



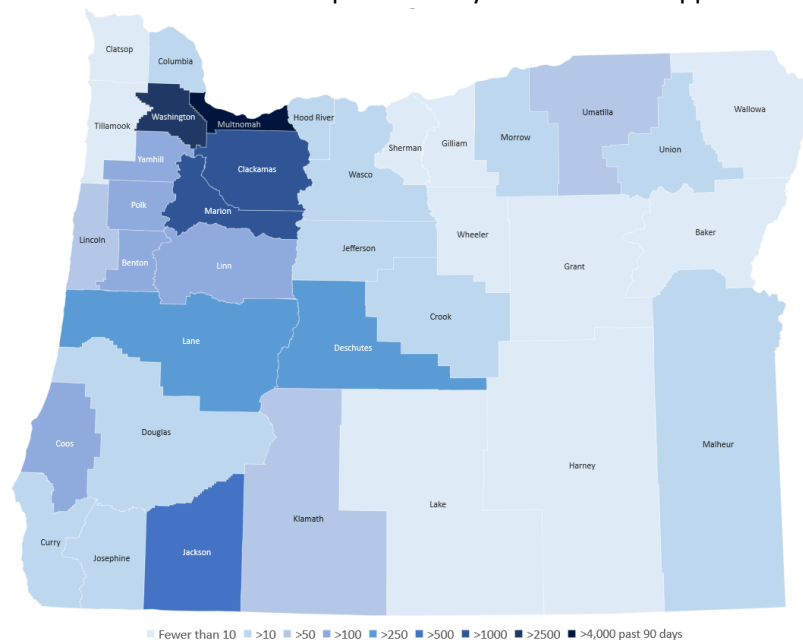
Eviction Risk Landscape in Oregon

Unprecedented Need

OHCS typically provides \$17 M in rental assistance in a year. Since May 19th, Oregonians have requested more than \$266 M in emergency rental assistance through the Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program (OERAP). This is far beyond the ERA 1 total program fund allocation of \$170 M*. OHCS will receive a total of \$126 M in program funds for ERA 2. That totals \$296 M to pay rent and utility bills for Oregonians in need. Staff estimate that resources requested could total the full \$296 M allocation in 3-6 weeks if the rate of application submission remains consistent. OHCS is advocating with U.S. Treasury to secure more funds, specifically any funds reallocated from other states.

Oregonians Waiting & the Safe Harbor Period

While the safe harbor period applies to **all** rental assistance programs, and more than \$80 M in local and federal assistance is being distributed outside of OERAP, many Oregonians are still waiting. More than 38,000 OERAP applications are complete, and nearly 11,900 applications will pass the 60-day (statewide) and 90-day (Multnomah County only) mark. This represents more households than those served from January – June 2021 with state rental assistance (STARR). The data reflects application date, but not necessarily when the safe harbor period starts as it is tied to landlord notice. Additionally, OHCS does not have access to applications for rental assistance programs outside of OERAP and the map below only details OERAP applications aging 60 or 90 days.



Oregon's safe harbor period is **not** providing universal protections. Thousands of Oregon families are at risk of eviction. Despite our best efforts, more than 10,000 applications are still pending review. In some areas, based on just OERAP data and excluding local programs, hundreds and thousands of Oregonians have already had their statewide protections expire.

Eviction Prevention Priority

OHCS continues to make progress in helping program administrators boost processing speed, but this is cold comfort to Oregonians in danger of losing their homes. The agency is deeply concerned with evictions now and into the future. Despite limited staff capacity, we will begin the implementation phase of ERA housing stability services investments, totaling about \$18 M. We remain committed to preventing every eviction possible.

* Program fund totals do not include ERA funds allocated for program administration or housing stability resources.