REDMOND

2026 POINT IN TIME (PIT) COUNT

350
Total Individuals Experiencing Homeless in **Redmond**

-24 from 2025

6% decrease compared to 2025

1,392
Total Individuals Experiencing Homeless in **Deschutes County**

-219 from 2025

14% decrease compared to 2025

Key Finding

The decreased count from 2025 to 2026 - both in Bend and region-wide - reflects improved engagement and service provider relationships in the area. With the increased funding from the legislature, service providers completed more outreach and provided more shelter capacity, leading to less homeless individuals in our region.

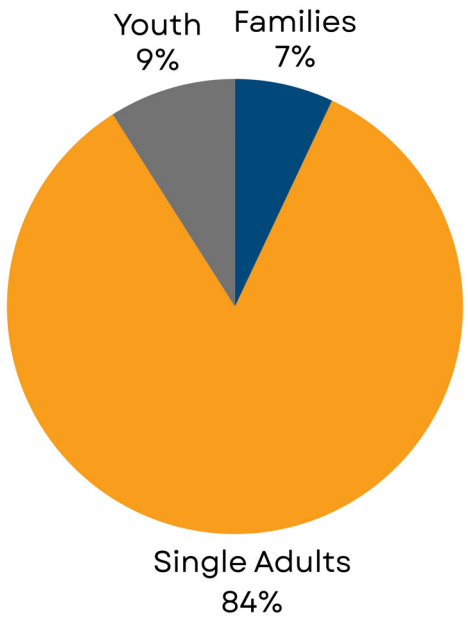
Local Impact

Upcoming encampment closures in the Redmond area will have a large impact on our unhoused neighbors. However, City and County staff, along with service providers, are working to help provide stable housing opportunities for folks, including safe parking, managed camps, and supportive housing, in addition to permanent housing options.

CENTRAL OREGON

1,706
Total Individuals Homeless in Central Oregon

Households Experiencing Homelessness on January 26, 2026



Key Takeaways

- Most of our unhoused neighbors live unsheltered in Deschutes County.
- 187 people under the age of 25 were unsheltered on January 26, 2026.
- 227 people over the age of 55 were unsheltered on January 26, 2026.
- 50% experiencing homelessness in Central Oregon have lived here for more than 10 years.
- 65% of our homeless community have experienced homelessness for a year or longer.
- Between 2025 and 2026 PIT counts, expanded shelter capacity and regional housing initiatives led to a 19% reduction in homelessness.

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WHAT IS THE PIT COUNT?

The Annual Point in Time (PIT) count is the count of sheltered and unsheltered individuals and families experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. This is a requirement of all Continuums of Care (CoCs) by HUD.

Surveys were conducted between January 27 and February 2, 2026, asking folks where they resided on the night of January 26, 2026.

The Homeless Leadership Coalition (HLC) plans, coordinates, and oversees the local counts annually across Central Oregon. For more information visit cohomeless.org.

MYTH VS. FACT

There's a common myth that people move to Central Oregon to access homeless services. However, data shows otherwise: 50% of people experiencing homelessness in the region lived here for over 10 years, and more than 75% for the last three years. This highlights the vast majority are long-term residents who were priced out of housing due to rising costs - not newcomers drawn by services.

HOMELESSNESS IN CENTRAL OREGON

Lack of Housing Supply - Oregon has a projected shortage of more than 440,000 units needed in the next 20 years.

Affordability - The affordability gap is an almost insurmountable barrier for those experiencing homelessness.

Poverty - Earnings from employment and benefits have not kept pace with the cost of housing, food, and transportation.

Other Factors - Inflation, decades of disinvestment in affordable housing, inadequate wages, poor health and disability, lack of support, and other services.

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