

Oregon Need for Rent Assistance is Not a Partisan Issue

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Good morning, this is Tom Cusack. I live in Lake Oswego, am a retired HUD Oregon Field Office Director and author of the Oregon Housing Blog.

To inform the members of the Committee and the Legislature I recently updated Census data for each legislative district in Oregon extracting the count and percentage of renters who pay either

- 30% or more of their income for rent.
- 50% or more of their income for rent (Severely cost burdened renters).

After reviewing the data in the table below and in the 3 following pages it is clear that ***Cost burdens and severe cost burdens are NOT found in districts represented ONLY by Republicans OR ONLY by Democrats***

With very little deviation, in ALL districts, Republican or Democratic

- 1 out of 2 renters pay 30% or more for rent
- ***1 out of 4 renters were severely cost burdened, paying 50% or more for rent***

Statewide there were

- 287,983 renter **households** paying 30% or more for rent.
- 145,586 renter **households** who were severely cost burdened, paying 50% or more for rent.

Oregon Legislature , Renter Cost Burden by Chamber and Party				
<i>In Both Chambers and in Both Parties</i>				
The Percentage of Renters Paying 30%+ for Rent Was About 50%				
The Percentage of SEVERELY BURDENED Renters Paying 50%+ for Rent Was About 26%				
SENATE				
Party	# HH Rent Burdened, 30% or More	% HH Rent Burdened, 30% or More	# HH SEVERELY Rent Burdened, 50% or More	% HH SEVERELY Rent Burdened, 50% or More
Democratic	200,362	51%	102,554	26%
Republican	87,621	49%	43,032	24%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>287,983</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>145,586</b>	<b>26%</b>
HOUSE				
Party	# HH Rent Burdened, 30% or More	% HH Rent Burdened, 30% or More	# HH SEVERE Rent Burdened, 50% or More	% HH SEVERE Rent Burdened, 50% or More
Democratic	199,768	51%	102,922	27%
Republican	88,215	48%	42,664	23%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>287,983</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>145,586</b>	<b>26%</b>
Source Data : ACS 2019 5 Year Table ACS 25070				
<b><i>Courtesy, Oregon Housing Blog</i></b>				

**Oregon Legislative Districts, Rent Burdened and Severely Rent Burdened Counts and Percentages**

**About 1/2 of Renters Pay 30%+ for Rent**

**About 1/4 of Renters Are SEVERELY Rent Burdened, Paying 50%+ for Rent**

Courtesy, Oregon Housing Blog

House or Senate	Dist.	First, Last Name	PARTY	HH w Known Rent Burden	HH 30%+ Rent Burden	HH SEVERE RENT BURDEN, 50%+	PERCENT 30%+ Rent Burden	PERCENT SEVERE RENT BURDEN 50% of More Rent Burden
ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	570,318	287,983	145,586	50%	26%
House	1	David Brock Smith	Republican	6,736	3,346	1,458	50%	22%
House	2	Christine Goodwin	Republican	8,337	3,902	1,812	47%	22%
House	3	Lily Morgan	Republican	10,331	5,971	3,109	58%	30%
House	4	Duane Stark	Republican	5,798	2,874	1,108	50%	19%
House	5	Pam Marsh	Democratic	10,040	5,632	2,971	56%	30%
House	6	Kim Wallan	Republican	13,348	7,549	4,272	57%	32%
House	7	Cedric Hayden	Republican	6,659	3,126	1,591	47%	24%
House	8	Paul Holvey	Democratic	10,764	6,090	3,486	57%	32%
House	9	Boomer Wright	Republican	8,740	4,214	2,003	48%	23%
House	10	David Gomberg	Democratic	7,991	3,966	1,920	50%	24%
House	11	Marty Wilde	Democratic	7,620	4,760	2,890	62%	38%
House	12	John Lively	Democratic	11,383	5,762	2,701	51%	24%
House	13	Nancy Nathanson	Democratic	15,179	7,956	4,364	52%	29%
House	14	Julie Fahey	Democratic	9,691	5,525	2,791	57%	29%
House	15	Shelly Boshart Davis	Republican	9,254	4,308	1,875	47%	20%
House	16	Dan Rayfield	Democratic	13,037	7,858	4,797	60%	37%
House	17	Jami Cate	Republican	8,178	4,015	2,092	49%	26%
House	18	Rick Lewis	Republican	5,197	2,224	1,031	43%	20%
House	19	Raquel Moore-Green	Republican	8,281	4,050	2,080	49%	25%
House	20	Paul Evans	Democratic	10,049	5,100	2,852	51%	28%
House	21	<b>Chris Hoy</b>	Democratic	10,595	5,150	2,321	49%	22%
House	22	Teresa Alonso Leon	Democratic	11,074	6,119	3,214	55%	29%
House	23	Anna Scharf	Republican	4,865	2,026	1,225	42%	25%
House	24	Ron Noble	Republican	6,473	3,283	1,505	51%	23%
House	25	<b>Jessica George</b>	Republican	8,624	4,511	2,020	52%	23%
House	26	Courtney Neron	Republican	7,969	3,550	1,572	45%	20%
House	27	Sheri Schouten	Democratic	11,476	5,971	2,606	52%	23%
House	28	Wlinsvey Campos	Democratic	7,735	3,645	1,825	47%	24%
House	29	Susan McLain	Democratic	8,252	4,027	1,813	49%	22%
House	30	Janeen Sollman	Democratic	14,190	5,666	2,315	40%	16%
House	31	Brad Witt	Democratic	5,715	3,104	1,316	54%	23%
House	32	Suzanne Weber	Republican	8,328	3,903	1,667	47%	20%
House	33	Maxine Dexter	Democratic	12,639	5,129	2,572	41%	20%
House	34	Ken Helm	Democratic	14,208	6,206	2,873	44%	20%

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House	36	Lisa Reynolds	Democratic	21,851	11,017	6,107	50%	28%
House	37	Rachel Prusak	Democratic	7,475	3,848	1,920	51%	26%
House	38	Andrea Salinas	Democratic	8,016	3,665	2,019	46%	25%
House	39	Christine Drazan	Republican	4,363	2,243	1,083	51%	25%
House	40	Mark Meek	Democratic	8,530	4,586	2,427	54%	28%
House	41	Karin Power	Democratic	9,835	4,751	2,632	48%	27%
House	42	Rob Nosse	Democratic	19,292	8,723	4,040	45%	21%
House	43	Tawna Sanchez	Democratic	14,150	6,135	3,134	43%	22%
House	44	Tina Kotek	Democratic	9,444	4,563	2,136	48%	23%
House	45	Barbara Smith Warner	Democratic	9,136	4,855	2,109	53%	23%
House	46	Khanh Pham	Democratic	10,866	5,853	3,075	54%	28%
House	47	Andrea Valderrama	Democratic	11,041	6,956	3,918	63%	35%
House	48	Jeff Reardon	Democratic	11,228	5,721	3,049	51%	27%
House	49	Zach Hudson	Democratic	10,305	6,397	3,343	62%	32%
House	50	Ricki Ruiz	Democratic	9,377	5,901	3,052	63%	33%
House	51	Janelle Bynum	Democratic	7,454	4,242	2,581	57%	35%
House	52	Anna Williams	Democratic	5,339	2,578	1,264	48%	24%
House	53	Jack Zika	Republican	7,337	3,456	1,661	47%	23%
House	54	Jason Kropf	Democratic	13,193	6,970	3,661	53%	28%
House	55	Vikki Breese-Iverson	Republican	6,188	3,137	1,477	51%	24%
House	56	E. Werner Reschke	Republican	9,341	4,706	2,706	50%	29%
House	57	Greg Smith	Republican	6,730	2,561	992	38%	15%
House	58	Bobby Levy	Republican	7,880	3,489	1,694	44%	21%
House	59	Daniel Bonham	Republican	6,813	2,824	1,239	41%	18%
House	60	Mark Owens	Republican	6,639	2,947	1,392	44%	21%

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<b>SENATE</b>	<b>1</b>	Dallas Heard	Republican	15,073	7,248	3,270	48%	22%
SENATE	2	Art Robinson	Republican	16,129	8,845	4,217	55%	26%
SENATE	3	Jeff Golden	Democratic	23,388	13,181	7,243	56%	31%
SENATE	4	Floyd Prozanski	Democratic	17,423	9,216	5,077	53%	29%
SENATE	5	Dick Anderson	Republican	16,731	8,180	3,923	49%	23%
SENATE	6	Lee Beyer	Democratic	19,003	10,522	5,591	55%	29%
SENATE	7	James Manning Jr.	Democratic	24,870	13,481	7,155	54%	29%
SENATE	8	Sara Gelsler Blouin	Democratic	22,291	12,166	6,672	55%	30%
SENATE	9	Fred Girod	Republican	13,375	6,239	3,123	47%	23%
SENATE	10	Deb Patterson	Democratic	18,330	9,150	4,932	50%	27%
SENATE	11	Peter Courtney	Democratic	21,669	11,269	5,535	52%	26%
SENATE	12	Brian Boquist	Republican	11,338	5,309	2,730	47%	24%
SENATE	13	Kim Thatcher	Republican	16,593	8,061	3,592	49%	22%
SENATE	14	Kate Lieber	Democratic	19,211	9,616	4,431	50%	23%
SENATE	15	Chuck Riley	Democratic	22,442	9,693	4,128	43%	18%
SENATE	16	Betsy Johnson	Democratic	14,043	7,007	2,983	50%	21%
SENATE	17	Elizabeth Steiner Hayward	Democratic	26,847	11,335	5,445	42%	20%
SENATE	18	Akasha Lawrence-Spence	Democratic	31,590	16,358	8,935	52%	28%
SENATE	19	Rob Wagner	Democratic	15,491	7,513	3,939	48%	25%
SENATE	20	Bill Kennemer	Republican	12,893	6,829	3,510	53%	27%
SENATE	21	Kathleen Taylor	Democratic	29,127	13,474	6,672	46%	23%
SENATE	22	Lew Frederick	Democratic	23,594	10,698	5,270	45%	22%
SENATE	23	Michael Dembrow	Democratic	20,002	10,708	5,184	54%	26%
SENATE	24	Kayse Jama	Democratic	22,269	12,677	6,967	57%	31%
SENATE	25	Chris Gorsek	Democratic	19,682	12,298	6,395	62%	32%
SENATE	26	Chuck Thomsen	Republican	12,793	6,820	3,845	53%	30%
SENATE	27	Tim Knopp	Republican	20,530	10,426	5,322	51%	26%
SENATE	28	Dennis Linthicum	Republican	15,529	7,843	4,183	51%	27%
SENATE	29	Bill Hansell	Republican	14,610	6,050	2,686	41%	18%
SENATE	30	Lynn Findley	Republican	13,452	5,771	2,631	43%	20%

*Data Source, ACS 5 Year Table B 25070*