

Houselessness in Deschutes County in 2022...

1286 adults & children

123 unaccompanied youth & children

17% increase from 2021

41 unsheltered veterans

98 households with children

Central Oregon's Homeless Leadership Coalition collects this data annually in a Point-in-Time (PIT) count. The data is limited to persons who identify themselves as experiencing homelessness in a 24-hour period. More people in Central Oregon experience homelessness within a calendar year than this data reflects.

Some Common Misconceptions about People Who are Unhoused

"They aren't from here."
False.

The majority of our houseless neighbors have lived here for years, often having their last stable housing in Central Oregon.

"They're not trying hard enough." **False.**

Many houseless people are currently employed or have other income but are faced with high housing costs and other barriers to securing housing.

"They're not our responsibility."
False.

Houselessness is an unfortunate result of past and current public policies and has become a full-blown humanitarian crisis.

"We're trying to get out of here."

John and Tess own a home in Redmond, but because of a failed septic system, the home is currently unlivable. For the last two years, the couple have lived in a make-shift camp while they search for funding to fix their septic system.

There Is No Single Cause of Houselessness

There is not enough affordable housing in Deschutes County for everyone who lives here and needs it. Our most economically vulnerable neighbors need housing that costs less than \$600 per month. Housing stability might prevent a crisis from sending them into houselessness. There are also other contributing factors to the causes of houselessness, like mental health and substance abuse.

Learn more at

houselessindeschutes.org

Providing Shelter for 500

One of City Council's action items under their Housing goal is to *"Create housing or facilities to house 500 homeless individuals on a temporary or permanent basis."*

We currently have...



310 shelter beds.

We need more beds.



Strategy One of City Council's Housing Goal:

Invest in programs and partnerships that result in collaborative, concrete actions toward ending homelessness in Bend.

What the City Can Do (and is Doing):

Building Capacity and Funding Operations

The City invests local, state and federal funding to increase the number of shelter beds in Bend, support service provider operations and address camping in City rights-of-way. Deschutes County provides public health and behavioral health services. The City of Bend and Deschutes County are working together to address homelessness.



Collaborative Office with Deschutes County

Deschutes County and the cities of Bend, La Pine, Redmond and Sisters are recipients of \$1 million in state funding to establish a collaborative office to help streamline the work of dozens of local organizations serving our regional houseless population. This will enable a community-wide approach under a shared set of principles, priorities, and strategies. This unified structure will better equip community stakeholders to engage and support county-wide efforts to address homelessness.

Current Projects and Programs

Safe Parking Program

Enables property owners or lessees within the City to allow limited overnight parking for people experiencing homelessness.

Division Street Shelter (Project Turnkey)

The City was awarded \$2.4 million in state funding to purchase the 28-room motel and \$500,000 was allocated to remodel the site for use as a low barrier emergency shelter. The property is currently being renovated. *Expected completion date: late fall of 2022.*

The Lighthouse (Navigation Center)

The City was awarded \$2 million in state funding to purchase this property for a low barrier shelter and an additional \$2.5 million was awarded for operations. In addition to providing 100 overnight beds, this shelter is a service hub with individualized and intensive supportive services, offered in conjunction with multiple providers.

Temporary Outdoor Shelters

The City has contracted with Central Oregon Village for Phase 1 for a temporary outdoor shelter, which involves outreach, developing a Good Neighbor Agreement, completing a HB 2006 application and refining the site on Bear Creek and 27th in Bend. Phase 2 may include up to 20 Pallet shelters for houseless community members.

Franklin Ave Property (Rainbow Motel)

The City purchased this property to meet our long-term facility needs. It will temporarily be used as a shelter while renovations at Second Street and Division Street shelters are underway. 24 rooms are in use and 41 people reside at the shelter.

Shelter Code Amendments

City Council adopted development code changes that provide options for various types of shelters to be built in most zoning districts in Bend.

For more information, visit bendoregon.gov/houselessness.



Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities

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