

Spring 2025 Provider Conference
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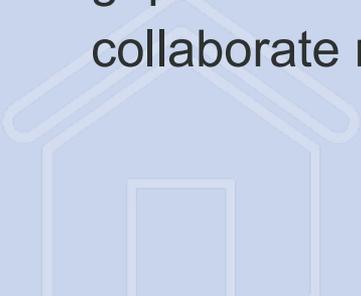
Homelessness and Older Adults in Multnomah County - Status Report



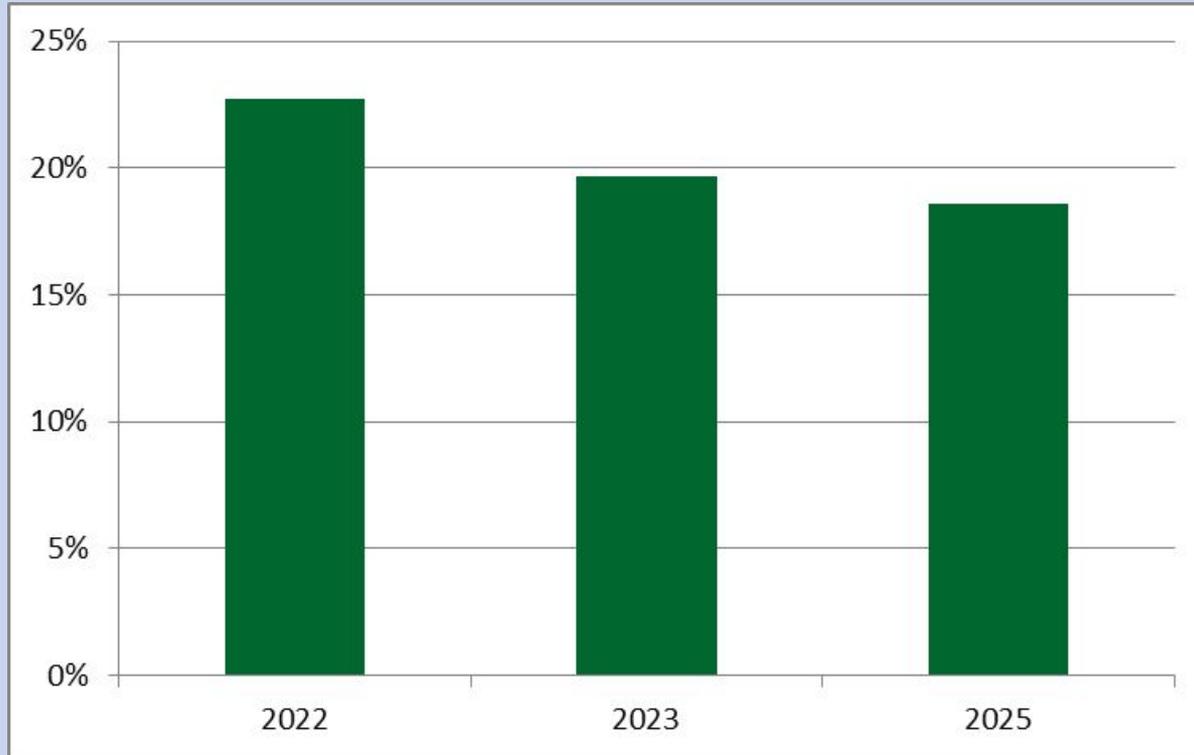
Overview of this Session

As the number of older adults becoming homeless grows, and with more at risk of homelessness, how are service providers working together to serve this vulnerable population?

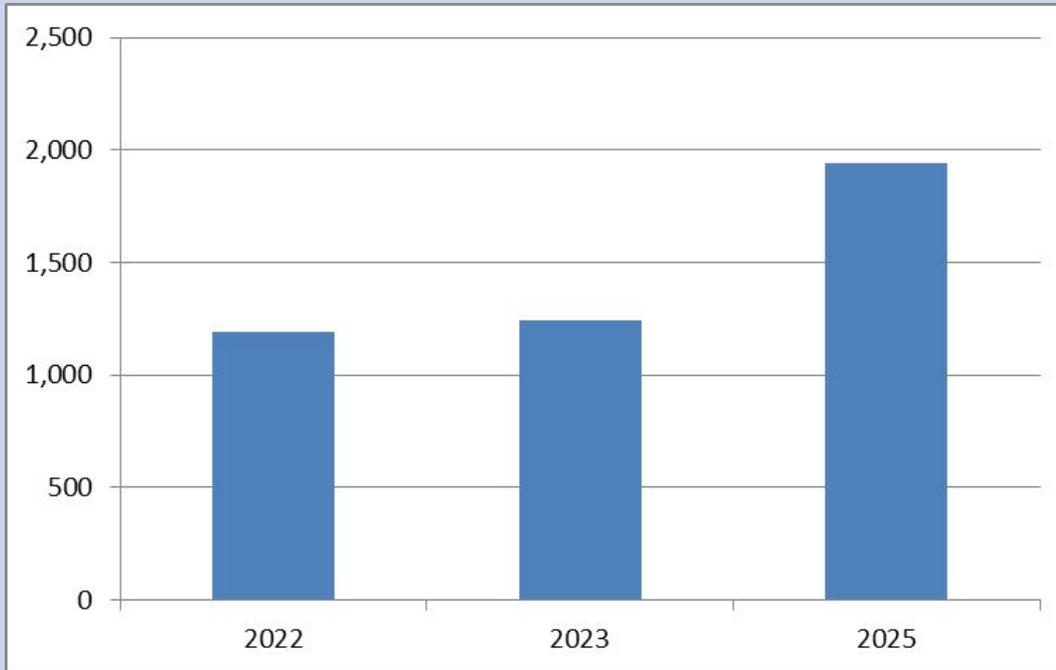
Today we'll explore the impact of the prioritization of older adults within homeless and housing services, the gaps in senior-specific services, and ways that we can collaborate more effectively.



The percentage of those who are homeless and over age 55 has changed over time.



The number of homeless older adults in Multnomah County continues to grow as the number of people experiencing homelessness grow.



Point in Time Count data

2025

Total: 10,434

Age 55+: 1,964

2023

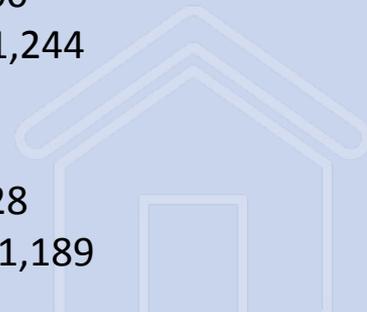
Total: 6,300

Age 55+: 1,244

2022

Total: 5,228

Age 55+: 1,189



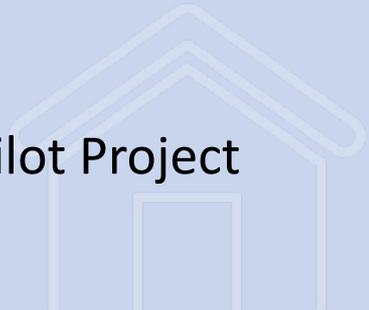


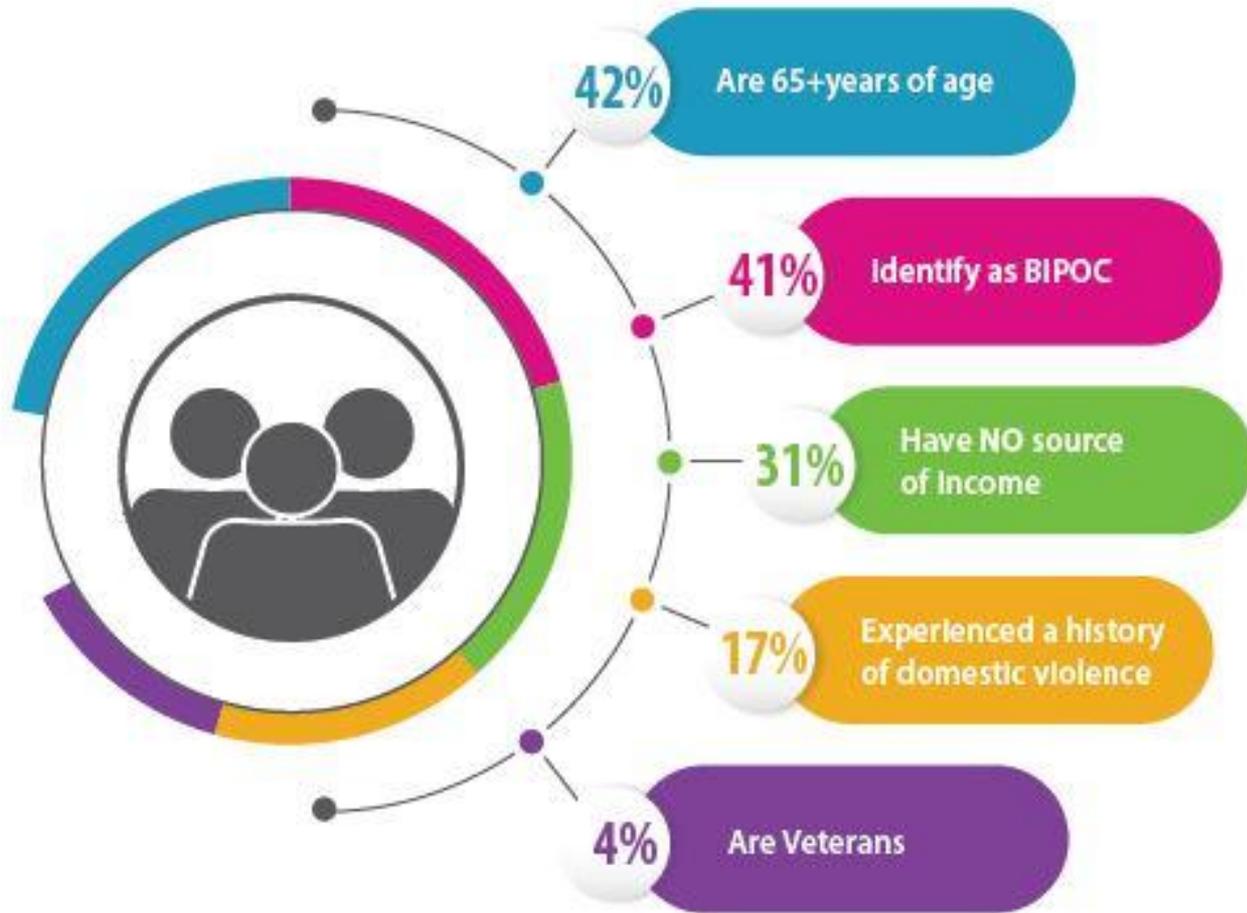
Panelists

- Amy Thompson, Housing Director, NARA NW
- Celine Mazoyer, Case Management Services Manager, Northwest Pilot Project
- Jason Coulthurst, Housing Access Manager, Northwest Pilot Project
- Kay Cockerill, PSH Clinical Supervisor, NARA NW

Moderator

- Laura Golino de Lovato, Executive Director, Northwest Pilot Project





NWPP Clients 2024

WHAT WE'RE HEARING AND SEEING

- 55 is the new 70 - homelessness exacerbates aging
- Requests for housing services from older adults is up 30%
- A higher percentage of our clients struggle with substance abuse
- More of our clients report domestic violence history
- Sharp increase of co-occurring health (physical and behavioral) issues
- 92% of NWPP clients live alone
- Chronic homelessness in older adults ages 55 - 64 is double that of older adults age 65+



The gap between SSI income and average studio rent in Portland Metro



*SSI Supplemental Security Insurance

**FMR Fair Market Rent

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Q&A



Thank you!

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