

Washington County
POINT-IN-TIME HOMELESS COUNT
(January 2010)

Since 2003, HUD has required continuums across our nation to report the number of people who are homeless at a particular time of the year (in the last seven days of January). The annual homeless count facilitates the need for continuums to collect data and report on the number of homeless. The data is used for (1) housing and service planning, (2) demonstrating need, (3) raising public awareness, (4) accurately identifying the needs population, e.g. chronically homeless, and (5) measuring performance in reducing/ending homelessness.

The Washington County homeless count data includes those persons counted at a point-in-time on January 27, 2010, who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and includes persons who:

- a) are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;*
- b) are living in motel/hotel, emergency shelter, transitional and Safe Haven beds;*
- c) are unsheltered (living in car, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations, or similar settings, etc.);*
- d) are persons temporarily in an institution (e.g. – jail or hospital) and came from or will return to one of the above situations.*

*** Includes McKinney-Vento Homeless Student data as reported by school districts.*

To ensure non-duplication of persons interviewed during the homeless count, a unique identifier code system was developed. Homeless persons interviewed during the January street count and those persons residing in shelter, transitional, and institutional beds were entered into the county's HMIS (Homeless Management Information System).

The outcomes demonstrated by this process ensured non-duplication of persons counted, created efficiencies for emergency shelter, transitional and Safe Haven housing providers using existing client data in HMIS, and will provide accuracy of data at the local and state reporting levels. The HMIS data files will be exported to the Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to support statewide homeless reporting.

Definition of Chronic Homelessness

HUD's definition of chronic homelessness is:

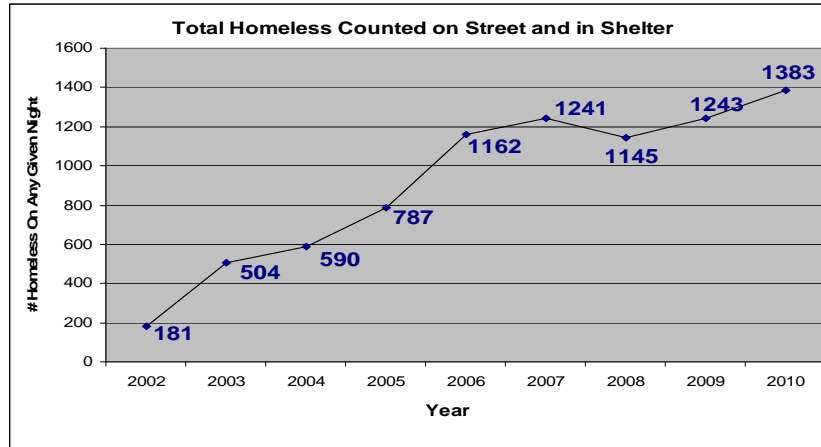
An unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years. To be considered chronically homeless, persons must have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets) and/or emergency shelter during that time.

Note: HUD's definition of chronic homelessness *does not* include families.

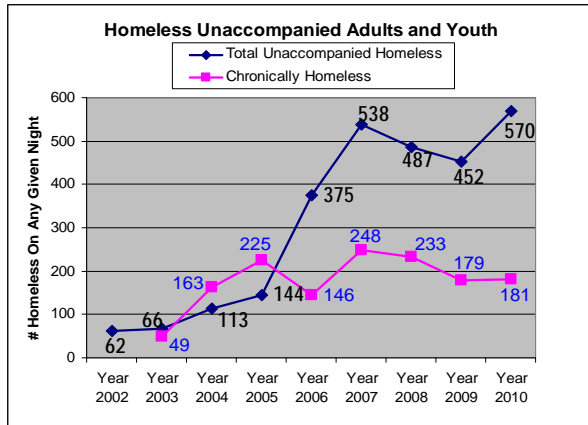
http://www.hudhre.info/documents/counting_unsheltered.pdf

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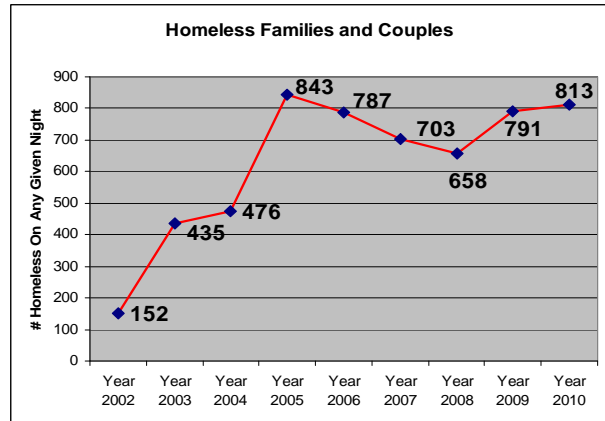
Homeless trends in Washington County, Oregon.



* Total homeless population includes 935 Adults and 448 Children \leq 17 years.



* # Homeless on any given night is inclusive of the "chronic" homeless data.



* Persons in families comprise 59% of the homeless population.

- **Unsheltered Homeless vs. Sheltered Homeless Persons**
 1,147 persons are unsheltered¹
 236 persons are in shelter/transitional/safe haven beds
- **Total Homeless Households²: 830 (740 households unsheltered)**
 260 family households with children and couples without children
 30 unaccompanied homeless youth \leq 17 years
 540 unaccompanied individuals, 18 years and older

¹ *Unsheltered Individuals* increased 118 persons; age groups with significant increase are 24-44 years and 55-69 years.

² *Household* is defined as one or more persons present together.

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Demographics on unsheltered homeless households in Washington County are recorded during street outreach interviews. This data excludes homeless households residing in emergency shelters, transitional and Safe Haven housing programs. Refer to the **Geographic Indicators and Boundaries** document prepared by Community Action for a descriptive narrative of geographic areas.

Overall Unsheltered Households by Geographic Region (Geo-Code 1 to 10³)

Total Households:	740	
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	16	2%
Unaccompanied Youth	14	2%
Single Adult	512	69%
Couple without Children	29	4%
One Parent Family with Children	124	17%
Two Parent Family with Children	45	6%

Demographics of Unsheltered Homeless Households by Geographic Region.

North Beaverton (Geo-Code 1)

Total Households:	59	
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	3	5%
Unaccompanied Youth	2	3%
Single Adult	38	64%
Couple without Children	1	2%
One Parent Family with Children	9	15%
Two Parent Family with Children	6	10%

South Beaverton (Geo-Code 2)

Total Households:	85	
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	2	2%
Unaccompanied Youth	2	2%
Single Adult	56	66%
Couple without Children	4	5%
One Parent Family with Children	12	14%
Two Parent Family with Children	9	11%

³ *Geo-Code #9 (Glenwood/Timber) and #10 (Buxton, Banks, North Plains, Helvetia)* – No households reported.

Demographics of Unsheltered Homeless Households – Continued.

Hillsboro⁴ (Geo-Code 3)

Total Households:	352	
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	10	3%
Unaccompanied Youth	3	1%
Single Adult	242	69%
Couple without Children	11	3%
One Parent Family with Children	68	19%
Two Parent Family with Children	18	5%

Forest Grove/Cornelius (Geo-Code 4)

Total Households:	51	
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	0	0%
Unaccompanied Youth	2	4%
Single Adult	35	69%
Couple without Children	5	10%
One Parent Family with Children	7	14%
Two Parent Family with Children	2	4%

Tigard (Geo-Code 5)

Total Households:	40	
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	0	0%
Unaccompanied Youth	0	0%
Single Adult	38	95%
Couple without Children	1	3%
One Parent Family with Children	1	3%
Two Parent Family with Children	0	0%

Tualatin/Sherwood (Geo-Code 6)

Total Households:	51	
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	0	0%
Unaccompanied Youth	2	4%
Single Adult	21	41%
Couple without Children	4	8%
One Parent Family with Children	15	29%
Two Parent Family with Children	9	18%

Rural Areas South of Hillsboro, Cornelius, Forest Grove (Geo-Code 7)

Total Households:	8	
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	0	0%
Unaccompanied Youth	0	0%
Single Adult	3	38%
Couple without Children	0	0%
One Parent Family with Children	4	50%
Two Parent Family with Children	1	13%

⁴ *Hillsboro Geo-Code* includes homeless at the faith-based SOS-Shelter (Sonrise).

Demographics of Unsheltered Homeless Households – Continued.

Rural Area near Hagg Lake (Geo-Code 8)

Total Households:	29	
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	0	0%
Unaccompanied Youth	0	0%
Single Adult	27	93%
Couple without Children	1	3%
One Parent Family with Children	1	3%
Two Parent Family with Children	0	0%

Unknown/Not Reported Geo-Code

Total Households:	65	
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	1	2%
Unaccompanied Youth	3	5%
Single Adult	52	80%
Couple without Children	2	3%
One Parent Family with Children	7	11%
Two Parent Family with Children	0	0%

The following homeless households are reported in the Geo-Code data referenced above:

Veterans

Total Households:	94	
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	0	0%
Unaccompanied Youth	0	0%
Single Adult	72	77%
Couple without Children	10	11%
One Parent Family with Children	10	11%
Two Parent Family with Children	2	2%

Community Corrections Center

Total Households:	14	
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	0	0%
Unaccompanied Youth	0	0%
Single Adult	11	79%
Couple without Children	1	7%
One Parent Family with Children	2	14%
Two Parent Family with Children	0	0%

Washington County Jail

Total Households:	65	
Unaccompanied Pregnant Youth	0	0%
Unaccompanied Youth	0	0%
Single Adult	60	92%
Couple without Children	4	6%
One Parent Family with Children	1	2%
Two Parent Family with Children	0	0%

One Night Shelter Count Geographic Incidators & Boundries

- **Area # 1 Beaverton-North**

North Boundry-West Union/Springville Rd (including rural area north to WashCo boundary)

South Boundry-Farmington Rd./Beaverton-Hillsdale

East Boundry-Scholls Ferry & Beaverton Hillsdale, north to Barnes Rd.

West Boundry-Cornelius Pass Rd-TV Highway, north to top of Cornelius Pass. 209th Avenue, TV Hwy, south to Farmington Rd.

- **Area # 2 Beaverton-South**

North Boundry- Farmington Rd./Beaverton-Hillsdale

South Boundry- Scolls Ferry Rd, East from Tile Flat Rd to Hwy 217 intersection. 217 south to I-5

East Boundry-62 and Avenue, north from 217/I-5 intersection, to Beaverton-Hillsdale

West Boundry-Grabhorn Rd, from Farmington Rd, south to become Tile Flat Rd, south to Scholl's Ferry Rd.

- **Area # 3 Hillsboro**

North Boundry-Entire Area between Cornelius Pass Rd. & Glencoe Rd. ---Including North Plains---Peak Ridge of West Hills from Dixie Mountain Rd, to top of Cornelius Pass

South Boundry-Farmington Rd, between Hwy 219 in the west, to 209th in the east

East Boundry-209th/Cornelius Pass Rd

West Boundry-Hwy 219 from Farmington Rd, north to Dairy Creek crossing, then Dairy Creek north to Evergreen Rd & Glencoe Rd intersection, then Glencoe Rd.

- **Area # 4 Forest Grove/Cornelius**

Any areas between Dairy Creek, and west to the rural area west of Forest Grove. Area # 4 includes town of Banks & town of Buxton.

- **Area # 5 Tigard**

North Boundry- Scolls Ferry Rd to 217 & I-5

South Boundry-Tualatin-Sherwood Rd

East Boundry-I-5

West Boundry-Roy Rogers Rd

- **Area # 6 Tualatin-Sherwood**

All area south of Tualatin-Sherwood Rd.

- **Area # 7 Rural Areas south of Hillsboro, Cornelius, and Forest Grove**

- **Area # 8 Rural Area around Hagg Lake**

- **Area # 9 Glenwood-Timber**

- **Area # 10 Buxton, Banks, North Plains, and Helvetia**

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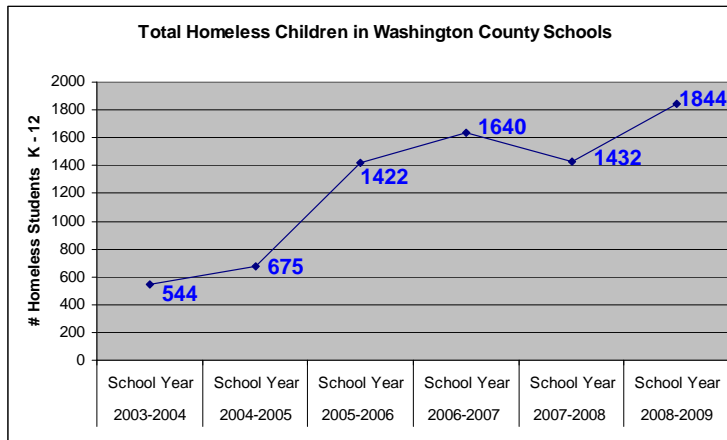
HOMELESS STUDENTS IN GRADES K - 12

(Oregon Department of Education)

The Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program is part of the No Child Left Behind Act and is more commonly called “the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program”. Each school district is required to have a McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison to assist children and youth experiencing homelessness to enroll in, attend, and succeed in school. Liaisons ensure students are enrolled in school, have the supplies they need and provide referrals to the community services for shelter, health care and counseling. This effort includes data reporting to state and federal officials.

As provided by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Liaison, the data below reflects those homeless children and youth (Kindergarten through 12 grade) who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, and includes children and youth who:

- a) are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- b) are living in a motel
- c) are living in a shelter
- d) are unsheltered (living in car, tent, etc.)
- e) are inadequately housed (lacking heat, water, electricity; overcrowded)
- f) are unaccompanied youth (homeless and not in custody of legal guardian)



* Source: Oregon Department of Education, September 2009

School District	2005-2006 School Year	2006-2007 School Year	2007-2008 School Year	2008-2009 School Year	% Increase 4 Year Period
	1,422	1,640	1,432	1,844	
Banks	5	2	0	5	0%
Beaverton	702	1,093	973	1,114	59%
Forest Grove	116	75	66	104	-10%
Gaston	1	7	8	13	120%
Hillsboro	501	387	310	403	-20%
Sherwood	20	18	34	35	75%
Tigard-Tualatin	77	58	41	170	121%

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I. Homelessness as a % of District total Student Enrollment

School District	2007-2008 School Year – Total Enrollment	2007-2008 School Year (Homeless)	% Homeless	2008-2009 School Year – Total Enrollment	2008-2009 School Year (Homeless)	% Homeless
	82,740	1,432		83,085	1,844	
Banks	1,204	0	0%	1,189	5	.4%
Beaverton	37,789	973	2.57%	37,567	1,114	3.0%
Forest Grove	6,035	66	1.09%	5,857	104	1.8%
Gaston	492	8	1.62%	462	13	2.8%
Hillsboro	19,953	310	1.55%	20,000	403	2.0%
Sherwood	4,807	34	.71%	5,415	35	.6%
Tigard-Tualatin	12,460	41	.33%	12,595	170	1.3%

II. Tri-County Comparison

County	2006-2007 School Year (Year 1)	2007-2008 School Year (Year 2)	2008-2009 School Year (Year 3)	% Increase Year 1 to Year 3
Clackamas	781	898	1,072	37%
Washington	1,638	1,432	1,844	13%
Multnomah	2,834	2,756	3,137	11%

III. Top Five School Districts in Oregon Reporting Largest Number of Homeless Students

School District Highest Homeless Student Counts	2008 - 2009 Homeless Student Count: Hi to Low
1. Portland	1,706
2. Medford	1,126
3. Beaverton	1,114
4. Salem-Keizer	815
5. Eugene	743

IV. Number of Homeless Students in Oregon by School Year

2003-04	8,143
2004-05	11,294
2005-06	13,159
2006-07	15,517
2007-08	15,859
2008-09	18,051

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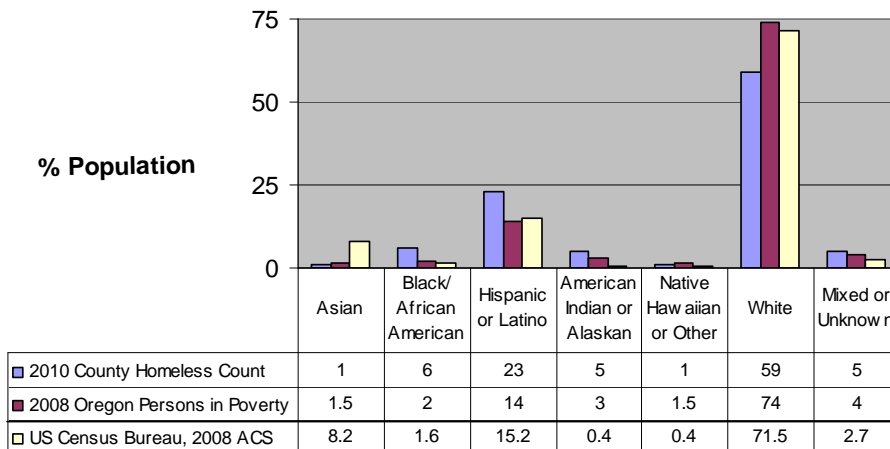
HOMELESS POPULATION ETHNICITY

(January)

The diversity of Washington County is reflected in the homeless population, with the greater number of homeless being White (59%) and Hispanic or Latino (23%). The reasons for homelessness include many economic factors relating to poverty and social issues to include inability to pay rent/mortgage, unemployed and under-employed, domestic violence, drug and alcohol addictions, mental health, criminal history, etc.

The primary reasons for homelessness reported in the 2010 homeless count include Unemployed/Under-employed (412 households) and Couldn't Afford Rent (340 households).⁵

Washington County Diversity
Race/Ethnicity of Homeless Population and Persons
Living in Poverty



* Sources: Washington County Point-In-Time Homeless Count, January 2010
 2008 Profiles of Hunger and Poverty in Oregon published by the Oregon Food Bank
 U.S. Census Bureau⁶, 2008 American Community Survey

Profile of Washington County's Low-Income Community

- While the County's population grew 20% between 2000 and 2008, the poverty population grew at nearly three times that rate (58%).
- One in 10, or 51,573, Washington County residents are living below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- Nearly 1 in 4 Washington County residents (24%) are Low-Income.
- While minorities constitute 28% of the general population, they are a disproportionate 53% of the total poverty population.
- 18% of minorities live in poverty.
- 60% of family households living in poverty are female-headed households with children under 18.
- Children under 18 make up 38% of the poverty population.

2010 Washington County Issues of Poverty – Community Action

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⁵ *Causes of Homelessness- Households can report more than one reason for cause of homelessness.*

⁶ *Washington County Population - 529,216 persons*