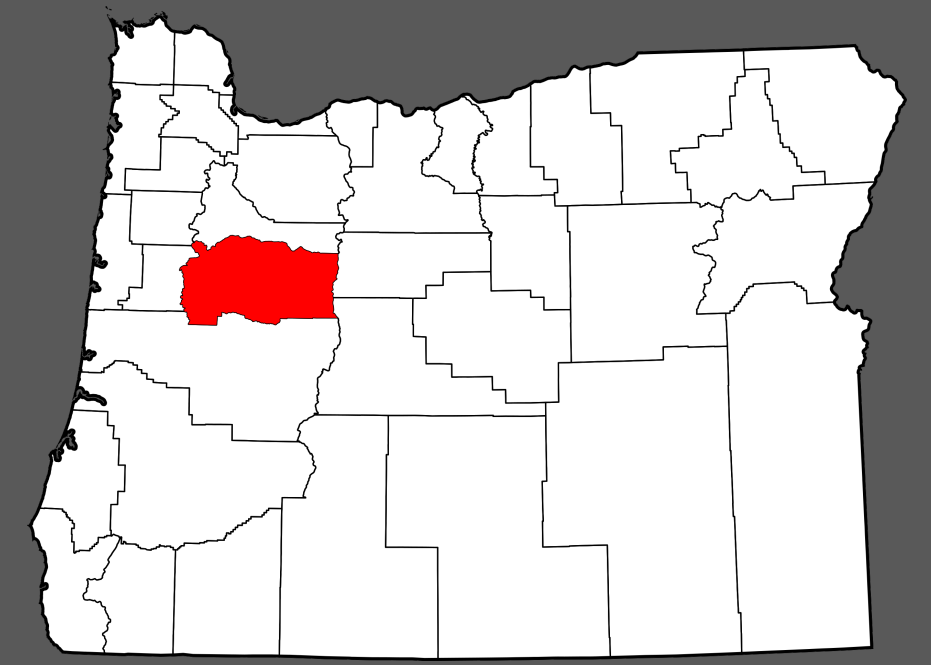


# Access to Affordable Housing in Lebanon, OR

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## INTRODUCTION

### Housing as a Social Determinant of Health

- **Social Determinants of Health:** Social Determinants of Health are factors that strongly influence overall health outcomes. These factors include systemic social forces like housing, economic stability, access to education, access to healthcare, food security, social inclusion and non-discrimination, and employment opportunities.<sup>1</sup>
- **Access to Affordable Housing:** Community members without stable housing are at greater risk of health complications due to chronic stress, unsanitary conditions, violence, discrimination, and exposure to inclement weather. Those spending a large percentage of their income on rent may struggle to afford healthcare or healthy foods, furthering their health risks.<sup>2</sup>

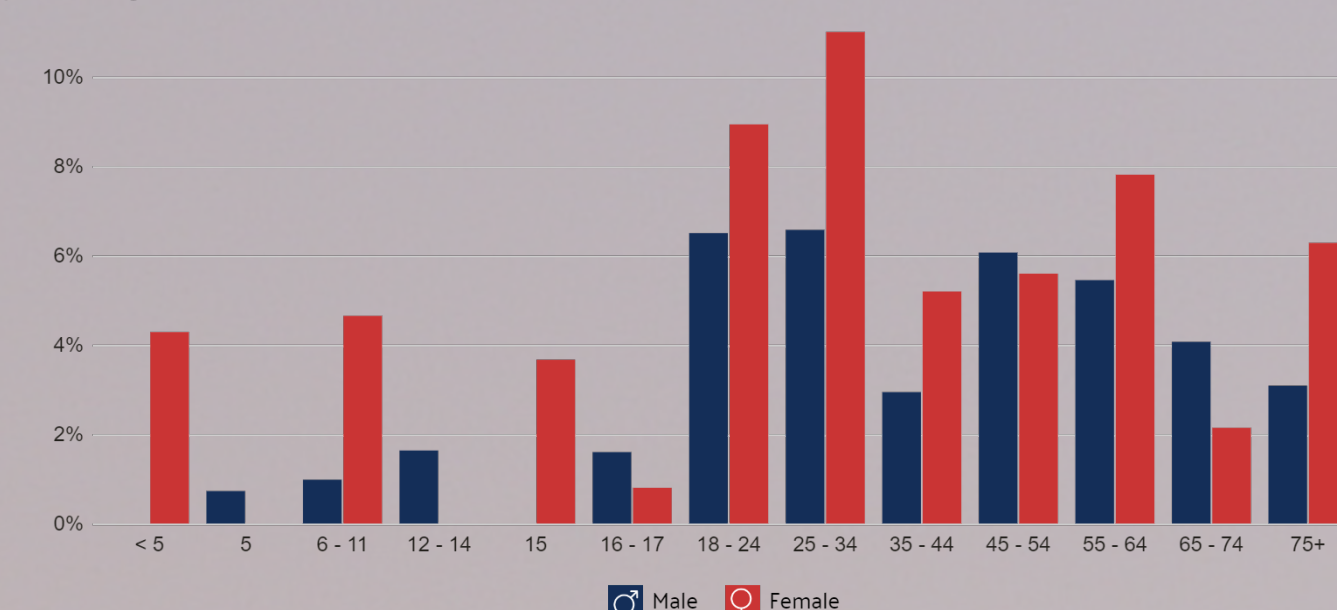
## COMMUNITY AND VULNERABLE POPULATION

- **Focus Community:** Lebanon, OR
  - *Lebanon is located in the Willamette Valley in northwest Oregon, and has a population approximately 20,000 residents<sup>3</sup>*
- **Vulnerable Population:** Socioeconomically Disadvantaged
  - *Among those living below the poverty level in Lebanon, the groups most affected are the unhoused, veterans, people living with disabilities, the elderly, people of color, students, and women<sup>4</sup>*
- **Priority Population:** Community Members Experiencing Houselessness

## ASSESSMENT

### Findings

- 18% of households in Lebanon fall below the poverty level<sup>4</sup>
- Living below the poverty level increases the risk of becoming houseless<sup>5</sup>
- 500-675 people experienced houselessness in Linn County in 2020, including 6% of all students in the Lebanon community<sup>4</sup>
- Lebanon is expected to grow by approximately 5,600 people by 2039 (a population growth of over 25%)<sup>5</sup>
- It would require building an estimated 1,600 new housing units to meet the demand at all income levels<sup>5</sup>
- Within Lebanon city limits there are currently no shelters offering around-the-clock availability for unhoused community members
- Warming shelters are available during extreme weather conditions for a limited time<sup>4</sup>



Percentage of Population Living in Poverty By Age and Sex, Lebanon, OR<sup>3</sup>

	Estimate 2019	Forecast 2039	Proj. Change 20 Years
Lebanon	19,910	25,596	5,686
Linn County	127,180	150,616	23,436
Oregon	4,224,122	5,151,616	927,494

Population Growth Projection for 2039<sup>4</sup>

## COLLABORATION AND PLANNING

### Goals and Potential Interventions

- Increase purchases of buildable land designated for affordable housing
- Encourage smaller single family detached homes
- Promote cottage cluster housing<sup>5</sup>
- Allow tiny homes on wheels as permanent dwellings<sup>5</sup>
- Provide more zoning flexibility
- Ensure affordable housing policies prioritize vulnerable populations

### Advocacy

- Conduct outreach to the unhoused community to determine their specific needs and challenges
- Connect unhoused community members with local and state resources
- Research affordable housing options, city requirements, and resources
- Reach out to local Linn County policy makers and Representatives
- Educate friends, family, and community members about Lebanon's housing challenges

### Collaboration

- Linn County Mental Health
- Veterans Affairs
- Senior Services
- Habitat for Humanity
- Linn Benton Housing Authority



Affordable Housing Units at Applegate Landing

### Limitations

- Long-term: Proposed interventions such as building, land acquisition, and zoning updates require time, creativity, collaboration, and compromise among diverse stakeholders.
- Short-term: While numerous state and local resources exist to support the unhoused community, it is important to ensure that this information is accessible to those in need through outreach and advocacy and that some services are available full-time.

## LOCAL AND STATEWIDE RESOURCES

### Local Resources

#### Crossroads Communities

Address: 1875 Stoltz Hill Rd, Lebanon, OR  
Phone: 541-405-4210

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

#### Services:

- Local affordable housing in Lebanon
- Education classes: how to be a good tenant
- In the near future: Transitional housing
- Help with emergent financial barriers to prevent homelessness
- Help community stay housed - rental assistance

#### St Vincent De Paul Lebanon Conference Financial Assistance

Address: 100 Main Street, Lebanon, OR  
Phone 541-258-5405

Hours: Wednesday 9:00 am-3:00 pm

#### Services:

- Rental Payment Assistance



#### Community Services Consortium

Address: 250 SW Broadalbin, Albany, OR  
Phone: 541-704-7638

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-5:00 pm

#### Services:

- Veteran Housing – homeless and risk of becoming homeless
- Help with paying rent deposit and utility deposit
- Eviction Notice assistance
- Tenant education classes

#### Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV)

Address: 2280 SW 3rd St, Corvallis, OR

Phone: 541-738-8319

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

#### Services:

- 24-Hr Crisis & Support Line: 541-754-0100
- Support groups
- Crisis Response
- Financial resources for rent

#### Linn Benton Housing Authority

Address: 1250 SE Queen Ave, Albany, OR

Hours: Monday–Thursday 8:00 am-5:00 pm

#### Services:

- Section 8 Applications (Tenants pay 30% of monthly income for rent and utilities)
- VASH – HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (includes case management)
- NED – Non-Elderly Disabled Vouchers
- Affordable Housing Programs
- Emergency Voucher - unhoused single parents can get an immediate housing voucher amount based on their needs and the number of children they have

### Statewide Resources

#### 211 – Partnership with United Way

Phone: 211

Services: Information to help identify and navigate local resources

- Transitional housing
- Temporary Shelters
- Rent Payment Assistance
- Domestic Violence Shelters
- Homelessness Coordination
- Maternal Housing and Shelter
- Low-income Rental resources



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## Interpretation

- There is currently a **lack of affordable housing** available to those experiencing houselessness in Lebanon.
- There is a **lack of resources to provide shelter** for unhoused community members<sup>5</sup>
- Shelter provides stability that is an integral part of obtaining housing.
- As the population of Lebanon continues to grow, an **increased need for scarce housing resource will drive prices even higher**, making housing even less accessible to unhoused community members<sup>5</sup>