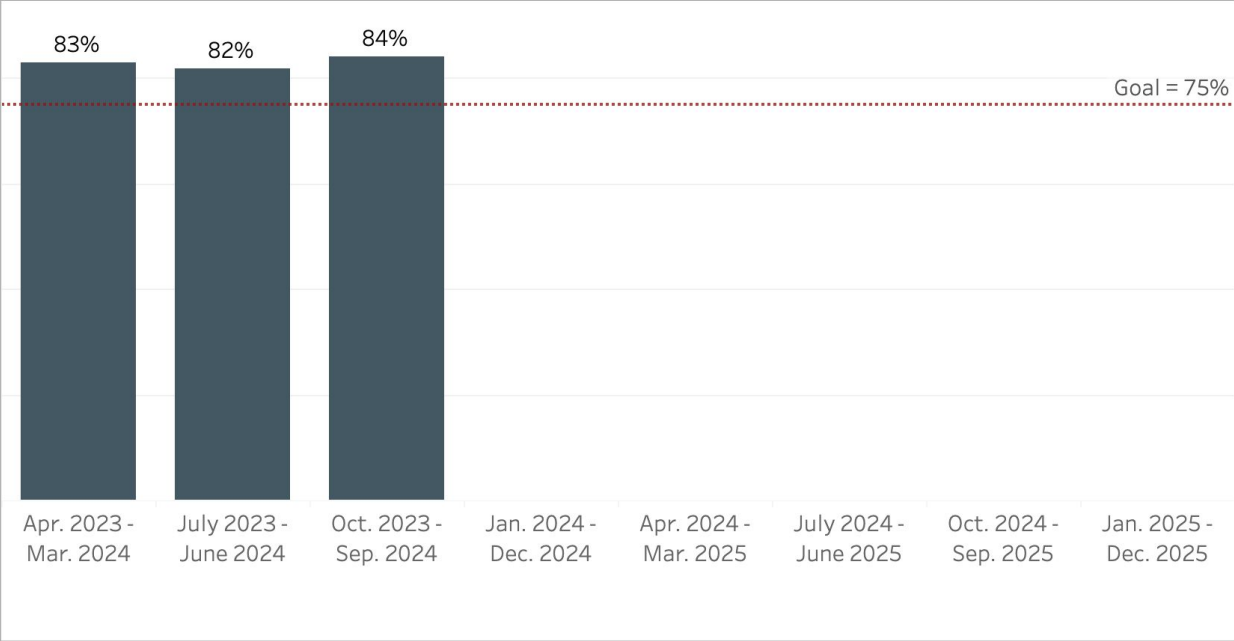


Measure 3: Increase Exits from Adult Shelter to Permanent Housing

Summary of Current Progress Towards Goal



Measure 4: Ensure People Retain Permanent Supportive Housing



Shelter Expansion: Update



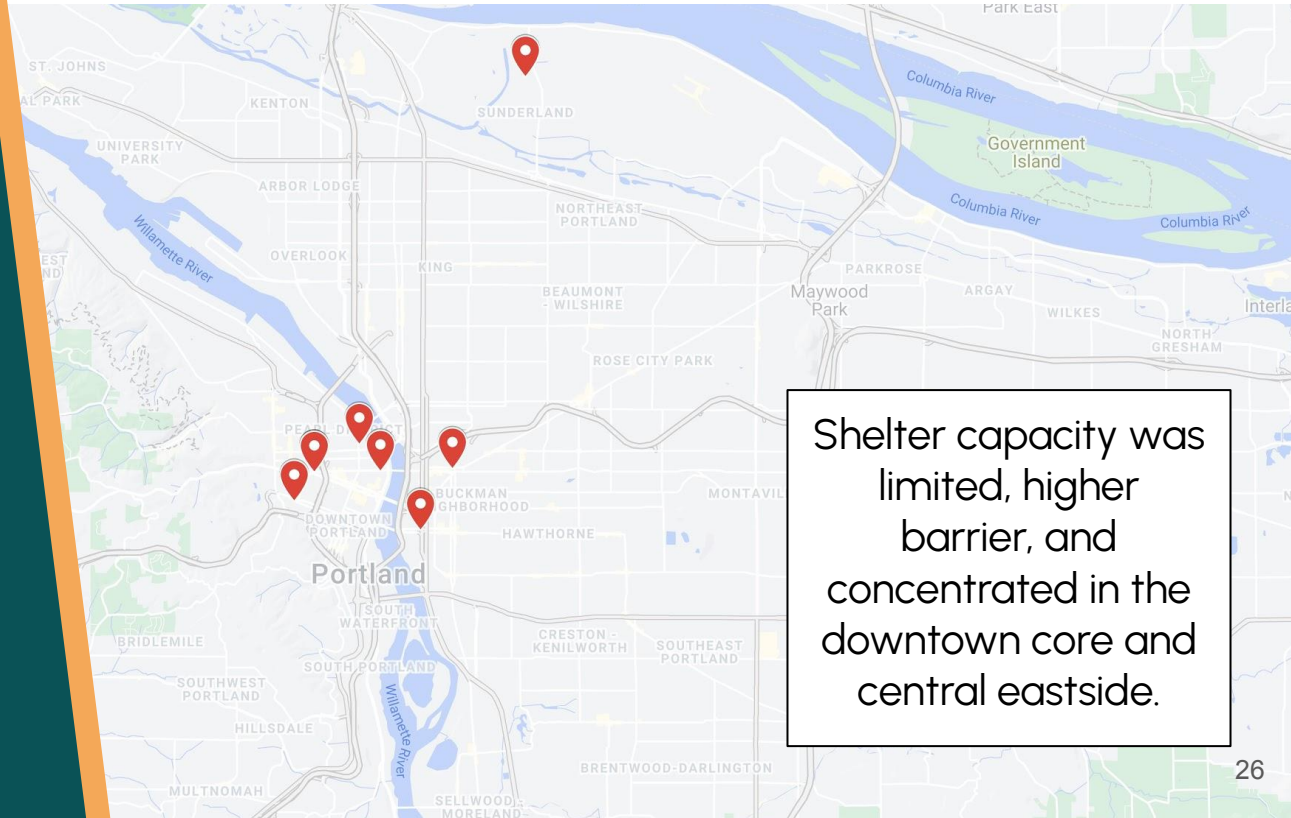


Shelter

A historic visualization of Multnomah County's shelter system in 2015.

Shelter System in 2015

BEFORE the state of emergency and the creation of JOHS.



Shelter capacity was limited, higher barrier, and concentrated in the downtown core and central eastside.



Shelter

A historic visualization of Multnomah County's shelter system over the past six years.

Shelter System in 2021

Transformed to lower barriers — open 24 hours, beds by reservation, adding villages, and welcoming partners, pets and possessions. COVID-19 meant spreading beds into new spaces, such as motels, to keep capacity.

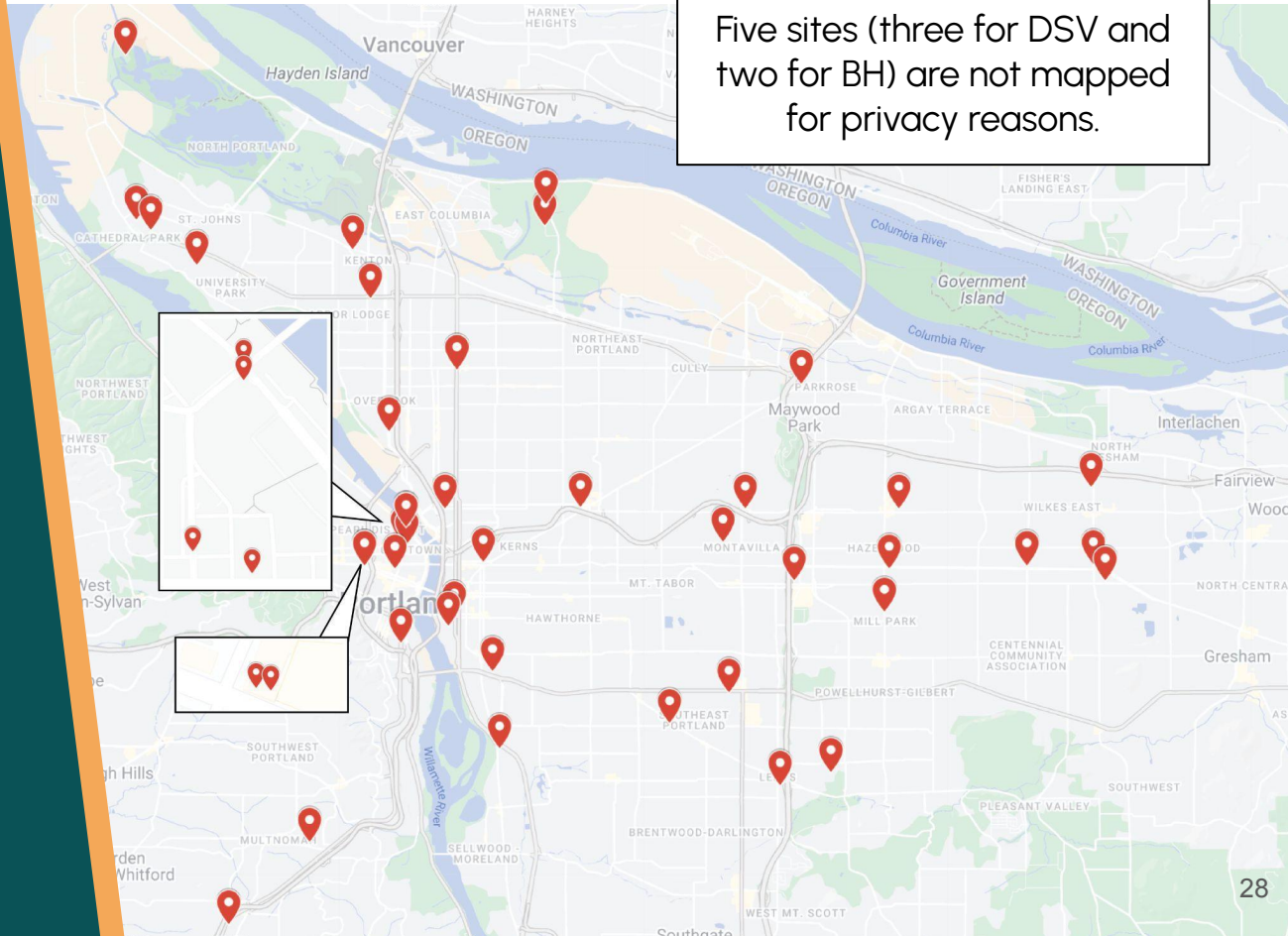




Shelter

A historic visualization of Multnomah County's shelter system over the past nine years.

Shelter System in 2024



Shelter Beds - Funded and In Operation

3,143



Community Sheltering Strategy Phase 1: Detail

Type	FY 2024 planned beds - Original	FY 2024 Planned Beds - Updated	Description	FY 24 Updated Planned Numbers (Detail)	Number open by 12/31/2024	Notes
Congregate - Year Round	88	88	Arbor Lodge	88	88	
Alternative	467	456	Arbor Lodge	18	18	
			New microvillage	30	10	Prior NOFA in FY24 resulted in 10 units. More added in the total amount to come from the FY25 solicitation in progress.
			Oak Street Village	29	0	Construction complete December 2024, open to guests early 2025
			Harrison	38	0	Open December 2025
			ECHRC**	28	0	Open December 2025
			TASS 2 (North Portland)	150	160	10 <u>more</u> units than planned
			TASS 3 (MSRV Expansion)	100	72	28 fewer units than planned
			Reedway Expansion	50	60	10 <u>more</u> units than planned (Total at Reedway = 120)
Clinton Triangle	21	21	21 <u>more</u> units than planned			
Totals	555	552*		552*	429	77% of 555 beds open by end 2024

31 unit added to current solicitation(s), also for December 2025 date

*will also include 90 beds of severe weather shelter.

Questions

