SNAPSHOT OF HOMELESSNESS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY

-4% DECREASE IN OVERALL HOMELESSNESS 2017-2019

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PORTLAND – 4% DECREASE, NOW WITH A TOTAL OF 4,015 PEOPLE
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IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY

HOMELESSNESS DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS PEOPLE OF COLOR:

PEOPLE OF COLOR REPRESENT 29.5% OF THE TOTAL POPULATION

PEOPLE OF COLOR REPRESENT 38.1% OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION

HOMELESSNESS IS ON THE RISE AMONG THESE GROUPS:

- 50% WERE SHELTERED
- 50% WERE UNSHELTERED
- 44% WERE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

PEOPLE OVER AGE 70

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

+14%

+37%

+75%

HOW WE COMPARE

TO OTHER WEST COAST CITIES...

2017 VS. 2019:

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TO OTHER STATES...

IN 2018:

- PORTLAND'S RATE OF CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS HAS INCREASED AT TWICE THE NATIONAL RATE
- OREGON HAS THE 4TH HIGHEST RATE OF PER CAPITA HOMELESSNESS (5.4%) IN THE U.S.
- OREGON IS 1 OF ONLY 4 STATES WHERE MORE THAN HALF OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION IS LIVING UNSHELTERED

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ROBUST FUNDING IS NEEDED TO SUPPORT HOUSING STABILITY FOR VERY LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

BETWEEN 2017 AND 2019, 50% MORE PEOPLE ACCESSED HOMELESS SERVICES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, HELPING US ACHIEVE A 4% REDUCTION IN HOMELESSNESS.

LIVING IN PORTLAND IS CURRENTLY UNAFFORDABLE ON A FULL-TIME, MINIMUM WAGE SALARY

HALF OF PORTLAND RENTERS SPEND AT LEAST A THIRD OF THEIR INCOME ON RENT, LEAVING THEM AT GREATER RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.

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