Portland Housing Bureau

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

What data do we have about those who experience homelessness?

21,805 adults and children served in FY 12-13

- 46% from communities of color
- 44% disabled
- 27% female head of household
- 7% veterans

% by Household (some duplication)	**% by # of individuals**
43% Men, unaccompanied (7,450)	39% families (9,350 adults & children)
25% Women, unaccompanied (4,383)	32% men (7,450 individuals)
20% families with children (3,463)	19% women (4,383 individuals)
9% Youth 18-24, unaccompanied (1,467)	6% Youth (1,467 individuals)
3% couples (500)	4% couples (1,000 people in couples)

One-Night Homeless Count report: our best source of who's not served

	Street Count			***Shelter Count***	
Individual adults	1,424	75%		603	62%
Women	*494*	*26%*		*349*	
Men	*930*	*49%*		*254*	
Couples	334	18%		N/A	
Families with children	123	6%		351	36%
Adults	*64*			*157*	
Children < 18	*59*			*194*	
Unaccompanied youth <18	14	1%		20	2%

Bottlenecks

- Affordable housing shortage – rental units for households at 30% AMI and below
- Tight rental market – est. 2.8% vacancy rate lead to more competition for affordable units
- Long waiting lists for short and long-term rent assistance – 21,000 applicants for Section 8, providers are out of rent assistance within the first few days of the month
- Insufficient mental health and addictions treatment and supports
- Insufficient affordable rental housing for families and individuals with challenging behaviors (low barrier units, a.k.a. "Second Chance landlords")

Focused investment, alignment and/or leverage in 6 program areas	Who can it serve	Outcome per $200,000
***Housing*: Short-Term Rent Assistance** (1-12 months). Eviction prevention services and rent assistance, as well as housing placement from streets & shelters. Can be deployed as street outreach & housing placement, shelter diversion, eviction preventionMore expensive for families than individuals.	All (families with children, unaccompanied youth, adults with disabilities, women, veterans)	40 households moved into housing; 80% retention at 1 yr [1 FTE staff + rent assistance]
***Housing*: Permanent supportive housing** for high-need homeless households (long-term rent assistance or subsidized housing, case manager and supportive services), where at least one adult in household has a disabling condition	All, but focused on those with disabilities	14 households (rent assistance & 1 FTE housing staff)
***Housing & systems coordination*: Facility-based operating subsidies or rent assistance for those exiting institutions** (corrections, foster care, hospitals, mental health or addictions treatment). Could include family reunification (reuniting women coming out of incarceration or treatment with their children; youth in foster care with their families)	All	28 households provided transitional housing assistance; 75% in housing at 1 year
Income & benefits: Assistance acquiring **benefits**	All	50 people successfully apply for and begin receiving benefits
***Income & benefits*:** Assistance acquiring **employment**	All	50 people placed in employment
Survival & Emergency Services: Expand shelter capacity with **new year-round shelter**	All (though would likely be population specific)	N/A (Cost of a new 70-bed shelter about $250k for startup and $750k/yr for operations). Less than 10% move to housing -- could be higher if additional funds for rent assistance.
Survival & Emergency Services: Expand **winter shelter** capacity	All (though would likely be population specific)	Pending site availability, 70 beds of shelter, Less than 10% move to housing
Access to services & systems coordination: Develop and staff coordinated entry into housing and services (example staff 211 to conduct initial "triage screening" for homeless services)	All	2 FTE intake staff at 211 or resource center(s) and HMIS enhancements, resulting in data-driven assessments and improved gaps analysis
***Health*: Expanded access to substance use detox, mental health & addictions treatment**	All	TBD
***Health*: Additional mental health street outreach, housing placement, service connection**	All	TBD