

HB 2544: Oregon's Unaccompanied Houseless Youth (UHY)

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OREGON HAS THE

1st

HIGHEST RATE OF
YOUTH HOUSELESSNESS
IN THE U.S.

IN OREGON

3,700

UNACCOMPANIED
HOUSELESS YOUTH IN THE
2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

% of UHY

40-60%

20-40%

33%

Up to 40%

34%

51%

Physically Abused at Home

Sexually Abused at Home

Formerly in Foster Care

LGBTQIA+

Black/African American

Youth of Color

COVID-19 DANGERS FOR UHY

The pandemic is increasing
the 2 main causes of UHY:

1. Family financial distress
2. Family dysfunction & abuse

HOUSELESS YOUTH ROSE

32%

IN OREGON DURING
THE 2008 RECESSION

AS MANY AS

3/4

OF UHY LIVE WITH
A CHRONIC MEDICAL
CONDITION

PATHWAY 1: EXPAND HOST HOME NETWORK

\$2.2million for host home housing that keeps youth in school – or enables youth to return to school – by providing:

1. A Home
2. Food
3. A Supportive Family



54%

OREGON
HOUSELESS
STUDENT AVG.



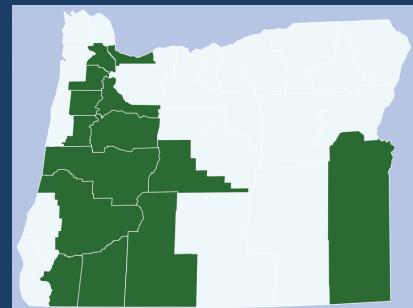
94%

HOST HOMES
(SECOND HOME)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES

PATHWAY 2: EXPAND SHELTER & SUPPORT SERVICES

\$2.2 million to expand or enhance existing UHY shelter facilities, outreach, culturally specific services, mental health/substance use services, other transitional housing options.



COUNTIES WITH RHY GRANTEES

Sources

State Youth Houselessness Rankings: <https://wallethub.com/edu/states-with-the-most-at-risk-youth/37280/>. UHY rates and rankings calculated 2016-17 school year data compiled from: https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d18/tables/dt18_203.20.asp (public school enrollment), <https://www.usich.gov/homelessness-statistics/> (number of UHY).

Youth to Adult Houselessness: <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/cms/docs/WorkingTogetherHomeless.pdf>

UHY Identities and Trauma Experiences: <https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/learn/unaccompanied-youth/>

UHY Medical Data: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3328221/>

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