

Jackson 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, which include representatives from multiple sectors. For Jackson County, ACCESS leads the region's MAC group, and their membership includes Opportunities for Housing Resources and Assistance (OHRA), Unete, Maslow Project, Rogue Retreat, Salvation Army, Community Works, Jackson Care Connect, Housing Authority of Jackson County, Jackson County, City of Ashland, City of Medford, Jackson County Emergency Management, Ashland Emergency Management, City of Medford Emergency Management, and CPM Real Estate Services, Inc.

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The Jackson MAC group collected input from direct service providers regarding capacity for service expansion, current unmet needs, and identified barriers to meeting needs. They also leveraged data from the recent Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), Community Health Assessment (CHA), and Community Needs Assessment (CAN) to inform their Community Plan. 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 Jackson County

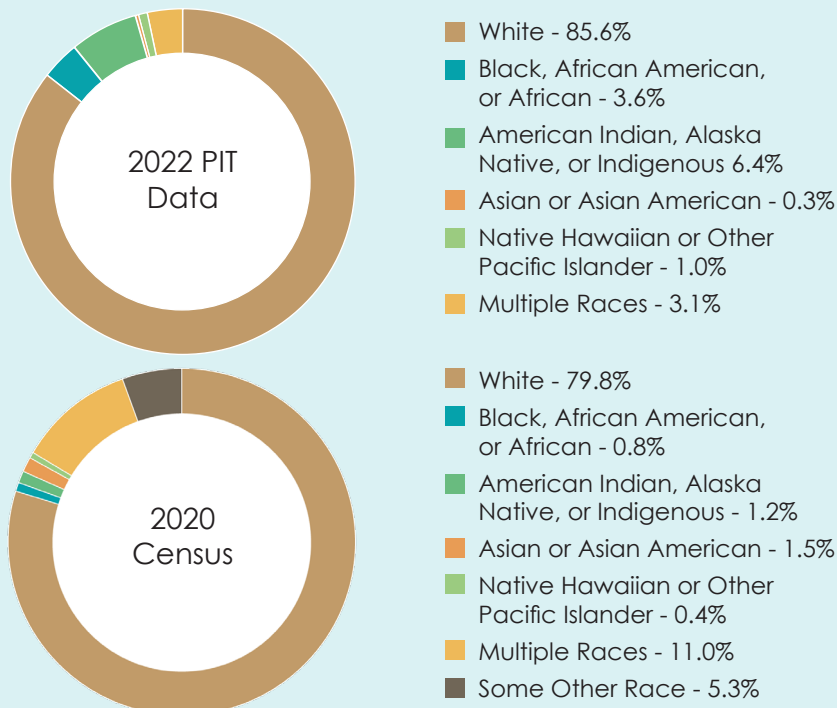
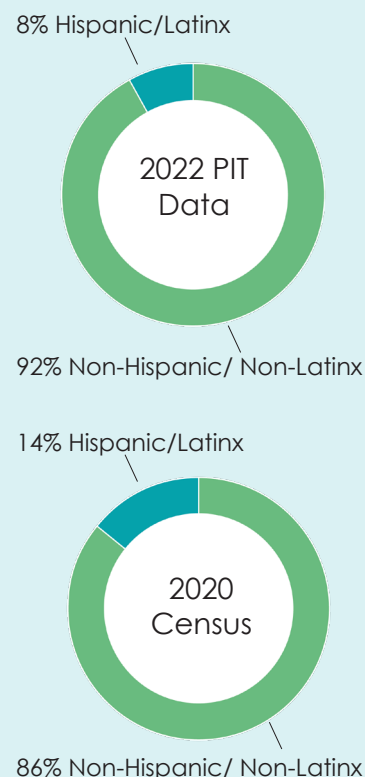


Figure A. Racial disparities within the unsheltered homeless populations in Jackson County. In this region, 1.2% of all residents self-identify as American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous, while 6.4% of the unsheltered homeless population self-identify that way. The Black, African American, or African population makes up 0.8% of all residents and 3.6% of the unsheltered homeless population. The Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander population makes up 0.4% of all residents and 1.0% of the unsheltered homeless population. Additionally, one out of every 35 people who self identify as Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander experience unsheltered homelessness, compared to one out of every 165 White residents.

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



Rehousing goal

Jackson MAC group is considering several strategies to achieve its rehousing goal, but the core of the Program will be Housing Case Management with temporary financial assistance to support housing stabilization that may include support with application fees, security deposit/hold fees, utility deposits and payments, repairs and moving costs. They plan to collaborate with local housing providers to secure housing for unsheltered individuals and families and provide case management for those moving directly from unsheltered homelessness into a home with the services needed to maintain housing.



Rehouse
133 unsheltered households
by Jan. 10, 2024

Shelter bed goal

To meet their shelter bed goal, Jackson's MAC group plans to add to an existing shelter to provide additional units as well as renovate an existing shelter for targeted populations that are over-represented in Jackson Counties Pit count data, in addition to securing a new low barrier shelter site that has space for community-wide educational opportunities for additional clients to be served through life skills programming.

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

