

Central Oregon

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 includes representatives from multiple sectors. Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) leads the region's MAC group. Their membership includes Central Oregon Veterans Outreach, Deschutes County Emergency Management, Crook County Emergency Management, Jefferson County Emergency Management, Deschutes County Coordinated Homeless Response Office, City of Redmond Housing Coordinator, Housing Works, Epic Property Management, LLC, NeighborImpact, Shepherd's House, Redemption House, Deschutes County Behavioral Health, J Bar J Youth Services, Homeless Leadership Coalition, City of Bend, and Mosaic Community Health.

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The Central Oregon MAC group surveyed people throughout their region to capture information on community priorities and goal setting. They also analyzed information from recent efforts to understand the needs of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness within their community and used the information gathered to develop interventions they laid out in 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 Central Oregon

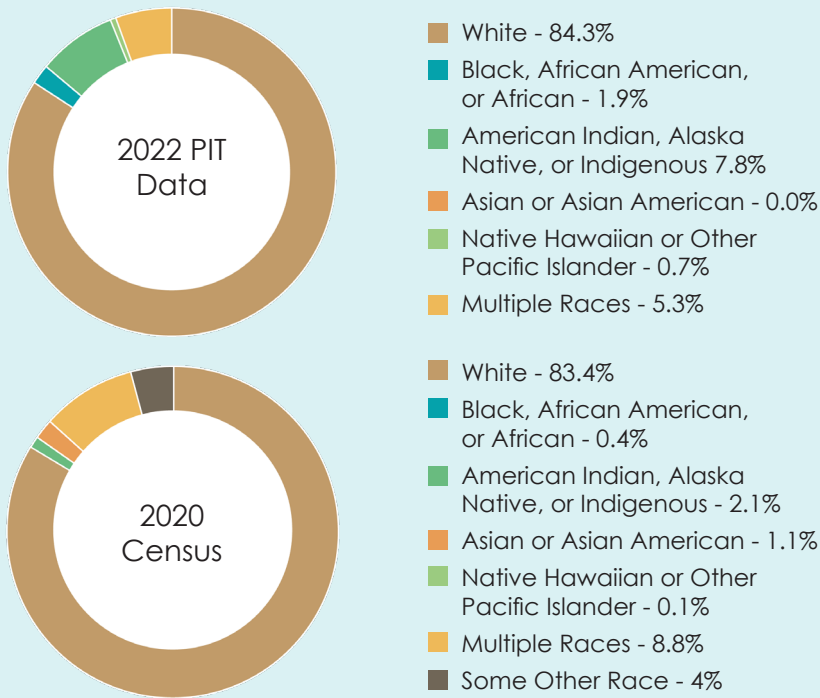
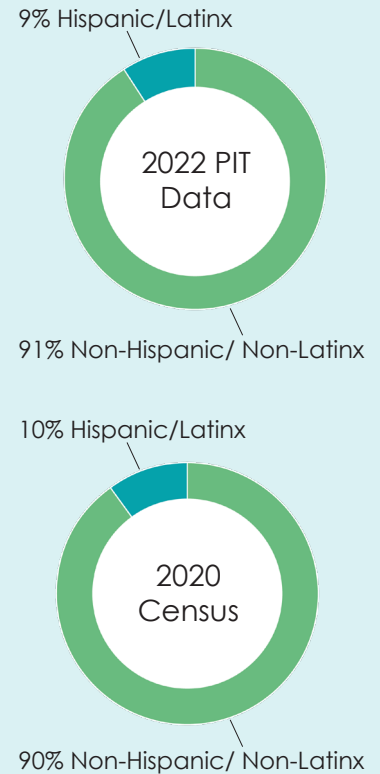


Figure A. Racial disparities within the unsheltered homeless populations in Central Oregon. In this region, 2.1% of all residents self-identify as American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous, while 7.8% of the unsheltered homeless population self-identify that way. The Black, African American, or African population makes up 0.4% of all residents and 1.9% of the unsheltered homeless population. The Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander population makes up 0.1% of all residents and 0.7% of the unsheltered homeless population. Additionally, one out of every 32 people who self identify as Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander experience unsheltered homelessness, compared to one out of every 200 White residents.

Comparison of unsheltered homelessness and overall population by ethnicity in Central Oregon



Rehousing goal

Central Oregon plans to engage in a variety of solutions to resource 161 unsheltered populations. By collaborating with housing providers in the region, they also plan to establish and lease rental units to refer individuals to. Other interventions Central Oregon is considering include unit acquisition and operation, motel conversion, Veteran homesharing, and intensive housing-focused case management to ensure that folks have the wraparound services they need to remain stably housed. Central Oregon has designed their funding application to prioritize projects that address underlying disparities in the community.

Rehouse
186 unsheltered households
by Jan. 10, 2024

Shelter bed goal

To meet their shelter bed goal, Central Oregon is considering several strategies, including site expansion and new site acquisition. Most of the region’s current shelter is concentrated in Deschutes County, specifically Bend, and they intend to increase provider capacity in Crook and Jefferson Counties. Other strategies under consideration include medical respite beds for people to recover from illness or injury but are not ill enough to be in a hospital, congregate and non-congregate shelters for youth and families, and a youth-specific shelter in Redmond.

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