

**TUESDAY WORK SESSION AGENDA**  
**May 27, 2025**  
**Courthouse Conference Room**

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AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO ATTEND OR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
MEETING VIRTUALLY.

**Approximate  
Time**

**AGENDA**

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| 9:00 a.m. | 1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  |
|           | 2. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda and limited to 3 minutes. We encourage all community members to engage with public comments to the Board of Commissioners. However, out of respect for our audience and a general sense of decorum please refrain from vulgar, threatening or inappropriate language.) |
|           | 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA  |
|           | 4. APPROVE MINUTES OF May 20, 2025   |
|           | 5. HUD FY26 PROPOSED BUDGET IMPACTS TO LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES – Jessica Blakely & Christian Edelblute   |
|           | 6. POINT IN TIME COUNT RESULTS – Brent DeMoe   |
|           | 7. NON-LISTED ITEMS (Pursuant to ORS 192.640)  |

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The meetings are held in the Board of Commissioners' conference room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. Each meeting begins at 9:00 a.m., and is conducted according to a prepared agenda that lists the principal subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners may consider and take action on subjects that are not listed on the agenda. The Board also holds a department staff meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Every Monday in the Commissioners Conference Room at 850 main Street, Oregon.

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**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS**

The Board sets aside a time at each regular meeting for comment by the public on subjects not appearing on the Agenda. Individuals may come forward and make any statement they wish, but not to exceed three (3) minutes in length, except as is required to give concise answers to questions from Board members. If the subject will require a lengthier presentation, or merits inclusion as an item on the Agenda of a future meeting, the Board may schedule it accordingly.

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 20, 2025**

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session and led the Board and attending audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Gordon and Commissioner Mordhorst were present.

**2. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda):**

None.

**3. AGENDA:**      **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON  
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA**

**ALL VOTED YES.  
MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.**

**4. MINUTES:**      **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON  
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF May 13, 2025**

**ALL VOTED YES.  
MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.**

**5. STAR RECOGNITION AWARD:**

The Polk County Board of Commissioners and staff recognized Katrina Hanson for the Special Thanks and Recognition Award for Q3 FY 2024-2025. The STAR Award is a quarterly award that allows Department Heads to nominate someone from their department.

**6. NON-LISTED ITEMS** - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

None.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda  
Approved: May 27, 2025

# Rural Polk County

## 2025 Point in Time Count Data

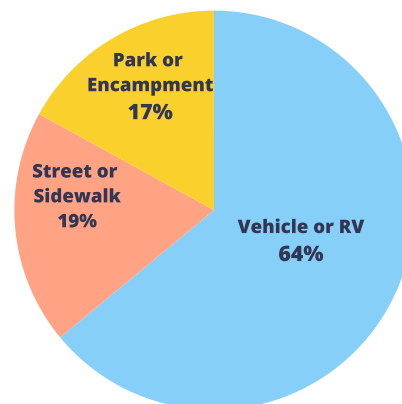


The 2025 Point in Time (PIT) Count took place in late January across the United States. The PIT Count is a comprehensive count of the local population experiencing homelessness that measures the prevalence of homelessness in each community and collects information on individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

This year for our region, the Polk County Family & Community Outreach department partnered with over 15 local agencies and 30-plus community volunteers to ask people experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness in rural Polk County where they slept on the night of January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rural Polk County is defined as the areas West of Highway 51 including the cities of Monmouth, Independence, Dallas, Falls City, Willamina, Grand Ronde, and the unincorporated areas surrounding those cities.

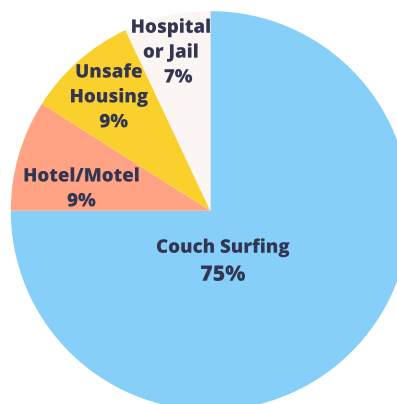


### UNSHELTERED HOMELESS



### AT-RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

*\*At-risk of homelessness is defined as those who will lose primary residence within 14 days and have nowhere else to go.*



**135**

#### Unsheltered Homeless

Sleeping outside, in a vehicle, RV with no hookups, or a place not meant for habitation.



**81**

#### Sheltered Homeless

Sleeping in a temporary or emergency shelter, transitional housing, or in a hotel.



**92**

#### At-risk of Homelessness

Couch Surfing, facing eviction, sleeping in unsafe or tumultuous housing, or in jail.

### Demographics

Individuals experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness

**47%** Male

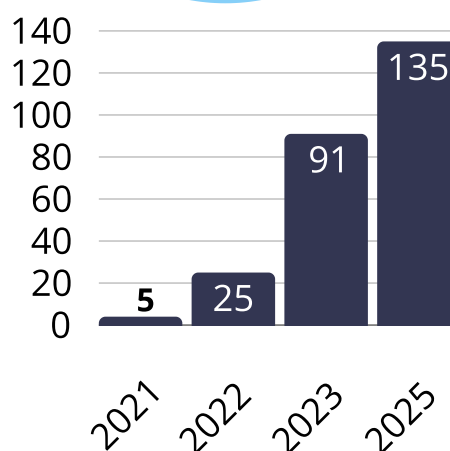
**42%** Female

**11%** Other/Unknown

**3%** Veterans

**4%** Older Adults (55+)

Unsheltered Individuals Experiencing Homelessness



Point in Time Count Years

*\*Couch Surfing is defined as an individual rotates between houses based on available bed/couch/space to sleep temporarily for one or several nights.*

# Rural Polk County

## 2025 Point in Time Count Data



### Dallas

**96** INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR ARE AT-RISK OR HOMELESSNESS

**46** Unsheltered

**36** Sheltered

**14** At-Risk

Adults 25+

Youth 18-24

Children 0-17

**53**

**24**

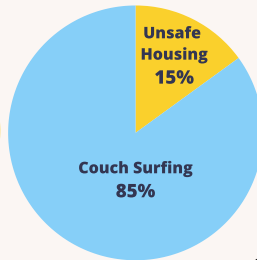
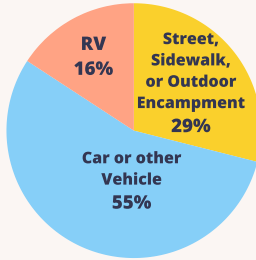
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UNSHeltered HOMELESS

AT-RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

**87%**

Have a verifiable connection to Rural Polk County



### Monmouth

**75** INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR ARE AT-RISK OR HOMELESSNESS

**33** Unsheltered

**5** Sheltered

**37** At-Risk

Adults 25+

Youth 18-24

Children 0-17

**46**

**15**

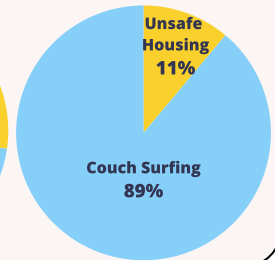
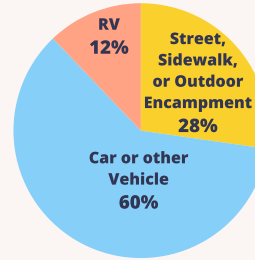
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UNSHeltered HOMELESS

AT-RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

**89%**

Have a verifiable connection to Rural Polk County



### Independence

**45** INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR ARE AT-RISK OR HOMELESSNESS

**19** Unsheltered

**0** Sheltered

**26** At-Risk

Adults 25+

Youth 18-24

Children 0-17

**26**

**3**

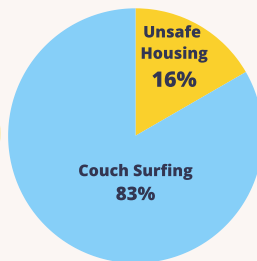
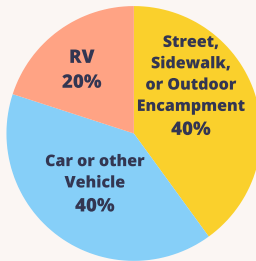
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UNSHeltered HOMELESS

AT-RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

**87%**

Have a verifiable connection to Rural Polk County



### Falls City

**24** INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR ARE AT-RISK OR HOMELESSNESS

**15** Unsheltered

**0** Sheltered

**9** At-Risk

Adults 25+

Youth 18-24

Children 0-17

**19**

**2**

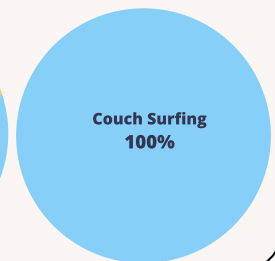
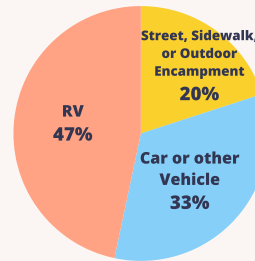
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UNSHeltered HOMELESS

AT-RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

**92%**

Have a verifiable connection to Rural Polk County



### Grand Ronde Area

**62** INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR ARE AT-RISK OR HOMELESSNESS

**17** Unsheltered

**40** Sheltered

**5** At-Risk

Adults 25+

Youth 18-24

Children 0-17

**50**

**7**

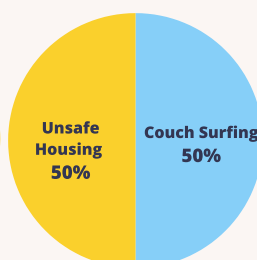
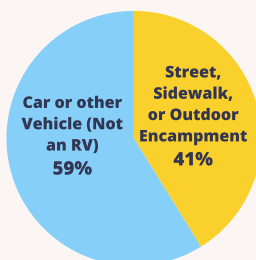
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UNSHeltered HOMELESS

AT-RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

**90%**

Have a verifiable connection to Rural Polk County



### Willamina

**6** INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR ARE AT-RISK OR HOMELESSNESS

**5** Unsheltered

**0** Sheltered

**1** At-Risk

Adults 25+

Youth 18-24

Children 0-17

**5**

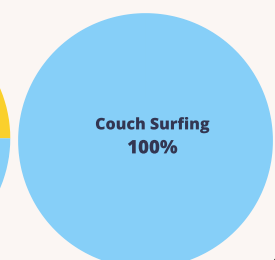
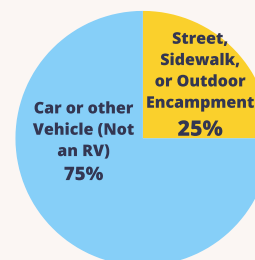
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UNSHeltered HOMELESS

AT-RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

**83%**

Have a verifiable connection to Rural Polk County





# Homeless Prevention & Outreach Program



Since June 2023, the Homeless Prevention & Outreach program and its partners have assisted many homeless individuals & families from Rural Polk County navigate housing and secure stable housing.

Note: Rural Polk County is defined as including Monmouth, Independence, Dallas, Falls City, Willamina, Grand Ronde and the unincorporated parts of the county.

**369** Total homeless individuals housed in Polk County  
**178** Kids      **111** Parents      **80** Single Individuals



**185**

Rapid Rehousing  
housed individuals

**94**

Kids

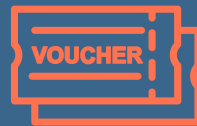
**56**

Parents

**35**

Single Individuals

Rapid Rehousing is a program in which clients receive deposit & rental assistance with on-going case management to become self-sufficient.



**95**

Section 8 Voucher  
housed individuals

**46**

Kids

**29**

Parents

**20**

Single Individuals

Providing Case Management and resource navigation by helping clients locate & get approved for a place with a Section 8 Housing Voucher from West Valley Housing Authority.



**89**

General Deposit  
Assistance

**38**

Kids

**26**

Parents

**25**

Single Individuals

Polk County Family & Community Outreach (FCO) helped the client navigate housing and paid the initial deposit. The client will pay rent on their own.