

# HOUSING IN THE HEADLINES

## STATEWIDE

“If affordable housing were more available, the number of homeless families would drop, wherever they are in the state” - speaking to the 9% increase in students facing homelessness. [“Rising rents, lack of affordable housing causes jump in homeless students statewide.”](#) *The Oregonian*

## CENTRAL OREGON

“The lack of housing might be dire in Central Oregon, but the situation is even more so for those who experience mental illness.” – [“Housing shortage in central Oregon takes toll on mentally ill.”](#) *The Bulletin*

## BENTON COUNTY

“[M]any of the homeless ‘went to school here, have families here and grew up here...A lot of them work minimum-wage jobs and can’t afford housing...Then there are around 200 homeless kids who sleep in cars every night” – [“Halfway home-less: Benton County 10 year plan reaches five-year mark.”](#) *Albany Democrat-Herald*

## CLACKAMAS COUNTY - OREGON CITY

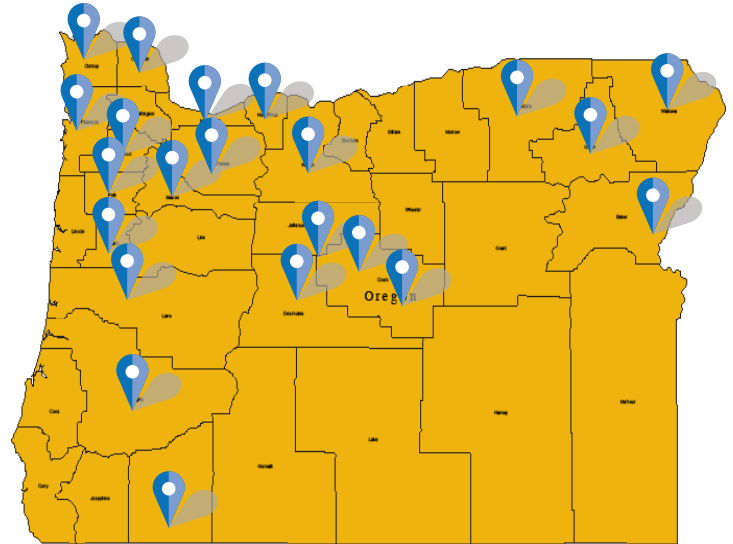
“Oregon City residents remain homeless after parts of two large apartment complexes had to be evacuated due to landslide dangers.” - [The Oregonian](#)

## CLATSOP COUNTY

“The challenge I run into, day after day, week after week, is, there’s not a vast amount of affordable housing that I can put veterans into [even with housing assistance]” [“Homeless veterans face scarce housing.”](#) - *The Daily Astorian*

## COLUMBIA COUNTY

“An extremely tight rental housing market in Columbia County has renters facing staggering increases in monthly costs...In some cases, residents opt to buy a recreational vehicle and live in it in parks or even on the streets” - [The Chronicle](#)



## CROOK COUNTY

“[A] deep concern of mine is to provide housing for the elderly and working folks. If we don’t, where will they go?... We don’t have affordable housing anywhere in the area.” - [The Bulletin](#)

## DESCHUTES COUNTY - BEND

“The fire department is having trouble finding places for fire fighters—it’s not just sort of a lower-income homelessness issue, but we have that challenge as well. I think that the more we raise the alarm that this is a real threat to our town like any other wildfire, earthquake, or economic collapse, this a real threat to Bend, and we have to treat it like that.”- [The Source Weekly](#)

## DOUGLAS COUNTY

“The vacancy rate is very, very low...They’re telling us that there’s nothing out there to rent.” - [NRtoday](#)

## EASTERN OREGON

“Our school districts reflect Oregon in homeless students. A lack of housing in some cities in Eastern Oregon has contributed to an increase in student homelessness...[E]ven hard-working couples find it increasingly difficult to afford housing in our growing state.” - [East Oregonian](#)



## HOOD RIVER COUNTY

“Our anecdotal evidence from people who are leaving is that it’s too expensive to live here and raise a family here.” - [Oregon Live](#)

## JACKSON COUNTY - ASHLAND

“Finding housing that is affordable to rent and/or to purchase is a significant issue for many Ashland residents and others who would like to live in Ashland...” - [The Siskiyou](#)

## LANE COUNTY

“One of the key factors in the high cost of living is housing...the cheapest housing is often a long way from where the jobs are — in remote rural areas, for example.” - [The Register Guard](#) and [the United Way ALICE Report](#)

## MARION COUNTY

“The [Salem] housing authority has noticed the mix of extreme poverty, an increase in rent and low wages having an effect on its clients.” - “Affordable Salem apartments out of reach for many.” [Statesman Journal](#)

## MULTNOMAH COUNTY

“If the housing and rental market affect every aspect of poverty, including education, youth violence, displacement and gentrification. Without stable housing, all of our approaches to ending poverty and giving people an opportunity at a better life begin to fall in on themselves.” - [Street Roots](#)

## POLK COUNTY

“One of the resources we most need in Polk County is housing and transportation.” - [Statesman Journal](#)

## TILLAMOOK COUNTY

“[T]he lack of housing ‘absolutely’ threatens the long-term viability of the company [Tillamook Cheese Factory].... Our current employees struggle with not being able to find affordable housing.” - [The Oregonian](#).

## UMATILLA COUNTY

“[A Hermiston woman experiencing homelessness...] was told that it would probably take between eight months and two years to get a place. In the meantime, the only local homeless shelter...is reserved for families who meet certain criteria.” - [“Hermiston homeless face winter with fewer options.”](#) [The Associated Press](#)

## UNION COUNTY

“It’s hard to get [low-income] housing [in La Grande] for some reason. “There are a lot of people in (a homeless) situation right now,” Pearson said. “People who have lost their homes or their jobs. There seems to be a heightened number of homeless folks, and it’s not just younger people with children — it’s older people as well.” - [The Observer](#)

## WASCO COUNTY

“If we issue 10 vouchers, five or six of them may find a place. We really are at one of the most heightened, challenging positions we’ve been in with regards to our housing market.” - [The Dalles Chronicle](#)

## WALLOWA COUNTY

“The lack of local housing at Wallowa Lake Village had reduced the pool of firefighters that lived in that area down to one, which has led to a steep increase in fire insurance premiums.” - [Wallowa County Chieftain](#)

## YAMHILL COUNTY - NEWBERG

“We wanted Newberg to be a healthy, vibrant community...And when you have a middle class who can’t afford their homes you do not have healthy or vibrant citizens: the stress of being burdened by your house payment is eventually going to wear down on you.” - “Forum: Affordability key to city health.” [The Newburg Graphic](#)

