

## City of Eugene, Low Income Housing and Homelessness *FAST FACTS*

### **HOMELESSNESS** *“HARDWORKING PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE TO AFFORD HOUSING AND STILL HAVE MONEY LEFT FOR BASIC NECESSITIES.”*

- 11,513** Number of homeless individuals who sought social services in Lane County in 2009. There were over 9,000 households who sought services.
- 1,600** Approximate number of individuals who actually receive emergency shelter or housing assistance in Lane County annually.
- 1,792** Number of unduplicated homeless children enrolled in Lane County schools in 2008-09. Over half (914) are from Eugene and an additional 464 are from Springfield. Lane County had a 7% increase from 2007-08. Statewide there was a 14% increase and a 122% increase since 2002-03.
- 1,945** Number of unduplicated homeless and runaway youth seen by Looking Glass in 2008-09. Statewide there was a 32% increase in unaccompanied youth from 2008 to 2009.
- 3,971** Number of homeless people on the streets or living in temporary shelters on January 27, 2010. There were 697 homeless families. 2,541 people were unsheltered. 1,215 chronically homeless individuals and 317 homeless Veterans. 48% identified themselves as meeting the HUD definition of chronically homeless.
- 95%** Percentage of local homeless households who receive services whose last permanent address was in Lane County.
- 48%** Percentage of Lane County homeless who are “chronic” under the federal definition (continually homeless for a year or more or 4 episodes of homelessness in the past 3 years and an unaccompanied homeless person with a disabling condition.) This is based on the one-night count. Nationally about 10% all homeless people have been reported as chronic.
- 11%** Percentage of families who request emergency shelter who receive it during the same month as their request. (2007)
- 5,000** Approximate number of domestic violence calls received by Womenspace each year. Each call represents a person who becomes potentially displaced or homeless. Womenspace has 15 shelter beds.

### **HIDDEN COSTS OF HOMELESSNESS** *“Housing gives people a chance to build better lives. To succeed you need a place to call home.”*

- \$389** Hospital emergency room services daily average cost per visit. (Peace Health). (2007)  
The cost at McKenzie Willamette is approximately \$300.
- \$996** Johnson Unit Psychiatric Unit average daily shelter cost per bed.(2007)
- \$220** Buckley House detoxification daily average cost per bed. (3-4 days alcohol detox; 4-5 days heroin detox) (2007)
- \$379** Lane County Jail average daily cost, including \$134 for shelter, food, processing and transport and \$245 for the cost of arrest on warrant, jail book-in, and custody. (2008)

## HOUSING *“IT’S ONLY FAIR THAT EVERYONE HAS A SAFE, DECENT PLACE TO LIVE.”*

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| <b>20,000</b>     | Number of households in Eugene and Springfield area that are <i>eligible</i> for subsidized housing, according to the 2000 census. This number doubled from the 1990 census.   |
| <b>4,500</b>      | Number of households in Eugene and Springfield area that <i>receive</i> a housing subsidy.   |
| <b>\$626.00</b>   | Monthly cost of an average pre-1988 two-bedroom rental in Eugene. The average cost for a newer two-bedroom rental is \$804. For a new three bedroom it’s \$967. (Source of data: Duncan & Brown Real Estate Analysis, November 2005. Although Duncan and Brown have discontinued the survey general indications are that rents have increased. |
| <b>\$434</b>      | Affordable rent for a <i>one-person</i> household earning full time minimum wage (\$8.40 as of January 1, 2009), including utilities, if 30% of household income is allocated for housing.   |
| <b>\$17,472</b>   | Annual gross income for a minimum wage full-time worker (\$8.40/hr.). This is 34% of area median income.   |
| <b>\$51,500</b>   | Area median income for a 3 person household. Very-low-income is 50%: \$25,750. (HUD 2009).   |
| <b>\$24,000</b>   | Typical per-unit local subsidy for new construction of very-low-income rental housing (including federal CDBG and HOME grant funds, fee contributions, and Lane County Road funds. Subsidies on projects range from as low as \$7,000 per unit to as high as \$50,000 per unit.)   |
| <b>\$2.19</b>     | Subsidy per unit/per day when averaged over 30 years at a \$24,000 local subsidy. For the average 3 person household this is 67¢ per person. Projects remain viable much longer than 30 years.   |
| <b>\$400,000+</b> | Cost of a typical acre of medium density zoned land (R2) in Eugene. In 1999 an acre would sell for \$100,000; in 1994, \$40,000 and in 1990 it was hard to find a buyer at \$20,000. Now it is hard to find an acre to purchase.   |
| <b>1,976</b>      | Number of subsidized housing units built, acquired, or in advanced planning in Eugene since 1989.  |
| <b>2,000+</b>     | Number of housing units rehabilitated with City of Eugene loan support since 1989.   |
| <b>\$10,000+</b>  | Typical cost to rehabilitate a housing unit through Eugene’s loan program.   |

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