

HOMELESSNESS: A NATION IN CRISIS



There's no easy fix for the worsening crisis of homelessness here in Oregon and throughout the United States. Reducing homelessness requires us to understand how people experience homelessness in the first place. **Do you know the facts about homelessness in the U.S.?** Read on to learn the truth... and what you can do to help change this difficult reality.

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HARD FACTS:

The National Statistics

In the U.S., on a single night in 2024,

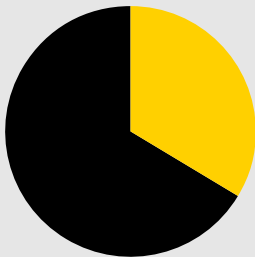
771,480 people experienced homelessness.

That's about **1 in every 430 PEOPLE**,
an 18% increase from 2023.



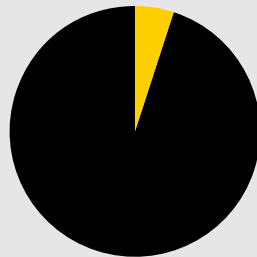
PERCENTAGES NATIONWIDE:

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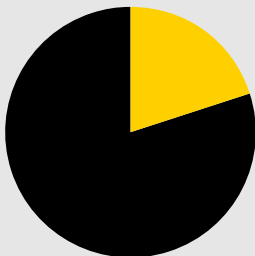
33%

were part of a family
with children.



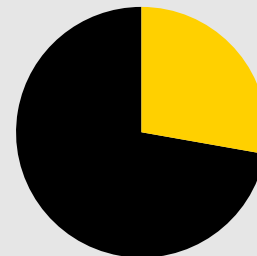
5%

were unaccompanied
youth (younger
than 25).



20%

were age 55
or older.



30%

identified as
chronically homeless.

WHO & HOW?

Dispelling myths about homelessness

MYTH #1: Homelessness is caused by personal choices

Fact: While personal choices have an impact in all our lives, homelessness is shaped by trauma, hardship, and instability – commonly rooted in broken relationships.

MYTH #2: Homelessness primarily affects single adult men

Fact: Oregon is #1 for homeless families, and one third of Portland's homeless population is female. Behind these numbers are men AND women who need healing.

MYTH #3: Homelessness only happens in downtown

Fact: Over the past two years, PRM has served 24% more people, including many in neighborhoods far beyond downtown Portland. To meet this growing need, we've expanded services into East Portland and the I-205 corridor to reach deeply impacted communities.

Source:

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/2024-AHAR-Part-1.pdf>
<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC7376969/>

THE CRISIS AT HOME:

Homelessness in Oregon



22,875 people experienced homelessness on a given night in 2024.



54 experienced homelessness per 10,000 people in the population.



44% of people experiencing homelessness have a bed available to them on a given night

With the support of our community, Portland Rescue Mission provides safe shelter – the first step on the journey to overcome homelessness!

TRANSFORMATION:

From Homelessness to Hope

At Portland Rescue Mission, the journey from homelessness to a transformed life within a loving community begins with shelter and immediate care. Along the way, individualized, Christ-centered recovery addresses the root causes of homelessness across four integrated pathways, guiding people to a restored life:



GET HELP

Immediate relief, such as meals and shelter, so that transformation can begin.



STABILIZE

A safe, structured environment where personalized support allows stability to take hold.



RECOVER

Holistic, Christ-centered care helps people heal from substance use and other life crises.



GIVE BACK

Graduates reenter their communities, sharing hope and transformation with others.

A NEW LIFE:

James escaped homelessness



“Before I came here, I was a lost soul. Now, I’m a kinder, gentler person, and I can’t wait for tomorrow. This place gave me a life I didn’t even know existed.” –James

IT STARTS WITH YOU:

Help More Neighbors Like James Today

Inspired to take the next step? Learn more about Portland Rescue Mission’s programs that help neighbors move from homelessness to hope. And if this report has moved your heart, your support helps make these proven solutions possible. Visit the link below to learn how to help.



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<https://endhomelessness.org/homelessness-in-america/homelessness-statistics/state-of-homelessness/>